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ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**



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INTRODUCTION

The Programme of Action, adopted by the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 in Cairo, recommended that “Governments and parliamentarians, in collaboration with the international community and non-governmental organizations, should make the necessary plans ... and take actions required to measure, assess, monitor and evaluate progress towards meeting the goals of the present Programme of Action”.¹ This United Nations Ninth Inquiry among Governments on Population and Development is being carried out as a measure toward the achievement of this recommendation.

As in previous United Nations Inquiries, the purpose of the United Nations Ninth Inquiry among Governments on Population and Development is to assist Governments in the monitoring of national population policies and to provide an input into the quinquennial review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, which will be conducted in 2004 by the United Nations Secretariat.

Terminology and concepts used in this Inquiry are identical with those used in the Programme of Action.

Replies to this Inquiry should be returned by **31 January 2004**, to the Director of the Population Division of the United Nations Secretariat at the address shown below.

If, in the course of responding to this Inquiry, the Government finds that further clarification is needed, the Government is invited to contact:

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For purposes of clarification, it will be most helpful if the Office chiefly responsible for the preparation and/or coordination of responses to this Inquiry is identified (please provide full name and address of office):

¹*Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. XIII, para. 13.6.

INQUIRY

SECTION 1. NATIONAL ACTION

101. Has the Government adopted an official national population policy?

1. Yes

2. No (Go to 103)

Please list name of the policy or policies and the date of adoption of each.

102. We would be appreciative if the Government attached copies of its population policies.

103. Following the International Conference on Population and Development did the Government adopt or modify its official national population policy in accordance with the ICPD Programme of Action?

1. Yes

2. No

If yes, please indicate the name of the policy or policies and the date of the adoption of each.

104. Is there -a government agency or agencies responsible for the formulation or coordination of population policies?

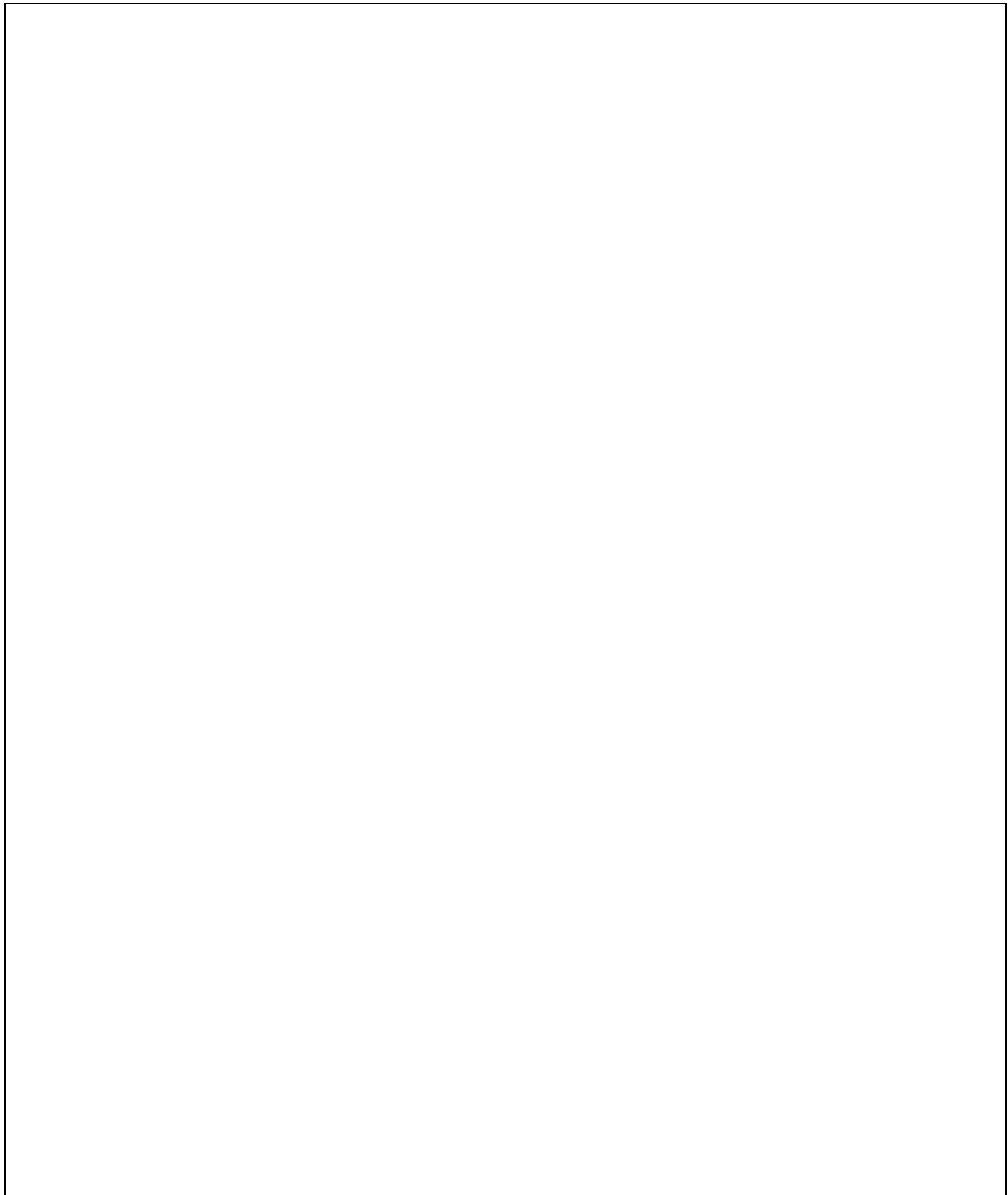
1. Yes, one agency

3. No (Go to 106)

2. Yes, more than one agency

105. If yes, please name the agency or agencies responsible.

106. The Government is invited to provide a statement concerning any aspect of its policies, programmes or priorities on population issues, as it relates to this or subsequent sections. The Government may wish to comment on its population policies, programmes or priorities in population issues that respond to the recommendations of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development, 1994.

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SECTION 2. POPULATION GROWTH, SIZE AND STRUCTURE

201. What is the view of the Government concerning the present size of the country's population?

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|---|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory, too large |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory, too small | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |

202. What is the view of the Government concerning the present rate of the country's population growth?

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|---|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory, too high |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory, too low | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |

203. Has the Government adopted a policy concerning the rate of population growth?

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> No (Go to 205) |
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204. Is the Government's overall objective at this time to:

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the rate of population growth | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease the rate of population growth |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain the rate of population growth | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
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205. To what extent does the Government view the size of the population of children and youth in the country as an issue of concern?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Major concern, too large | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor concern, too small |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Major concern, too small | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Of no concern |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor concern, too large | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |

206. To what extent does the Government view the size of the population in the working-ages in the country as an issue of concern?

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|--|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Major concern, too large | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor concern, too small |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Major concern, too small | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Of no concern |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor concern, too large | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |

207. To what extent does the Government view population ageing as an issue of concern?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Major concern | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Of no concern |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor concern | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |

SECTION 3. HEALTH AND MORTALITY

301. What is the view of the Government concerning the present level of mortality?

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|--|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Not acceptable | |

302. What is the view of the Government concerning the country's present expectation of life at birth?

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|--|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Not acceptable | |

303. What is the view of the Government concerning the present level of under-five mortality?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Not acceptable | |

304. What is the view of the Government concerning the present level of maternal mortality?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Not acceptable | |

305. Has the Government implemented measures, policies or programmes to reduce the following types of mortality.

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
306. Under-five mortality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
307. Maternal mortality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
308. Adult mortality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

309. If yes, please specify the measures, policies or programmes concerned.

Note: If more space is needed, please attach a sheet marked Health and Mortality.

310. Has the Government identified any specific population groups whose mortality levels are of particular concern? (For example: groups characterized in terms of age, sex, ethnic group, occupation, income, region)

1. Yes

2. No (Go to 312)

311. Please specify groups whose mortality levels are of particular concern.

312. What is the view of the Government regarding the incidence of HIV/AIDS in the country?

1. Major concern

3. Not a concern

2. Minor concern

4. No official position

313. Please indicate whether the Government has implemented any of the following measures in relation to persons infected with HIV or suffering from AIDS as measures to prevent the spread of the disease:

	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>Not implemented</i>
314. Provision of testing and counselling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
315. Notification of HIV status and case reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
316. Blood screening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
317. Screening of high risk groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
318. Information and education campaigns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
319. Special training for health personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
320. Needle exchange programmes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
321. Promoting condoms use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
322. Providing access to antiretroviral therapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
323. Adoption of anti-discrimination policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
324. Other (please indicate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

325. What is the view of the Government regarding its progress in dealing with the incidence of HIV/AIDS?

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Significant progress | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No progress |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Some progress | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Not a concern |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Little progress | |

326. Please indicate whether the Government has placed restrictions on the entry into the country of persons infected with HIV if they belong to the following categories of international travellers:

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
327. Immigrants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
328. Migrant workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
329. Foreign students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
330. Refugees and asylum-seekers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
331. Tourists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

332. Has the Government established a national body charged with coordinating policies and programmes to deal with the HIV/AIDS epidemic?

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> No (Go to 334) |
|---------------------------------|--|

333. Please name the national body.

334. Please indicate if the Government has adopted measures to encourage the participation of those in the categories listed below, in the design and implementation of policies and programmes related to HIV/AIDS.

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
335. Non-governmental organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
336. Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
337. Local communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
338. People living with HIV/AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
339. Other groups (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

340. Is the prevalence of other sexually transmitted infections in the country an issue of Governmental concern?

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Major concern | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Not a matter of concern (Go to 342) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor concern | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position (Go to 342) |

341. Please specify the type or types of sexually transmitted infections and the degree of concern regarding each.

342. Please specify any other conditions or diseases that are currently of major concern from the standpoint of health policy.

ABORTION

343. Is the level of induced abortion viewed as a matter of concern by the Government?

1. Yes

3. No official position

2. No

344. Have there been substantial changes in the last five years in the law or regulations concerning induced abortion?

1. Yes

2. No (Go to 346)

345. Please specify the date and nature of the changes.

346. Please answer questions 347 to 354 on the legal grounds for induced abortion

		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
347.	Is abortion permitted to save the life of a pregnant woman?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
348.	Is abortion permitted to preserve the mother's physical health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
349.	Is abortion permitted to preserve the mother's mental health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
350.	Is abortion permitted in the case of rape or incest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
351.	Is abortion permitted if foetus suffers from genetic impairment or a high risk of impairment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
352.	Is abortion permitted for economic and social reasons?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
353.	Is abortion permitted on request?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
354.	Does authorization for an induced abortion require consultation of a professional or a panel of professionals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

355. If induced abortion is legal, but restrictions apply, please summarize these restrictions here.

Note: If more space is needed, please attach a sheet marked Abortion.

356. Does the government subsidize abortion?

1. Yes

2. No

357. The Government is invited to provide copies of the current provisions governing the legal status of induced abortion.

SECTION 4. FERTILITY AND FAMILY PLANNING

401. What is the view of the Government concerning the present level of fertility of the country?

1. Satisfactory
2. Not satisfactory, too low
3. Not satisfactory, too high
4. No official position

402. What is the policy of the Government concerning the level of fertility?

1. Raise fertility
2. Lower fertility
3. Maintain fertility
4. No policy (Go to 404)

403. What are the major objectives in influencing the fertility level?

1. Chiefly to influence the rate of population growth
2. Chiefly to improve family well-being and reproductive health
3. Both to influence population growth and to improve family well-being
and reproductive health
4. Other (please indicate)
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404. Does the Government have a policy to assist couples and individuals to decide the number, spacing and timing of their children?

1. Yes
2. No

405. Has the Government specified any quantitative goals for future fertility levels for the country?

1. Yes
2. No (Go to 407)

406. Please specify any quantitative goals for future fertility levels specified by the Government and indicate the dates for achieving those goals.

Note: If more space is needed, please attach a sheet marked Fertility and Family Planning.

416. Has the Government adopted any programmes addressing the issue of adolescent fertility?

1. Yes

2. No (Go to 418)

417. If yes, please describe the programmes adopted.

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Note: If more space is needed, please attach a sheet marked Adolescent Fertility.

418. Please specify the current legal minimum age at marriage for women and men:

	<i>Without parental consent</i>	<i>With parental consent</i>
For women	419.	420.
For men	421.	422.

(Please indicate if parental consent is not required, or if the legal minimum age at marriage varies by jurisdiction or group.)

SECTION 5. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION, URBANIZATION
AND INTERNAL MIGRATION

501. What is the view of the Government concerning the present spatial distribution of population within the boundaries of the country?
1. Major concern
2. Minor concern
3. No concern
4. No official position
502. Has the Government adopted a policy to modify population distribution?
1. Yes
2. No
503. What is the view of the Government concerning the present rate of population growth in metropolitan areas?
1. Satisfactory
2. Unsatisfactory, too high
3. Unsatisfactory, too low
4. No official position
504. What is the policy of the Government towards migration into metropolitan areas?
1. Increase in-migration to metropolitan areas
2. Decrease in-migration to metropolitan areas
3. Maintain the current level of in-migration
4. Policy of non-intervention
5. No policy formulated
505. What is the view of the Government concerning the present rate of population growth in rural areas?
1. Satisfactory
2. Unsatisfactory, too high
3. Unsatisfactory, too low
4. No official position

506. Please indicate the policy of the Government towards each of the types of internal migration listed below.

<i>Type of migration</i>	<i>Increase flow</i>	<i>Decrease Flow</i>	<i>Maintain flow</i>	<i>No intervention</i>	<i>No policy</i>
507. Rural-urban	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
508. Rural-rural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
509. Urban-rural	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
510. Urban-urban	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
511. Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

512. Has the Government adopted measures to decrease out-migration from rural areas?

1. Yes

2. No (Go to 601)

513. If yes, please describe the measures adopted.

SECTION 6. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

IMMIGRATION

601. What is the view of the Government concerning the level of immigration into the country?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory, too low |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory, too high | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |

602. What is the policy of the Government towards immigration?

1. Increase the level of immigration
2. Reduce the level of immigration
3. Maintain the current level of immigration
4. There is at present no policy

603. For each of the following types of immigration flow, please indicate the current policy of the Government:

<i>Type of flow</i>	<i>No policy</i>	<i>Halt the flow</i>	<i>Reduce flow</i>	<i>Maintain flow</i>	<i>Increase flow</i>
604. Immigration for permanent settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
605. Entry of persons on non-permanent work permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
606. Entry of highly skilled workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
607. Entry of persons for family reunification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
608. Entry of refugees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
609. Entry of asylum-seekers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
610. Entry of undocumented or illegal immigrants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

611. To what extent does the Government view the present non-national population (foreign population) in the country as an issue of concern?

1. Major concern

3. Of no concern (Go to 613)

2. Minor concern

4. No official position (Go to 613)

612. Please describe the nature of those concerns and the major measures that have been taken to address those concerns.

Note: If more space is needed, please attach a sheet marked Immigration.

613. Does the Government have a policy or policies to integrate or assimilate the non-nationals who are currently resident in the country?

1. Yes

2. No

EMIGRATION

614. What is the view of the Government concerning the level of emigration from the country?

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|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory, too low |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Not satisfactory, too high | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No official position |

615. What is the policy of the Government towards emigration?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the level of emigration | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain the current level of emigration |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce the level of emigration | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> There is at present no policy |

616. Does the Government have a policy of encouraging the return of citizens who have emigrated?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|

617. Please describe the objectives of this policy, the measures taken to implement the policy, and any qualitative or quantitative targets adopted. Note: If more space is needed, please attach a sheet marked Emigration.

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