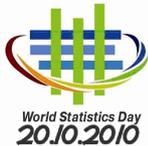




**Press-release
19 October 2010**



WORLD STATISTICS DAY

Resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General to the Statistical Commission at its forty-first session,¹ as well as the Commission's decision 41/109,² in which it endorsed the proposal to celebrate 20 October 2010 as World Statistics Day, Recognizing the long history of official statistics and the facilitating role played by the United Nations since the creation in 1947 of the Statistical Commission, which was tasked with promoting the development of national statistics and improving their comparability, coordinating the statistical work of specialized agencies, developing central statistical services of the Secretariat, advising the organs of the United Nations on general questions relating to the collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical information and promoting the improvement of statistics and statistical methods generally,

Acknowledging the fundamental importance of sustainable national statistical capacity to produce reliable and timely statistics and indicators measuring a country's progress, which are an indispensable basis for informed policy decision-making and for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals at the national, regional and international levels,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/6 of 24 July 2006 entitled "Strengthening statistical capacity", in which the Council called upon Member States, the United Nations system, international agencies, donor countries and organizations to support national efforts in building and strengthening national statistical capacity, in particular of developing countries,

Recalling also the adoption of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics³ by the Statistical Commission at its special session in 1994 as a milestone in the codification and promotion of basic values in official statistics,

¹ E/CN.3/2010/12.

² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2010, Supplement No. 4 (E/2010/24), chap. I.B.*

³ *Ibid.*, 1994, Supplement No. 9 (E/1994/29), para. 59.



**Interstate Statistical Committee of the
Commonwealth of Independent States**



Noting that many Member States and some regions already celebrate official statistics through a variety of national and regional initiatives, such as designated months, weeks, days or events, and welcoming their support and willingness to coordinate such events under the auspices of the United Nations,

1. *Decides* to designate 20 October 2010 as World Statistics Day under the general theme “Celebrating the many achievements of official statistics” and the core values of service, integrity and professionalism;
2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations, such as research institutions, media and all producers and users of official statistics, to observe World Statistics Day in an appropriate manner;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for the observance by the United Nations of World Statistics Day in 2010 and to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and United Nations organizations;
4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the experiences of World Statistics Day to the Statistical Commission at its forty-second session.

*90th plenary meeting
3 June 2010*



On the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States

On December 30, 1991 the heads of governments recognized as expedient “ to establish a statistical committee coordinating the activities of statistical services of the Commonwealth of Independent States”.

On February 6, 1992 the heads of these services signed an Agreement on statistical service of the Commonwealth of Independent States, according to which there were established the Council of Heads of Statistical Services of the States-Members of the Commonwealth and Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, renamed later (in 1995) by the Council of Heads of Governments of the CIS into the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT).

In accordance with the Agreement the Council of Heads of Statistical Services of the States-Members of the Commonwealth determines the main directions of the activities of the Committee, adopts decisions on most important problems of interaction in the field of statistics.

Coordination of all the work by the Council made it possible to unite the efforts of all national statistical services, create the atmosphere of trust and mutual assistance, solve organizational matters of their work in new conditions and interaction with CIS-STAT on methodological problems, comparability of statistical data and organization of interstate exchange of statistical information.

The Agreement on statistical service of the Commonwealth entrusted CIS-STAT with the development of unified statistical methodology, conduct of arrangements connected with the transition of statistics to the system of national accounts, international standards and classifications; provision of comparability and continuity of statistical developments; formation of aggregate statistical data necessary for interaction of the states-members of the CIS in political, socio-economic, external economic activities; publication of systematized data and provision of information to the states; methodological and software support of the population censuses, non-recurrent surveys, etc.

CIS-STAT has prepared 569 methodological manuals on all the fields of statistics on the basis of international standards. This work has resulted in the creation of a single statistical methodology of the Commonwealth countries, which secures comparability of data not only in the framework of the CIS, but also in wider international context.

One of the most important directions of the activities of CIS-STAT is *statistical study of socio-economic development of the states*, their interaction and cooperation in the course of formation of the common market of the Commonwealth and integration into the world economy. CIS-STAT has prepared 1113 reports, notes and other analytical materials on the problems of socio-economic development of the CIS countries, has issued 495 statistical bulletins, 5900 compact discs with the data on the CIS countries, has published 209 statistical abstracts and yearbooks as well as statistical reference books.

In 1996 the web-site of CIS-STAT in Internet was created. By 2010 the volume of the site amounted to more than 1300 Mb of information, the intensity of usage of the site reached about 287.5 thousand visits. Most important macroeconomic indicators by CIS countries, information about publications and electronic products and a lot of other useful information in English and Russian are contained and maintained in current state.

In 2010 there was carried out a significant volume of works envisaged by the work schedule of 2011 round of International Comparison Programme (ICP) approved by the ICP Executive Board and the Global Office of the World Bank.



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A lot of work has been done in the development of up-to-date directions of socio-demographic statistics. Questions related to preparation and conduct of 2000 and 2010 rounds of population censuses were discussed on a regular basis.

According to the decisions of the Council of Heads of States of the CIS on the improvement and reformation of the bodies of the Commonwealth of Independent States dated August 26, 2005 and November 25, 2005 CIS-STAT was entrusted additional functions concerning forecast estimates of selected most important macroeconomic indicators, agreed upon with the states-members of the Commonwealth.

Since 2006 CIS-STAT has prepared information and prognostic and analytical materials on the questions of socio-economic development of the states-members of the Commonwealth on the basis of the data submitted by the statistical offices of the CIS countries as well as the data of other CIS agencies responsible for the development of different statistical indicators and forecast estimates.

Important place in the activities of CIS-STAT is occupied by international cooperation with statistical services of the United Nations, its regional economic commissions and specialized agencies, statistical services of the European Union, the World Bank, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Consortium "Partnership in Statistics in the 21st Century" (PARIS21). CIS-STAT is an official observer in the UN Statistical Commission, UN ECE Conference of European Statisticians and its Bureau, UN ESCAP Committee on Statistics, member of the Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities.

Active participation of CIS-STAT in the projects of statistical services of the UN, the World Bank, IMF, Eurostat and OECD has facilitated the transition of the CIS countries to international standards and recommendations, receipt of assistance by CIS statistical services from statistical bodies of international organizations and developed countries.

The Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS congratulates cordially all statisticians and users of statistical information with the World Statistics Day!

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