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1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:

Institut National de la Statistique (INS), B.P. 20, Kinshasa/Gombe.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):

1984. The present description therefore relates to this census, which was the first to be conducted since 1945.

3. Coverage of the census:

(a) *Geographical scope:* Whole country.

(b) *Persons covered:* All persons of all ages.

4. Reference period:

The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the day of the census.

5. Main topics:

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| (a) Total population, by sex and age: | yes |
| (b) Economically active population, by sex and age group: | yes |
| (c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex: | yes |
| (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex: | yes |
| (e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex: | yes |
| (f) Hours of work: | no |
| (g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity: | no |

Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of year of birth.

6. Concepts and definitions:

(a) *Economically active population:* It comprises all persons in working age who, on the day of the census, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below.

(b) *Employment:* Considered as "employed" are all persons aged in working age who, on the day of the census, performed work in a job, business or any economic activity. An employed person temporarily absent from work due to vacation, disability or illness is considered as employed.

(c) *Unemployment:* Considered as "unemployed" are all persons in working age who, on the day of the census, were without work and seeking employment.

7. Classifications used:

Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) *Industry:* To determine industry group, the question asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed is "State the principal activity of the establishment or firm where you work (worked)". For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) was used to the major division level.

(b) *Occupation:* To determine occupation group, the question asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed is "Describe the work you do (did)". For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) was used to the major group level.

(c) *Status in employment:* Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed were asked a specific question to determine their status in employment. For coding

status in employment, 6 groups were used: employer; self-employed; employee; apprentice; family helper; other.

8. The previous population censuses:

There was no other census between 1945 and 1984.

9. The next population census:

It has not yet been decided whether a population census will be conducted during the period 1989-95.