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PROGRESS OF THE NATIONAL CENSUS REPORTS (NCRs)

20 October 2006

The progress of each country's National Census Report (NCR) is presented below:

- (i) **Anguilla** – Anguilla's writer was unable to attend the 2-day Meeting in Port-of-Spain. However, at a recent Meeting with the CARICOM Census Coordinator in Jamaica, the assurance was given that work on the report was ongoing and that the same would be completed by the end of September. Unfortunately, to date, no chapters have been received from the writer.
- (ii) **Antigua and Barbuda** – The writer had kindly agreed to do this report, in addition to that of Barbados, and confirmed that the report and should be completed by the end of October.
- (iii) **The Bahamas** – The Secretariat is in receipt of Chapters 3, 5, 6, 7 and 10 from this Member State. The Bahamas is using a team of writers and this accounts for the completed chapters being out of sequence. Given the challenges which it presented another approach could have been used for The Bahamas. A consultant could have been hired to write this report. The consultant has reviewed only one chapter of this Report and has sent feedback to the writer.

- (iv) **Barbados** – The Secretariat has received drafts of an introduction and chapters 1 to 10 from this writer. Subsequently, she was able to complete chapters 11-13, thereby completing the report. However, these have not yet been shared with us. The consultant has reviewed chapters 1 to 10 and has sent his comments to the writer.
- (v) **Belize** – The writer for Belize has submitted drafts of chapters 1 to 10. Chapters 11 to 13 are outstanding. The consultant has reviewed the first chapter only and passed his comments back to the writer. The writer has incorporated these into the report. Twelve chapters remain to be reviewed by the consultant.
- (vi) **Bermuda** – Bermuda has submitted chapters 1 to 10. The consultant has reviewed all 10 chapters and returned to writer for incorporation into the report. The writer is now doing this as well as writing the remaining chapters.
- (vii) **British Virgin Islands** – No change from last report. The writer has submitted the drafts of chapters 1 and 2 only. He undertook at the 2-day meeting to complete the report by the end of September.
- (viii) **Dominica** – The writer has submitted chapters 1 to 7 of the report. He has received no feedback from the consultant.
- (ix) **Grenada** – The writer for Grenada has drafted and sent the first 11 chapters of her report. Feedback from the Consultant is pending.
- (x) **Guyana** – It should be noted that Guyana deviated somewhat from the format used by all other countries. Guyana's report is being prepared by a UNFPA Volunteer and agreed that the draft will be submitted for review by the Data Analysis consultants. To date, the Secretariat is in receipt of chapters 1 to 9 and 11 and 12. The consultant is yet to review Guyana's work.

- (xi) **Jamaica** – The writer of Jamaica’s report informed the Secretariat that work on the report was ongoing and would be delivered by the end of September. To date, nothing has been received.
- (xii) **Montserrat** – The final report for Montserrat will deviate from the others due to the unavailability of data. Having regard to the small population, it appears prudent to combine a few of the chapters. Instead of 13 Chapters therefore, Montserrat will have only nine. The writer will submit all nine chapters shortly, since all chapters have been completed.
- (xiii) **St. Kitts and Nevis** – The writer for St. Kitts and Nevis’ has submitted the drafts of all chapters. However, the consultant has not reviewed any, to date.
- (xiv) **Saint Lucia** – The Secretariat is in receipt of the drafts of all chapters for St. Lucia. However, the consultant has not reviewed any of these.
- (xv) **St. Vincent and the Grenadines** - The writer has now completed all chapters except chapter 12. She has received comments on chapters 1-11 and chapter 13 from the consultant and she has already incorporated these comments.
- (xvi) **Trinidad and Tobago** – The writer has only just started the preparation of this report. Hence, its completion will be delayed. Realistically, this report may not be completed until next year.
- (xvii) **Turks and Caicos Islands** – The writer has now completed all chapters, except chapter 12.
- (xviii) **Suriname** – The report preparation for Suriname has commenced. The writer has submitted the draft of chapters 1-3. These have since been passed to the consultant for vetting.

Division of Labour

It was agreed that the work to review the various reports should be divided as follows:

- (i) Professor Uche: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Anguilla and Turks and Caicos;
- (ii) Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard: The Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Bermuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and British Virgin Islands.

ACTION REQUIRED

The **Meeting** is **invited** to:

- (i) **note** the status of preparation of each country's National Census Report;
- (ii) **also note** that a few reports may not be completed until next year.

Estimated Completion Date	Name of Countries	Comments
1) End of October	BARBADOS, BERMUDA, GRENADA, GUYANA, MONTSERRAT, ST. KITTS and NEVIS, ST. LUCIA, SVG AND TCI.	All chapter 12 tables have now been prepared.
2) End of November	ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, the BAHAMAS, BELIZE, BVI, DOMINICA, AND JAMAICA	
3) February, 2007	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND SURINAME	

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