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THE 2009 VIETNAM POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

(SUMMARY IMPLEMENTATION AND LESSONS LEARNT)

On 10 July 2008, the Prime Minister released the Decision No. 94/2008/QĐ-TTg on taking the Vietnam Population and Housing Census at 00.00 hour 1 April 2009. The Census aimed to collect basic data on the population and housing for the entire territory of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to provide data for research and analysis of population and housing developments nationally and for each locality. It responded to information needs for assessing implementation of socio-economic development plans covering the period 2000 to 2009, and for developing the socio-economic development plans for 2011 to 2020 and for monitoring performance on Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations to which the Vietnamese Government was committed.

In order to have the successful census, the GSO has taken many steps from census preparation and steps for implementing census as well as after finishing census such as: developing census strategy and plan, selecting respondents, census unit, census, making pretest and pilot, mapping and listing number of dwellings, households and individuals, doing logistics and census publicity, conducting survey data collection and supervision and evaluating and appraising census results as well as making tabulation.

This is the first time the GSO has applied scanning technology in conducting population census, thus, there are some lessons learnt from this census. They are: well-organized steering committee, good preparation; careful review of administrative boundary; strong support from the Government and GSO; well-prepared training courses and materials; widen propaganda; strong commitment and direction from the GSO.

The census was launched as planned and successfully.