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Chapter 1 Introduction

Article 1

Objectives of the Law

- a. This Law repeals the Somalia Statistical Law no: 35 published on 18th June 1970 to harmonize it with the Somali Federal System and promote the overall efficiency of various Sectors of Statistics in the Federal Republic of Somalia (FRS).
- b. This Law establishes the Somali National Bureau of Statistics (SNBS) which is mandated to conduct collection, compilation, coordination, analysis, evaluation and dissemination of National Statistical Information.

Article 2

Definition

Definition: Unless stated differently in this Law, the following terminologies shall be defined as follows:

1. "**Administrative Record**" means the data collected non-statistical reasons, for example, the data collection for the movement of people and goods across the borders, registration of birth and death and business-related taxes.
2. "**Authorized Officer**" refers to:
 - a) Staff of the Bureau performing any function under this law;
 - b) Every authorized person carrying out activities assigned by the Director of National Bureau of Statistics.
3. "**Bulk data**" refers to data containing a large volume or high-variety information sets that demand const-effective, innovative forms of information processing for appropriate decision-making;
4. "**Bureau**" refers to the "Somali National Bureau of Statistics";
5. "**Board of Directors**" refers to the Board of Directors appointed under section 8th;
6. "**Census**" refers to collecting, compiling, analysing, evaluating and disseminating of basic data about demographic, economic, social, agricultural, industrial, and environmental, among other sectors in a detailed and timebound manner;
7. "**Director of the Bureau of Statistics**" refers to the administrative head of the Somali National Bureau of Statistics;
8. "**Civil Society**" refers to non-governmental or non-profit organization; operating within

communities and always pursuing communal interests in all matters, including culture, education, health and other similar services.

9. “**Publication**” refers to the direct or indirect printing, sale or issuance of official data or other matters relating to statistics.
10. “**Record**” refers to types of storing data such as questionnaire, schedules, reports, print stored in file or other media similar to written or electronic information which is intended for official statistical data.
11. “**Document**” refers to written materials, videos, audios and any other material that can be used as a reference;
12. “**Enquiry**” refers to statistical survey or any other information that needs to be surveyed;
13. “**Financial year**” refers to the 12 months period for which annual budget has been allocated to the National Bureau of Statistics;
14. “**Government Body**” refers to:
 - a) Any organ of The Federal Government
 - b) Any organ of Federal Member State;
 - c) Any organ of a regional government;
 - d) Any statutory body established by an Act of parliament; or
 - e) Any statutory body established by law for public purpose;
15. “**Government Department**” refers to a body of The Federal Government or Federal Member State;
16. “**Local Government**” refers to a public administration unit at the lowest level of the Federal Government;
17. “**Memorandum of Understanding**” refers to bilateral or multilateral agreement between the Bureau and one or more parties indicating partnership;
18. “**Microdata**” refers to characteristics of population units; individuals, households, or information gathered in a census, survey, experiment and includes trade;
19. “**Minister**” refers to the Minister in the Ministry of Planning;
20. “**National Statistical System**” refers to the National Statistical System established pursuant to Article 3 in this Law, and abbreviated as “NSS”;
21. “**Official Statistics**” refers to census planned by the director of the National Bureau of Statistics in accordance with the official census contained in Article 51 of this Law;
22. “**Prescribed**” refers to as prescribed in this Law;

23. **President**” Refers to the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia (FRS);
24. **Prime Minister**” refers to the Prime Minister of the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia;
25. **Research Institution**” refers to any institution that conducts any research as set out in schedule 1 of this Law or any person conducting a research study;
26. **Respondent**” refers to:
 - a. Person or household that is considered for an interview;
 - b. Any government body, undertaking or organization required to be interviewed to establish their activities.
27. **Sampling**” refers to any statistical procedure related to selected group, community or a population by applying statistical techniques to obtain information from the entire community;
28. **Department**” refers to public institution providing public services and has working relationship with line ministries and has its own specific functions and plan;
29. **Stakeholders**” refers to the interested parties or beneficiaries of the census;
30. **Standards**” refers to the standards of quality and effectiveness of census in accordance with this Law;
31. **Statistical Agency**” refers to the Ministries of Federal Government or local governments with responsibility under this Law to collect, compile and disseminate public information pursuant to:
 - (a) This Statistics Law of the Federal Republic of Somalia 2019
 - (b) The Central Bank of Somalia Act of Law No: 130 of 22 April 2011;
 - (c) Government Revenue Act;
 - (d) The Customs Act; and
 - (e) The Local Government Act.
32. **Statistical data collection**” refers to any procedure to be followed by:
 - a. Any census other than the one referred to in paragraph (b) or survey in respect of any matter referred to in Schedule 1 of this Law;
 - b. Collation of administrative documents, information and records, the storage of information to be collection, production or publication of official statistics that shall not be used for private purpose;
 - c. To conduct human population, livestock and housing census
 - d. To conduct geospatial data collection for statistical purposes,

33. “**Statistical stakeholder**” refers to a person, group or organization interested in statistical development or activities;
34. “**Statistics Producer**” refers to the National Bureau of Statistics, or any government body that produces statistics or where international institutions are needed to conduct a statistical data collection in accordance with Article 48 of this law;
35. “**Statistics**” refers to aggregated numerical information relating to demographic, economic, financial, environmental, and social matters collected by the Federal Government from Federal and all Federal Member States (FMS) and Benadir Region, compiled and analyzed in accordance with relevant scientific and statistical methodology, including geospatial and satellite data;
36. “**Regional Administration**” refers to the regional administrations at the Federal Member States.
37. “**Survey**” refers to a statistical data collection mentioned in Schedule 1 of this Law, where information is collected from an entire community or from sample thereof through sampling;
38. “**Training Institute**” refers to any institute providing tertiary education;
39. “**Users of Statistics**” include users of statistical data users such as government bodies, private sector entities, researchers, research institutions, training institutions, international or regional organizations;

Chapter 2

National Statistics System

Article 3

Establishment and development of national statistical System

1. There is established and developed National Statistics System comprising all components referred to in Article 4 and their interrelations in;
 - a) The provision of documents and other information for the compilation, production, analysis and dissemination of official and other statistics with the exception of matters touching on security forces or security.
 - b) The research and development of national statistical standards, methods, techniques, and
 - c) The training of statisticians and users of statistics.

Article 4

Components of the National Statistics System

1. Components of the National Statistics System include:
 - a) Statistics producers, including government institutions and other stakeholders that produce statistics for their own use;
 - b) Respondents providing statistics data;
 - c) Use of statistics for means such as the media; and
 - d) Use for researchers, universities and institutes

Article 5

Objectives and Administration of National Statistical System & Principles of Official Statistics

1. Objectives and Administration of National Statistical System include:
 - a) Preparing the collection, compilation, production, dissemination, storage and archiving of official and other statistics;
 - b) Coordinate and establish sustainable capacity for the collection, production, analysis and dissemination of statistics in accordance with the United Nations' Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the African Charter on Statistics;
 - c) Ensure the safeguarding of the confidentiality of information provided by respondents; and
 - d) promote the use of statistics for;
 - i. Evidence-based planning and decision making;
 - ii. Policy design;
 - iii. monitor and evaluate decision-making,
2. Official statistics shall (be):
 - a) Relevant, accurate, reliable and timely;
 - b) Objective and comprehensive;
 - c) Compiled, produced, and analyzed in a transparent and scientific manner;
 - d) To be disseminated in accordance with this Law.
 - e) Open and accessible;
 - f) In accordance with appropriate national and international standards; and

- g) Sensitive to distribution of gender, education, occupation, disability, geography and other relevant analytical features.
- 3. The components of the National Statistical System shall interact, cooperate and exchange in statistical areas that include:
 - a) the development, generation and exchange of documents and other information relating to the compilation, production, analysis, dissemination, storage and archiving of official statistics;
 - b) Use of official and other statistics, including large government data;
 - c) The National Bureau of Statistics shall develop and coordinate subnational statistics by local government offices and other statistics generating bodies;
 - d) Safeguarding sector-wide partnerships to enhance official statistics;
 - e) Assisting users of statistics whenever relevant needs for assistance are expressed or identified;
 - f) Development of research of statistical methods, techniques and standards;
 - g) Training of Statisticians and Users of statistics.
- 4. The National Statistical System shall be administered and coordinated to ensure its objectives are carried out in:
 - (a) A cost-effective and efficient manner; and
 - (b) Accordance with the purpose and principles of the statistics set out in part (b) of Clause 1 of this Article.

Chapter 3

Establishment and Functions of the Bureau

Article 6

Establishment of the Bureau

1. This Law establishes an autonomous institution with legal entity known as the Somali National Bureau of Statistics, acronym as SNBS which is the central repository for all statistics generated in Somalia.
2. The Bureau has a legal character that (may):
 - a) Sue or be sued;
 - b) Enter into contract that enhances its function and performance, in accordance with this

- Law;
- c) Purchase, acquire, hold or dispose of property, pursuant to the National Procurement and Contracts Law;
 - d) Shall insure against any loss, damage, or liability which it may suffer or incur;
 - e) Borrow up to a fixed amount of money approved by the government allows, in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act;
 - f) Accept any donations of goods or money;
 - g) Hire staff to perform its functions in accordance with the Civil Service Law.
3. Without prejudice to functions mentioned in Clause (1) of this Article, the Bureau must develop a centralized system of statistical data collection as well as the following:
- a) The Bureau staff and other experts working with them should meet the needs defined in parts (a, b, c, and (d) of Clause 2 of this Article on the definition of ‘Government body’;
 - b) That the staff of the Bureau may be seconded to other government bodies; and
 - c) The training offered to the employees and experts working with them should be relevant as mentioned in part (a) of Clause (3) of this Article.
4. The headquarters of the SNBS shall be in the capital city, Mogadishu, and will have branches in the Federal Member States and offices are the Regions and Districts of Federal Republic of Somalia.
5. The Branches in the Federal Member States, Regions and Districts shall report to the Director of the Bureau and other relevant authorities the Federal Member States.

Article 7

Functions of the Bureau

1. SNBS is the Bureau that is responsible for country in developing and managing official statistics, and has the authority to protect and be the custodian of official statistics and information, and its functions include:
 - a) Coordination of national statistical system.
 - b) Advice the Federal Government and Federal Member States on matters related to the National Statistical Development;
 - c) Advice the Minister on matters related to official statistics, whether as part of its duty or at the request of the minister;

- d) Developing and encouraging the use of the statistics in accordance with the Standards and Procedures of the National Statistical System;
- e) Collecting, compiling, analyzing, interpreting, disseminating and publishing of the National Statistical Information by itself or in collaboration with the government institutions, federal member states and other stakeholders;
- f) Developing and maintaining a comprehensive national data bank while promoting the establishment of Statistical Units within Ministries producing the data so that local governments can store and send data the Bureau;
- g) Promoting the development of Big Data to utilize for the production, analysis and publication of government statistics;
- h) Providing a focal point office with international agencies on statistical matters; and
- i) Performing all other statistical functions since the Government only assigns this Bureau responsible to handle government statistics.

2. The National Bureau shall:

- a) Formulate for the approval of the Minister the national statistics policy of Somalia in accordance with the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the African Charter on Statistics, ensure its implementation, monitoring and periodic evaluation;
- b) Determine and exercise final responsibility regarding the formulation and implementation of its work program:
 - i. The collection, production, analysis and dissemination of official statistics in accordance with the purpose of the National statistical system and the statistical principles as mentioned in the Articles of this Law;
 - ii. Subject to this law, determine the times when and the manner in which statistical data collections are undertaken and the form of any document pertaining thereto;
 - iii. The manner in which statistical information is processed, documented, stored and archived;
 - iv. The form, extent and timing of the dissemination of statistical information;

- v. The development of methods aimed to use Big Data in the production of official statistics;
- vi. Harmonization and consolidation of sub-national statistics, irrespective of whether they are compiled by local governments, other government bodies, or private entities;
- vii. Development in work statistics; or
- viii. Termination of a Statistical data collection.

CHAPTER 4

BOARD OF THE BUREAU

Article 8

Establishment of the Board

1. The Board of directors for the Bureau shall be established that shall be responsible for monitoring, supervising and advising on the affairs of the Bureau.

Article 9

Powers and Functions of the Board

1. The Power and Functions of the Board Shall be to:
 - a) Formulate and monitor the implementation of Bureau policies.
 - b) determine from time to time the structure and staffing levels of the Bureau;
 - c) Recruiting the appropriate personnel for the organization when they meet the terms and conditions of employment in accordance with Somali Civil Service Law;
 - d) in consultation with the relevant authority, designate, on temporary terms, additional persons as authorized officers for the purpose of collecting specific statistical information and on such terms and conditions as the Board and the relevant appointing authority may determine;
 - e) in accordance with the Somali Civil Service Law, take effective and appropriate disciplinary steps against any staff member of the Bureau who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of the Statistics Law, commits an act which undermines the financial management and internal control system of the Bureau, or makes or permits any irregular expenditure or fruitless and wasteful expenditure;

- f) approve the Bureau's corporate plan, annual work programmes and annual budgets;
 - g) Submit the budget approved by the board to the Ministry of Finance; and
 - h) Submit quarterly report on the activities of Bureau to the Minister or upon request.
2. The board nominates the administrative committee of the Bureau for finance and audit as well as other committees as may be needed.
 3. The Board may collaborate with such other bodies within or outside Somalia as it may consider desirable or appropriate in furtherance of the purpose for which the Bureau is established.
 4. The Board may recommend executive and legislative measures to enhance the development and efficiency of the system, including the internal structure of statistical agencies.
 5. With respect to the coordination of the National statistical system, the Board shall:
 - a) Recommend and approve the national strategy for the development of statistics;
 - b) Formulate policy guidelines and monitor the implementation of the Bureau's plans and programmes;
 - c) Establish appropriate mechanisms to promote and maintain an efficient and effective statistical system in the government;
 - d) Formulate policies on all matters relating to federal government statistical operations, standards and classifications;
 - e) Prescribe appropriate frameworks for the improvement of statistical coordination and establish mechanisms for statistical coordination at the federal and local government levels; and
 - f) Review the statistical programs of the departments and agencies of the federal government and federal member states and rationalize responsibilities in these government organizations on matters relating to such statistical programs.
 6. The Board may determine to provide technical assistance and exercise supervision over major federal and regional states statistical activities;
 7. The board shall also perform other statistical functions as may be approved by the minister on the recommendation of the Board.

Article 10

Fiduciary Duties of the Board

1. The board shall:
 - a) Act with fidelity, honesty, integrity and in the best interests of the Bureau in managing

its financial affairs;

- b) Ensure collection of revenue due to the Bureau;
 - c) Exercise the duty of utmost care to ensure reasonable protection of the assets and records of the Bureau;
 - d) Maintain effective, efficient and transparent systems of financial and risk management and internal control, including a system of internal audit;
 - e) Prevent irregular expenditure, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, losses resulting from criminal conduct, and expenditure not complying with the operational policies of the Bureau;
 - f) Review budgetary proposals involving statistical operations and submitting an integrated budget for the Bureau to appropriate federal budget authority;
 - g) To procure and dispose of in accordance with the National Procurement Law which results in fairness, equity, transparency, fair competitive and cost-effective.
2. No member of the Board of Directors shall act in a manner other than in accordance with the responsibility of the Board of Directors and its procedures, in accordance with this law; to exercise authority, privilege, confidential information obtained as a member of the Board of Directors, and to personally conceal any additional information obtained or improperly benefitting to another person. This may result in the member being punished or fined by the Council.

Article 11

Constitution of Board

1. The Board of Directors of the Bureau of consists of nine members, including the Director General of the Bureau.
 - a) Other members will be selected on the basis of their professional qualifications and work experience through open competition;
 - b) The procedure for selecting the board shall be formulated through a regulation by the Minister, in consultation with the Planning Ministers of the Federal Member States before selecting members.
2. Any person appointed as per clause (1) above shall have a university degree and work experience of not less than 5 years in either of the fields of statistics, economics, communications technology, politics or law.
3. When membership is completed, the Minister will submit the list to the cabinet for

approval. The Prime Minister will submit the approved list of members to the President for signature and to be published in the Official Gazette.

4. The Board shall, at their first meeting, elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson from among the member. The Director of the Bureau shall be the Secretary to the Board.
5. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson or when the Chairperson is unable to perform his/her duties or when s/he delegates such duties to the Vice-Chair.

Article 12

Term of Office of the Board

1. The members of the board of directors shall hold office for a term of 5 years, and shall have the right to be re-appointed, upon the expiration of their term. Members may not be nominated for more than two terms.

Article 13

Nomination Criteria for Board Members

Any person to be nominated as a member of the Board must:

1. Be a Somali;
2. Be a resident in Somalia;
3. Not be less than 25 years of age;
4. Hold a university degree or have work experience of 5 years for statistical science, economy, communication, technology, politics or law;
5. Not be a Member of Parliament, Federal Member States, regional council or local authority. If he is a member of the Federal Parliament, the State and local governments, he must resign before being appointed a member of the Board; and
6. Not have committed a crime for which s/he was convicted in a court of law, in which the conviction damaged his/her credibility and reputation.

Article 14

Dismissal of a Member of the Board

1. Upon recommendation by the Minister, and following approval by the Council of

Ministers, the Prime Minister of the FRS may dismiss member of the Board from office, provided the Minister verifies and the Prime Minister is satisfied that the individual:

- a) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness;
 - b) Committed a criminal act, which the Minister has confirmed as being grave and warranting dismissal from job,
 - c) Failed to perform his / her duties well in the Board of directors.
2. The Minister may only make the recommendation under clause (1) above after having accorded the member an opportunity to be heard.

Article 15

Vacation of Office and Filling of Vacancies of Board

1. The position of a Board member becomes vacant if the member:
 - a) Does not meet the requirements of Article 13 of this Law;
 - b) Submits a written resignation to the Minister which resignation is accepted;
 - c) Is absent from three consecutive Board meetings, without the permission of the Board Chairperson;
 - d) Is relieved of his/her duties line with Article 14 of this Law;
 - e) Dies.
2. If a member's position becomes vacant as per clause 1 above, the vacancy shall be filled by a suitable candidate in harmony with Article 11 of this Law.

Article 16

Committee of the Board

1. Subject to such terms of reference the Board may determine, the Board may appoint a finance and audit committee.
2. The Board may also appoint one or more committees to:
 - a) Advise the Board on such matters relating to its powers and functions as it may refer to the committee; or
 - b) Assist the Board in the exercise and performance of such powers and functions of the Board as it may delegate or assign to the committee.
3. The Board may appoint as a member of a committee between one to three people who is/are or is/are not a member of the Board, but at least one member of a committee must be a member of the Board.

4. If a committee consists of several members, the Board must designate a member of the Board as Chairperson of the Committee.
5. The Board is not absolved from responsibility for the performance of any functions entrusted to any committee under this Article
6. The meetings of the Sub-Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the Committee, if s/he is absent, the members shall elect Chairperson from among those in attendance.
7. The Quorum of the sub-committee meeting is the simple majority of the members present (50%+1).
8. A decision or action taken by the sub-committee shall be null and void when;
 - a) The quorum is not complete; and
 - b) Non-member of the board was in the meeting, even if a decision reached at the time was unanimous or the decision was approved by a majority of the members of the Board present at the vote.
9. The person presiding at a meeting of a committee must cause a record to be kept of the proceedings of the meeting and must cause that record to be submitted to the Board as soon as possible after a meeting of the committee.
10. The Board may at any time dissolve or reconstitute a committee.

Article 17

Disclosure of Conflict of interests Members of the Board

1. A Member of the Board shall:
 - (a) Disclose to the Board any direct or indirect personal or private business interest that the member or any spouse or partner or close relatives may have in any matter before the Board; and
 - (b) Withdraw from the meeting when the matter referred to in clause 1(a) above is considered, unless the Board, after having considered the matter, directs that the member's direct or indirect interest in the matter is trivial or irrelevant.
2. A disclosure by a member in accordance with clause (1) above and the decision taken by the remaining members in connection with the disclosure must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
3. Any member, who fails to comply with the measures referred to in clause (1) of this Article, commit an offence and shall be fined at least the equivalent of his/her one-month salary and monthly allowance in addition to any criminal liability, pursuant to

the Somali Penal Code.

Article 18

Decisions and Meetings of Board

1. The minister shall convene the first meeting of the Board and other extraordinary meetings, subject to Clause (3) of this Article.
2. The Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places the Board determines, and shall be convened at least four (4) times in a year.
3. The Chairperson of the Board may at any time, and must if so requested in writing by the Minister or by a majority of members, convene a special meeting of the Board.
4. The majority (50%+1) of all the members of the Board form a quorum at meeting of the Board.
5. The Chairperson of the Board presides over Board meetings or, in his or her absence, the Vice-Chairperson or, in the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, the members present at a meeting must elect from amongst their number a member to preside.
6. The decision reached by majority of the board present in a meeting constitutes the decision of the board. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson casting vote.
7. A decision made by the members of the Board or any of their activity shall be invalid if;
 - a) The Board member have not attained the quorum required for the meetings;
 - b) The presence of non-member of the Board at the meeting, even if a unanimous decision was reached at the time or the decision was approved by a majority of members of the Board present at the voting time.
8. Subject to this Law, the Board may regulate its procedures that must be followed at meetings of the Board.
9. The board shall take proper minutes of the meetings through the Secretary of the Board.
10. The Board may invite any person whose presence is, in its opinion, desirable to attend and to participate in the deliberations of a meeting of the Board, but such person has no right to vote.
11. Pursuant to Clause (9) a written resolution not passed at a meeting of the Board but obtained by other means and signed by the members of the Board at that time present in Somalia and sufficient to constitute a quorum:
 - (a) Is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly convened and constituted; and

(b) Must be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board.

Article 19

Remuneration and Allowances of the Board and Committee Members

1. The board shall approve the allowances to be received by the Board or the members of the sub-committees with respect to the budget of the Bureau.
2. The board shall reimburse the expenses of the members of the Board or the Sub-Committees of the Board for expenses incurred on trips outside the capital or abroad to attend the meetings of the Board or Sub-Committees.

Article 20

Regulations of Board of Directors

1. The board will make regulations relating to:
 - a) The manner of organizing the meetings of the Board of Directors, the procedure of the meetings, the quorum and the manner of preparing the agenda of the meeting and its outcome;
 - b) Recruitment process, the number, terms and conditions required by the Bureau.
 - c) The operational management of the affairs of the Bureau and effective execution of its functions, in a manner that does not contravene this Law, and
 - d) In general, any matter which the Board may consider necessary or expedient to regulate in order to achieve the objects of this Law.

CHAPTER 5 BUREAU STAFF

Article 21

Appointing the Director of the Bureau

1. Pursuant to this Law, the Minister of Planning recommends the appointment of the Director of the Bureau, and upon cabinet approval, the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia formally nominates the Director, and the appointment is signed by the President of FRS, upon which it shall be published in the Official Gazette.
2. The person appointed as the director shall be;

- (a) A Somali person;
 - (b) Resident of Somalia;
 - (c) A person who has not been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine;
 - (d) Holder of Master's Degree in, and of at least ten (10) years' experience in Statistics, Economics and Information Management Systems;
 - (e) A person with additional knowledge in Statistics Administration to become a qualify to be the Director of Office of the Bureau;
 - (f) A non- Member of Parliament or local authority or council.
3. The Minister shall recommend the person to be the Director of the Bureau of after consulting with the Board.
 4. The Minister shall determine the terms and other benefits for the office of the Director of the Bureau, in compliance with the Law for the Somali Civil Servants.
 5. The Director of the Bureau shall hold office for a term of five (5) years and is eligible for one re-appointment at the end of first term.
 6. The Director may be dismissed before end of his term if;
 - (a) The Board of Directors proposes to dismiss him and the minister is satisfied with the proposal because of the misconduct or it is apparent that he does not have the capacity to effectively perform the functions of his office; or
 - (b) If, within three months, he submits a resignation letter to the Board;

Article 22

Roles of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics

1. The Director of the Bureau is:
 - a) Is the Chief Executive Officer of the Bureau;
 - b) Responsible to carry out the functions of the Bureau and supervise the resolutions of the Board of Directors of Bureau, which is the basis for the administrative monitoring and overseeing of the board.
2. The Director of the Statistics Agency shall:
 - a) Provide professional advice to the Minister on Statistical issues;
 - b) Exercise the powers and responsibilities of the Bureau as set out in the Articles of this Law;
 - c) Organize the recruitment of the Bureau staff and administer the staff in

- accordance with the Somali Civil Service Law;
- d) Lead the promotion of efficiency and discipline among the staff of the Bureau through professional training;
 - e) Prepare and submit to the Board an action plan, budget as well as a report on the activities of the Bureau;
 - f) Use expenditures in accordance with the Bureau's work program and budget;
 - g) Represent the Bureau in its dealings with all other agencies or third parties.

Article 23

Deputy Director of the Bureau

1. Pursuant this Law, the Minister Recommends the appointment of the Deputy Director, and upon approval by the cabinet, the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somali formally nominates the Deputy Director; whereas the appointment is signed by the President of FRS, which shall be published in the Official Gazette.
2. The person appointed as the Deputy Director shall be;
 - (a) A Somali;
 - (b) A resident in the Somalia;
 - (c) A person who has not been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine;
 - (d) An efficient person with required knowledge in statistics;
 - (e) A holder of Master's Degree in and of at least (5) five years of experience in Statistics, Economics and Information Management Systems;
 - (f) A person with additional knowledge in Statistics Administration to become a qualified Deputy Director of the Office of the National Bureau of Statistics;
 - (g) Not a Member of Federal or Member State Parliament, or Local Governments.
3. The Minister shall propose the person to be the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Statistics after the approval of the Board.
4. The Minister shall determine the terms and conditions, of allowances to be received by the Deputy Director of the Bureau in accordance with the Somali Civil Service Law.
5. The Deputy Director of the Bureau shall hold the office for a term of five (5) years and may be re-appointed to that position once, when his term expires.
6. The Deputy Director of the Bureau may be dismissed from the office before the term expiry if;

- (a) The Board recommends to dismiss him/her and the minister is satisfied with the such recommendation owing to the misconduct or it becomes evident that he does not have the capacity to effectively perform the functions of his office; or
- (b) If within three months, he submits resignation letter to the Board;

Article 24

Permanent Staff of the Bureau

1. The Board shall appoint its staff in accordance with the competence and requirements set out in the Somali Civil Service Law.
2. The Director of the Bureau of Statistics, in consultation with other members of the Board and the Deputy, shall appoint other staff of the Bureau, who have no administrative decision, in accordance with the Somali Civil Service Law.

Article 25

Temporary Staff of the Bureau

1. The Director of the Bureau may appoint such officers and staff as may be necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of the functions of the Bureau, on such terms and conditions of service as it may determine,
2. The Director may, in writing, appoint any person as an authorised officer for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Law.

Article 26

Performance Contracts of Bureau Management Staff

1. Each management staff must enter into a performance contract with the Director of the Bureau, in relation to:
 - a) The terms and conditions of appointment;
 - b) objectives to be achieved and the time frame for achievement thereof; and;
 - c) Taking appropriate measures to ensure that the performance goal is achieved;
 - d) Any other matter relating to the performance of the staff member.
2. Failure on the part of the management staff member to carry out the terms of a performance contract constitutes a ground for his or her dismissal from service of the Bureau, subject to Law for the Somali Civil Service Law.

Article 27

Remuneration of Management and Other Staff of the Bureau

1. The Director, Deputy, management and non-management staff of the Bureau shall receive remuneration in accordance with the Somali Civil Service Law.

CHAPTER 6 POWERS OF THE BUREAU AND DATA COLLECTION

Article 28

Data Collection of Statistical Information

1. The Bureau has the power to collect the national statistical information estimates or returns concerning any matter set out in Schedule One of this Law.

Article 29

Census

1. The Minister may, on the advice of the Board, by order published in the Gazette direct that a census be taken for Somalia or for any region or part thereof or in respect of any class of units thereof, and any such directions may specify:
 - a) The dates of the census; and
 - b) The persons or institutions by whom the returns for the purpose of the census are to be made.

Article 30

Statistical Surveys

1. The Director of the Bureau of Statistics may order to conduct non-statistical surveys in Somalia or parts of the country in accordance with Article 31 of this Law.
2. The particulars and information to be furnished in relation to any matter in respect of which statistical information is to be collected, in accordance with Clause (1) above, and the frequency of the collection shall be subject to the prior approval of the Board;

Article 31

Census & Surveys by Other Agencies

1. All initiatives by public agencies other than the Bureau to conduct censuses and statistical surveys at the national level shall be implemented in collaboration with the Bureau.
2. All initiatives by other agencies other than public to conduct censuses and statistical surveys at the national level shall be presented to the Bureau for consideration and approval.
3. The Board may, on the recommendation of the Director, by statutory instrument, make rules concerning the procedures to be followed with respect to proposals submitted to the Board under Clause (1) of this Article.
4. Pursuant to this law, national census and surveys do not include:
 - a) Internal Statistical Surveys conducted by Government body;
 - b) A private body conducting a census or statistical survey involving members or stakeholders of such as public or private institutions;
 - c) Market surveys conducted by or on behalf of any person involving consumers or potential consumers of the products or services of such persons; and
 - d) Statistical survey performed by the people or aforementioned organizations.

Article 32

Relationship between the Bureau & Other Agencies

1. The Bureau may sign a memorandum of understanding with other agencies, to share responsibilities and establish a better way of coordination, development, exploration, data exchange and communication between the Bureau and other agencies.

Article 33

Data Collection Forms

1. The Director of the Bureau shall prescribe the standards, documents and form and manner of submission of such documents and instructions necessary for the completion of such documents as may be necessary for the collection of information, data or records under this Law.
2. A document submitted to a respondent for completion must specify the date, time and location of interview within which the completed documents or additional information as may be required must be returned to the Bureau.

Article 34

Request to Supply Voluntary Information

1. The Director of the Bureau of Statistics or an authorized officer, depending on the information being collected, may ask anyone to:
 - a) Complete a document;
 - b) Answer any questions; or
 - c) Provides information voluntarily.
2. Any information obtained under Clause (1) of this Article is subject to prohibition on the use and refusal to disclose the information as provided for in Article 53 of this Law.
3. Despite any law to the contrary, a person may provide a document, information or a record, or a copy thereof, the person may possess, to the Bureau or authorized officer if so, requested under Clause (1) of this Article.

Article 35

Power of Entry & Inspection

1. The Director of the Bureau may authorize any officer of the Bureau to enter, at all reasonable times, on production of his or her certificate of appointment, any premises for the purposes of:
 - a) submitting a notice in accordance with Article 36 of this Law;
 - b) delivering documents or collecting documents, information or records; and
 - c) Conducting surveillance as under this Law.
2. The appointed officer may enter any location or vehicle between six in the morning (am) and six in the evening (pm), to obtain and collect statistical info such as:
 - a) If it is a residential house in which he is denied access, within 48 hours of notification;
 - b) If the house is occupied by a woman who does not set foot outside the house, the officer who wants to enter the house must exhaust all legal avenues through which he can extract the sought information from the woman.

Article 36

Notice to Provide Data

1. To achieve the objectives of the National Statistics System, the Director of the Bureau may, by notice, write directly to a respondent or a designate to:
 - a) Complete and return a document in accordance with any instructions given in the notice or communicated to a person;
 - b) Respond to questions asked by him or her by the authorized officer; and
 - c) Provide any record, copy of or extract from any record at a specified time or place.
2. The notice referred to in Clause (1) above must specify in particular:
 - a) General nature of the data required,
 - b) The frequency with and the time by which it is to be provided,
 - c) The kind of people required to provide the data,
 - d) The Clause of the Law under which the notice is served.

Article 37

Serving of Notices and Other Documents

1. Any notice or document delivered by the authorized officer shall actually and accurately be sufficient and issued correctly and forwarded in the name of the Bureau.
2. Any notice or document to be sent anywhere in accordance with paragraph (1) of this part, must be delivered by an authorized officer or mailed by a registered mail or via email.

Article 38

Administrative Penalties

1. The Director of the Bureau, based on the decisions of the Board, may impose a fine upon anyone who:
 - a) Without a reasonable ground, fails to comply with a notice given in accordance with Articles 36 or 37 of this Law; or
 - b) Refuses or fails to complete required document or record of statistical data collection, and such person shall be subjected to administrative fines imposed by the board.
2. A person aggrieved by a decision of the Director General to impose an administrative penalty referred to in Clause (1) of this Article or in terms of the standards may appeal against the decision to the Board.
3. The appeal shall be in written form containing:
 - a) A full description of the subject matter of the decision to which the appeal relates and the grounds for appeal; and

- b) That the appellant submits his / her appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the fine, through the local office of the Bureau to be forwarded to the board.
4. Upon receipt of the appeal, the Board shall submit a copy to the Director of the Bureau, who shall provide the Board a written statement for the grounds of the penalty.
5. After considering the evidences in clauses (3) & (4), and of such other evidence, the board shall consider the relevant information or necessary, the Board may confirm, amend or set aside the decision to impose the administrative penalty.
6. The board shall notify the appellant in writing of the decision on his appeal as soon as possible.

Article 39

Dissemination of Statistical Data

1. The Director of Bureau shall ensure that any statistical data collected, after appropriate processing and ascertaining its quality for accuracy, and also after ensuring confidentiality with respect to any individual who provided any statistical information is released for general dissemination.

CHAPTER 7 FINANCE

Article 40

Funds of the Bureau

1. The funds of the Bureau shall consist of:
 - a) Budget appropriation;
 - b) Grants, gifts or donations received by the Bureau from any source approved by the Board; or
 - c) Any money that may become payable to the Bureau in the discharge of its objects and functions under this Law.
2. All revenues of the Bureau shall be deposited in the single treasury account of the Government, in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act. (PFM Act)

Article 41

Fiscal Year of the Bureau

1. The Financial year of the Bureau shall be the same as the fiscal year of the Federal Government, and the account of the Bureau shall be closed at the end of the financial year, with the procedures clarified.

Article 42

Business and Financial Plan of the Bureau

1. The Bureau Management must submit a budget plan in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act.
2. The Bureau shall utilize its budgeted expenditures in accordance with the budget procedure.

Article 43

Accounting and Auditing

1. Subject to the PFM Act, the director of the Bureau shall:
 - a) keep full and proper accounts and records of all moneys received or expended by the Bureau and of all assets, liabilities and financial transactions of the Bureau during the fiscal year of the Bureau; and
 - b) prepare the accounts and records referred to in clause (a) above to be audited annually by a person registered as an accountant and auditor and appointed by the Bureau.

Article 44

Annual Report

1. The Board shall as soon as possible, submit an annual financial report in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act

Article 45

Exemption of Bureau from Taxes, duties and Levies

1. The Bureau's tax exemption shall be in accordance with the Customs Act.

Article 46

Dissolution of the Bureau

1. The Bureau may not be dissolved unless there exist reasonable grounds issued by the cabinet of the Federal Republic of Somalia.

CHAPTER 8

COORDINATION OF THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM

Article 47

Code of Conduct

1. In order to establish and maintain the credibility of government statistics, the Board shall issue regulations defining cooperation, which shall set out the professional and ethical standards to be exercised by the statistical producers.
2. Without limiting clause (1) of this Article, a code of conduct may be imposed with respect to the following:
 - a) Ethical and professional standards that must be adhered to in the collection, production, analysis, dissemination storage and archiving of statistics;
 - b) Taking steps to ensure the quality and consistency of governmental and other statistics; and
- c) Measures to minimize unnecessary overlapping or duplication in the collection, production, analysis dissemination, storage and archiving of statistics.
3. The Director of the Bureau may recommend any Statistical producer on the code of conduct referred to Clause (1) of this Article.

Article 48

Coordination of Statistics

1. The Director of the Bureau may, subject to this Law, initiate or discontinue the collection of data, after obtaining the approval of the Board.
2. Despite anything to the contrary in any other law:
 - a) No one has the authority to start data collection;
 - b) Government bodies shall not initiate data collection without authority from the Bureau; and
 - c) International agencies shall not conduct data collection without the legal authority of the Bureau and the Government body about which the statistics to be gathered. Is concerned.
3. Pursuant to Article 32, Clause 1 of the Provisional Constitution of the Federal Republic of Somalia, the Board shall issue a notice in the Official Gazette of the information collected

for public access to such information, subject to the conditions specified by the Board. deciding that Clause (2) of this Article may not apply to a government agency dealing with specific matters.

4. At the finalisation of any statistical data collection contemplated in Clause (2), the person or government body concerned must without charge provide the Bureau with the datasets and copies of the report of the statistical data collection, including any statistics produced in the process
5. No national or international agency may conduct any data collection other than research, requesting the approval of the Bureau.
6. A not-for-profit organisation may not conduct any statistical data collection, other than research studies required for the purposes of economic and social analyses pertaining to the objectives of the organization and limited to its area of action, except with the approval of the Bureau, subject to such conditions as the Board determines.
7. If the Bureau agrees to the matters set out in Clause (5) and (6) of this Article, the private sector, non-profit and international organizations, without any condition must provide the Bureau any information or a copy of the report they have compiled, including the publication of Statistics in accordance with Article 32 Clause 2, and to be shared with every citizen who applies for it.
8. Despite any other law to the contrary, for the purposes of assisting the Bureau in the performance of its duties imposed by this Law, the head of any government body must:
 - a) within the prescribed period after the commencement of this Law, supply the Bureau with information it may request regarding any spatial data, official or other statistics for which that government body is responsible;
 - b) advise the Bureau from time to time of any substantial changes in the information that has been so supplied;
 - c) grant the Bureau or any authorized officer unhindered access, without charge, to such spatial data, statistics or statistical information or data of the government body as the Bureau requests;
 - d) allow the Bureau or any authorized officer to copy, without charge, any spatial data, statistics or statistical information or data of that government body;
9. Subject to Article 32 of this Law, the Director of the Bureau of Statistics may enter into an agreement with:
 - a) The Head of a government body, with respect to statistical information or data that

- the government body is able to collect;
- b) any entity other than a government body engaged in collecting such statistical information or data; and
 - c) Any entity with which a memorandum of understanding has been entered into in accordance with Article 32 of this Law.
10. The agreement referred to in clause (9) of this Article is subject to the following conditions:
- a) the collection of statistical information or data must be undertaken either by the Bureau or jointly by the Bureau and the government body or other entity referred to in Clause (9) of this Article;
 - b) Pursuant to part (c) and article 32 of this Law, statistics or information released must be exchanged with parties or with any other party that may request legally;
 - c) if information has been supplied by any respondent who gives notice in writing to the Director of the Bureau that he or she objects to his or her identity being revealed or being easily identified, that information should be properly made anonymous prior to exchanging or sharing by the parties;
 - d) Civil servants or other entities referred to in Clause (9) of this Article engaged in any such joint collection or to whom such statistics or information is made available, must take an oath of confidentiality similar to that provided for in Schedule 2 to this Law, whether or not he or she has taken an oath of confidentiality in terms of any other law.
11. The Director of the Bureau shall:
- a) at his or her own instance or at the request of the Board review and comment on the collection, production, analysis, documentation, storage, dissemination, interpretation and use of statistics of any federal government and federal member states; and
 - b) After consultation with the head of the government body referred to in above paragraph (a), publish any such statistics and its comments thereon as the Director considers necessary or appropriate.

Article 49

Standards

1. The Director of the Bureau, by notice in the Gazette, may make statistical standards to be

applied across the national statistical system.

2. The standards referred to in Clause (1) of this Article may relate to:
 - a) the criteria and the classification and certifying procedures for the designation of statistics as official statistics;
 - b) methods for converting documents, information and data into official or other statistics;
 - c) Methods of generating official statistics from Bulk Data;
 - d) the quality criteria with which statistical data collections and statistics must comply with;
 - e) the form and nature of documents, information and records to be furnished and collected in the undertaking of a statistical data collection;
 - f) The persons authorized to collect the documents and information and those with whom the data is to be collected, shall go through the process of data collection;
 - g) access to statistics and statistical information for the purposes of statistical data collections;
 - h) the requirements and protocols that must be complied with before microdata may be accessed for research purposes;
 - i) record-keeping, including the manner in which metadata must be documented in accordance with standardized metadata systems; and
 - j) Any other matter necessary for or incidental to the undertaking of statistical data collections.
3. Pursuant to the standards referred to in clause (1) of this article, any person who violates the standards shall be subject to administrative penalty determined by the board.

Article 50

Meetings of Experts and Users of Statistics

1. The Director of the Bureau of Statistics shall annually convene a meeting of users of official statistics to review user needs for such statistics.
2. The Director of the Bureau of Statistics may also hold other meetings, and set up committees of statisticians, statistics producers, suppliers or users of statistics, and other interested parties, either to further the provisions of this Law or for general educational purposes, at his own initiative or on sufficient request.

3. Such meetings as referred to in Clause (1) and (2) will particularly be convened in the framework of the preparation, monitoring and evaluation of strategies for the development of statistics mentioned in Article 52.

Article 51

Designation of Statistics as Official

1. The Director of the Bureau may designate as official statistics any statistics or class of statistics produced from statistical data collections by: -
 - a) The Bureau, or
 - b) Any government body in consultation with the Director of Bureau.
2. A designation referred to in Clause (1) must be in accordance with:
 - a) The purpose of the National statistical system and the statistical principles referred to in Article 5 of this Law; and
 - b) Such other criteria as the Director of the Bureau may provide in the standards.

Article 52

Development of the Strategic Plan

1. The Bureau shall develop and maintain a National Strategy for the development of statistics which shall be mainstreamed into the National Development Plan as a sector.
2. The Bureau of Statistics Agency shall develop its own statistics development strategy which summarizes the statistics and areas covered as per Schedule 1 of this Law.

CHARTER 9 DISSIMINATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Article 53

Prohibition of Disclosure of Information

1. A document, an information or a record provided to the Bureau or any other body authorised by the Board to undertake a statistical or spatial data collection or obtained from administrative records and that relates to an individual, household, government body, undertaking or any other organisation, may not be:
 - a) disclosed to a third party,
 - b) admitted as evidence in legal proceedings, except for purposes of an outright

- confession in an ongoing criminal proceeding as per this Law; or
- c) Disclosed to a government body for non-statistical purposes.
2. Information or records obtained under the terms of this Law may not be published or disseminated in a manner that permits the identification of an individual, family or organization, without the consent of the concerned.
 3. Clauses (1) and (2) of this article is not applicable to documents, information or records about an individual, family or organization if:
 - a) Data already published or available on a database accessible to the public; or
 - b) For whose publication or dissemination, the individual, household, undertaking or organisation gave written permission.

Article 54

Oath of Secrecy

1. An employee performing duties referred under this Law shall take the oath of office and secrecy specified in Schedule 2, in the case of:
 - a) an employee or any contracted person, before the Director of the Bureau;
 - b) The Director of the Bureau takes the oath before the Board Chairperson;
 - c) members of the Board shall take oath of office before the Chairperson of the Board;or
 - d) The members of the Board shall take oath before the Minister in charge of the Bureau, before assuming office in accordance with this Law.

Article 55

Dissemination and Right of Access

1. Statistics producers collecting statistics under this Law while using public funds must produce, disseminate and make them available and accessible to users of statistics as a public good in accordance with the purpose of the National statistical system and the principles of statistics referred to in Article 5 of this Law.
2. All producers and custodians of statistics must formulate an access to information policy within the prescribed period and in the form and containing the requirements set out in the standards, to be made publicly available, setting out:
 - a) the methods and procedures used to compile and produce statistics;
 - b) an inventory of official and other statistics available;

- c) Such other matters as may be prescribed.
3. The director of the Bureau must, before the start of the Bureau's financial year, present the amount of data to be collected for that year.
4. Statistics producers may release micro-level data sets to researchers for further analysis, with appropriate safeguards approved by the Director of the Bureau for the protection of the confidentiality of such data sets, including that:
 - a) The information should not contain names, addresses and any other identifying information about the interviewee and;
 - b) Data users shall be subject to an oath of secrecy similar to that specified in Schedule 2 of this Law.

CHAPTER 10

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 56

Sample of Statistical Data

1. Statistics relating to all or any of the matters set out in Schedule 1 may be collected by sampling, in place of a full enumeration, where the use of that method is considered appropriate.
2. Sampling may also be used to test a questionnaire and a statistical procedure before finalisation.

Article 57

Delegation and Obligations

1. The board may, in writing:
 - a) delegate to the Director of the Bureau or any other employee of the Bureau any power conferred upon the Board by or under this Law on such conditions as the Board may determine; or,
 - b) Authorize any functions to the Director of the Bureau or another staff in accordance with this Law.
2. The Director of the Bureau may in written and in accordance with this Law:
 - a) give special powers to an officer in the Bureau; or

- b) Authorize an officer in the Bureau to perform a function.
- 3. The Board or the Director of the Bureau is not divested or relieved of the power or function delegated or assigned under the above Clauses (1) or (2), respectively, and may at any time:
 - a) withdraw or amend any such delegation or assignment; or,
 - b) without prejudice of any right, set aside or vary any decision made in the exercise of such power as per this law:

Article 58

Violations in Connection with the Bureau

- 1. Anyone working at the Bureau may commit violation if s/he:
 - a) by virtue of such employment comes in possession of any information which might exert an influence upon or affect the market value of any share, property, product or article and who before such information is made public directly or indirectly discloses such information or uses such information for personal gain;
 - b) without authority publishes or communicates to any person any information obtained by him or her in the course of his or her functions as per this Law,
 - c) in the exercise of any power or the performance of any function under or in terms this Law, contravenes or fails to comply with any term or condition of his or her oath under Schedule 2 of this Law;
 - d) Conducting data investigations in accordance with this Law without authority to perform such task;
 - e) Directly obstructs the Director of the Bureau of Statistics or other authorized staff in performing their duties in accordance with this Law;
 - f) Directly refuses or neglects to provide information on specified time or refuses to respond to an investigation in accordance with this Law;
 - g) Provides inaccurate evidence with respect to an investigation;
 - h) Directly destroys files containing collected statistics, contrary to this Law;
 - i) Has no right to take information or pass information to another person, knowing such act contravenes this Law; or
 - j) Disseminates or provides information to another person, directly or indirectly, contrary to this Law.

Article 59

Penalties for Violations

1. A person convicted of offenses referred to in Article 58 of this Law, will be liable to the following punishments:
 - a) Two months suspension and a fine of not exceeding one month's salary or allowance;
or
 - b) He will be fired or fined two months' salary, subject to the Somali Penal Code, if the board deems the offence grave.

Article 60

Information on Political Convictions

1. No one is obliged, within the Law, to provide information relating to the political persuasions of the country or body s/he works for.
2. An authorized officer to collect data shall explain to the interviewee the provisions referred to in Clause (1) of this Article, before commencing an interview.

Article 61

Regulations

1. The Board of Directors, in consultation with the Director of the Bureau, may enact regulations to implement this Law, relating to:
 - a) any matter or aspect deemed necessary or expedient by the Board for the effective taking of a census in Somalia;
 - b) any statistical data collection other than a census referred to in Clause 1(a); of this Article;
 - c) Evaluating the services and products of the Bureau;
 - d) Amendments to schedule (1) of this Law;
 - e) Setting the appropriate value for obtaining statistical records;
 - f) any other matter which is required or permitted under this Law to be prescribed;
and
 - g) Any action deemed necessary by the Board to set up regulations, in order to achieve its objectives.

2. The regulations referred to in Clause (1) of this Article may include disciplinary measures for failure to perform duty, which may result in a penalty determined by the board.

Article 62

Annex of this Law

1. This Law shall have, subject to Article 61 have Regulations and Schedules which shall be an annexure to this Law.

Article 63

Repeal

1. Any Law that contravenes or is inconsistent with this Law is repealed.

Article 64

Entry into Force

2. This Law comes into force upon the signature of the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

SCHEDULE 1 of this Law

Matters on which statistical information may be collected, compiled, analyzed, abstracted and published by the Bureau are:

Part 1

1. General statistics
2. Demographics
3. Information on people with special interests
4. Population statistics;
 - i. Census
 - ii. Statistics of people with special needs
5. Public Housing statistics;
 - i. Housing censuses
 - ii. Other Housing Statistics

Part 2

1. Labor Statistics
2. Education and training statistics
3. Cultural statistics and media dissemination
4. Statistics of household income, expenditures and their distributions.
5. Social protection statistics
6. Health statistics
7. Gender statistics
8. Other social issues related statistics.

Part 3

1. Economic statistics
2. National Accounts
3. Agricultural and Livestock statistics
4. Forest and fisheries Statistics
5. Industrial statistics
6. Energy statistics
7. Construction statistics
8. Trade statistics
9. International trade statistics
 - a) Goods
 - b) Services
10. Transport statistics
11. Communication statistics
12. Tourism statistics
13. Statistics of services provided
14. Monetary, financial and insurance statistics
15. Taxation statistics
16. Balance of payments statistics
17. Pricing statistics:
 - a) Trade in goods statistics
 - b) Production costs

18. Scientific and technological statistics
19. Infrastructural statistics
20. Other economic statistics.

Part 4

1. Natural resources and environmental statistics.
2. Natural resources and local area Statistics
3. Meteorological statistics
4. Land Use Statistics.

Schedule 2 of This Law

Oath of Office and Secrecy

1. A person taking an oath of secrecy shall pronounce the following oath:

- a) "I (Name), whose responsibility is(Responsibility),hereby swear in the name of Allah I shall honestly perform my responsibility and abide by the laws of the country and ensure to follow all the statistical Law 2019 (Law No.24), and that I shall not undertake any action or task without the written permission from the Minister, Board Chairperson, and the Director of the Bureau and that I only shall provide information that is within my duty.

God bless you.

- b) The deponent writes his/her full name, signs and dates it before the Director of Bureau, Board Chairperson and the Minister.