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**For: Mariana Kotzeva, EUROSTAT, Director General**  
**Subject: Population Census in Montenegro**

Respected Ms. Kotzeva,

In the light of the latest decision of Montenegro, to conduct Population Census in period from 1 to 15 November 2023, we are encouraged to intensify communication with EUROSTAT about all activities in regards to the Census, in order to achieve full transparency and commitment that we aim to.

Therefore, we would like to suggest a bilateral meeting (preferably in person) among MONSTAT and EUROSTAT, where we could inform you about all the preparatory activities, challenges and future steps, and open platform for discussion about this, we would say, most important statistical activity which is approaching. We suggest to organize a bilateral meeting in second half of March or beginning of April this year, but we are open to agree on the most suitable date.

MONSTAT is already very advanced in the process of preparation of the Census, and after the definition of the date of conducting, all our efforts will be directed to the successful implementation of the Census.

In order to ensure transparency and strengthen the trust in the census results, we want to open communication with you about possibilities to have peer assessment of the population census, as it was the case with Population Census 2011. Convinced that situation in Montenegro is closely followed by EU, we hope our request will be understood and discussed.

With respect,



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