

## ANNEX 1. DRAFT ARTICLES FOR THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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**Article 160. NATIONAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM.** The National Statistical System, hereinafter NSS is hereby created, with the purpose of providing the society and the state with national and territorial official statistics of quality, in a coordinated manner between the producing entities and with common language and procedures, respectful of international statistical standards, which contribute to the transparency, relevance, interoperability, access, timeliness and consistency of the statistics produced in the country.

The NSS shall consist of the entities that produce and disseminate statistics or are responsible for administrative records, as follows:

1. Belonging to the branches of government, at all levels of the state structure, whether central or decentralized either by services or territorially; at the national, departmental, municipal and district levels.
2. The state bodies, agencies or entities that are independent or autonomous of control.
3. The legal persons, public or private, who provide public services.
4. Any legal person or legal person division performing public service or of public authority.
5. Legal persons that own produce or administer administrative records in the development of their corporate purpose or mission, which are inputs necessary for the production of official statistics.

The National Administrative Department of Statistics (DANE) shall be the lead agency and therefore the coordinator and regulator of the NSS. DANE shall establish the conditions and characteristics to be met by official statistics in Colombia, respecting the international standards used by the entities producing statistics. Such conditions and characteristics shall be recorded in the National Statistical Plan, which shall be agreed upon by all the members of the NSS.

Paragraph 1: The members of the NSS shall implement the guidelines, best practices, standards and technical standards set forth by DANE supported on international benchmarks, for the production and dissemination of official statistics and for the statistical use of administrative records. In order to ensure the quality of official statistics, in accordance with the regulations issued by the national government, the members of the NSS shall meet the obligations deriving from the assessments and statistical quality requirements established by DANE, or from the assessments performed by international organizations.

Paragraph 2: For the production and dissemination of official statistics, and in compliance with Act 1266 of 2008 and Act 1712 of 2014, the members of the NSS shall make available to DANE, immediately and free of charge, the full databases of the administrative records, which are requested by DANE, for which effect the statutory reserve shall not be effective. DANE shall guarantee the reserve and confidentiality of the information in accordance with Article 5 of Act 79 of 1993.

Paragraph 3: The NSS shall have a five-year National Statistical Plan that shall be formulated by DANE jointly with all the members of the NSS, and subject to approval by the National Advisory Council for Statistics, referred to in Paragraph 5 of this Article. The strategies and actions set forth in the National Statistical Plan shall be of mandatory compliance by the members of the NSS.

Paragraph 4: With no prejudice to what was established in Paragraph 2 of this Article and in order to contribute to the strengthening of the quality and consistency of official statistics, the members of the NSS shall exchange statistical information, up to the level of microdata, free of charge and in a timely manner, according to the regulations issued by the national government for that effect. The requirements of exchange of information up to the level of microdata shall be agreed upon in the National Statistical Plan or by means of the National Advisory Council for Statistics referred to in this Article. The entities that take part in the exchange of information shall safeguard the confidentiality and privacy thereof.

Paragraph 5: The National Advisory Council for Statistics is hereby created as a body of an advisory nature, with the purpose of promoting and facilitating the coordination of the NSS. The National Government shall regulate the composition and operation of this Council in which the state bodies, agencies or entities, that are independent or autonomous of control should be represented

**Article 161: CENSUS.** The National Administrative Department of Statistics - DANE - will conduct the XVIII National Population and VII Housing Census in the year 2016.

An inter-census count of population will be carried out five (5) years after the population and housing census was conducted for the monitoring and follow-up of the demographic dynamics and the update and maintenance of both the National Geo-statistical Framework and the population projections.