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OF WORK IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION IN 2012: POPULATION DIVISION,  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS  
(E/CN.9/2013/6)

PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE POPULATION DIVISION,  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS,  
FOR THE BIENNIUM, 2014-2015 (E/CN.9/2013/CRP.1)

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Mr. Chairman  
Distinguished delegates  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of introducing two documents this morning, which relate to the work of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The first document, E/CN.9/2013/6, is a report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Population Division in 2012, while the second document, E/CN.9/2013/CRP.1, is the draft programme of work of the Population Division for the biennium 2014-2015.



collaboration with academic researchers at National University of Singapore. The methodology, which was published recently in *The Lancet*, provides consistent estimates and uncertainty assessments for 194 countries, across regions and sub-regions of the world, and shows that continued efforts and investments are necessary in order to meet the existing demand for contraceptive methods and to improve reproductive health worldwide.

In the area of Mortality and Health, the Division issued two major reports: *World Mortality Report 2011* which provides an overview of estimated and projected trends in global mortality, and *Changing Levels and Trends in Mortality* which assesses the contribution of major causes of death to differences in survival rates between various populations. In addition, the Population Division continued to contribute to the work of the United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, whose task is to monitor progress towards the achievement of Millennium Development Goal 4. Staff from the Division assisted in preparing the report *Levels and Trends in Child Mortality: Report 2012* and contributed to the group's methodological innovations in estimating child mortality, which were published in a collection of research articles last year in *PLoS Medicine*.

In the area of Migration, the Division has been fully involved in the substantive preparations for this session of the Commission on Population and Development, as well as the upcoming High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development which has already been mentioned many times over the course of the week. The Division prepared the report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, which included estimates of the number and distribution of international migrants around the world as well as detailed proposals for the preparation and organization of the forthcoming High-Level Dialogue.

In the area of Population Estimates and Projections, the Division completed the 2011 revision of *World Urbanization Prospects*, which presents estimates and projections of urban and rural populations for 233 countries and areas as well as information on the size of urban areas and urban agglomerations throughout the world. These data are used widely throughout the United Nations system and beyond. An important improvement over previous revisions is that



room. In this context, I note that preparations for the launch of the United Nations' Eleventh Inquiry among Governments on Population and Development are well underway. Later this year the Inquiry will be sent to all permanent missions in New York. I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to all Member States to respond to the inquiry in a timely fashion.

As I indicated earlier, Mr. Chairman, this is only a selection of the Population Division's diverse and full portfolio of activities, which are more extensively presented in document E/CN.9/2013/6. In addition, the Division continues to be concerned with issues of ease of access and usability of our outputs. Increasingly we are moving towards electronic publication and are making all data sets and publications available online through the Division's redesigned website. We believe that this will result in the speedier dissemination of our work and will enable users to analyze our data in ways that were not possible in the past.

Finally, the second document under consideration, E/CN.9/2013/CRP.1, contains the draft programme of work of the Division for the biennium 2014-2015. The document contains the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the Population Subprogramme, and a list of proposed outputs. If you will recall, the programme narrative was reviewed by the Commission last year as part of the proposed strategic framework for the 2014-2015 biennium and was subsequently approved by the General Assembly. The Commission is invited to take note of the programme narrative and review the proposed outputs.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.