PART 4. INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL COOPERATION

1. In the field of statistics the international cooperation, being one of the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics covers the exchange of information and experience, as well as with a purpose to build capacity their dissemination for further use of statistical data. The scope of implementation of statistical cooperation is enough wide, ranging from informal contacts in international working groups and meetings to comprehensive programs to improve statistics. The main goals of cooperation are:

   1) Increased and better use of improved statistical data in key areas to provide the basis for policy, planning, decision – making and monitoring of economic, social, environmental and demographic development, as well as in the sphere of investments.

   2) Increased statistical capacity and capabilities to produce statistical data in priority key areas of international cooperation, as well as to publish them.

   3) Ensuring the long term programs to support and extend systems and capacity capabilities.

2. The main tasks of the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia within the international cooperation are:

   1) To increase the quality of statistical products according to the information modern requirements.

   2) To increase the data relevance, taking into account the users’ needs.

   3) To increase the data reliability, studying the methodology applied in the international practice.

   4) To ensure the coherence of statistical standards and rules with international standards and rules.

   5) To ensure the data international comparability.

   6) To increase and ensure the image of official statistics in the external world.

   7) To develop and introduce the principals of professional ethics.
3. The National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia within the framework of international cooperation foresees to continue the active participation in the work towards the improvement, unification and harmonization of statistical methodology and practice, and ensuring comparability of indicators officially published by national statistical services on social and economic development, and population living standards of their countries. By contents and types this the most important and multilateral activity will be implemented in the following main directions:

1) Participation in the activity of international organizations:

   a) United Nations: UNSD, UNECE and CES, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNESCAP, UNFAO, and other specialized bodies,
   b) IMF,
   c) The WB,
   d) Eurostat,
   e) OECD,
   f) ILO,
   g) ISI, etc.

2) Development and implementation of cooperation projects with foreign experts’ participation with a purpose to solve important problems towards the reforms of state statistics system at the funds of national and regional technical assistance programs of international organizations.

3) Bilateral cooperation with national statistical services of foreign countries within the framework of statistical activity on modern issues.

4) Development of traditional relations and cooperation with statistical offices of CIS countries by participating in the activity of CIS Interstate Statistical Committee.

4. The following statistics areas are the cooperation priorities of the National Statistical Service of RA:

   - Strengthening statistical capacity,
   - quality management,
   - economic statistics,
   - business statistics,
- social and demographic and labor market statistics,
- poverty statistics,
- gender statistics,
- environment statistics,
- energy statistics,
- development indicators,
- international comparisons program,
- data dissemination,
- information and communication technologies.

5. The National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia will continue its activity towards the integration into European Statistical System within the framework of national program of implementation of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) signed between the European Union and Republic of Armenia.


Adoption of statistical methods fully compatible with European standards and advance the modernization of the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia

- Elaborate and implement a short and medium term development strategy for harmonisation with European standards in the relevant statistical areas, based on a global assessment of the Armenian statistical system by EU experts;
- Improve the quality and coverage of the business register;
- Prepare and implement an Agricultural Census according to FAO guidelines.

7. The National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia will continue the activity towards the institutional strengthening, formation and further improvement of statistical system in compliance with the European Union standards, approximation to the European Union regulations, harmonization with the European Union legislation and standards.

8. The National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia will participate in the process of negotiations of the EU – Armenia Association Agreement on statistics.