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Fundamental principles in official statistics (Box 9.1 *Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics* in IRTS 2008)

RESPONSE

All of these principles (except Principle 10) are regulated by Law on Statistics & Statistical System

Principle 1

- Publicity: Statistical results are available to all its users simultaneously

Principle 2

- Reliability: Methods and procedures used in collecting, processing and dissemination of statistical data are chosen on the bases of highest professional standards, scientific methods and principles of professional ethics, so the statistical results completely represents observed event with defined level of accuracy
- Professional independency: Producers of statistics have to perform statistical activities implementing scientific and expert methods, independently from any kind of influence

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Principle 3, 4 and 5

- Relevance: Statistical data must fulfill clearly defined conditions of informing, related to the purpose of statistics. Statistical data are checked periodically and needs for statistical data have to be defined beforehand
- Rationality: Optimal use of all available resources and understressing of report units. Volume of job that have to be done and expenditures necessary for statistical production have to be proportional to the importance of its results

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Principle 6

- Using of personal data for statistical purposes only: Data collected in statistical activities concerning mentioned provisions on statistical confidentiality must be used only in accordance to this law and could not be a basis to establish rights or obligations of reporting units
- Statistical confidentiality: Protection from any misuse of data on individual statistical units, collected only for statistical purposes or have been collected through administrative or other resources. That includes protection of usage of this data for non-statistical purposes and illegitimate publishing. Principle of statistical confidentiality does not refer on data collected from institutions / bodies of Government of Montenegro

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Principle 7

- Program of statistical researches: Annual plan is brought for implementation of Program. Annual plan, proposed by responsible Ministry, and after notion from Council of Statistical Office, is brought by Government. Annual plan is published in "Official Journal of Montenegro"

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Principle 8 and 9

- Consistency: Statistical data are consistent regardless content, terminology and term. Internationally recognized concepts, nomenclatures, classifications, definitions and methods are used in order to achieve internationally most comparable statistical data. Using recommendations from EUROSTAT and UNWTO's statistical department

Principle 10

- To be established, first of all - with NSOs of the countries in the region