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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Programme of Action adopted at the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in 1994 in Cairo and by General Assembly resolutions 65/234 of 22 December 2010 and 70/1 of 25 September 2015.

The Secretariat invites all Governments to participate in the Twelfth United Nations Inquiry among Governments on Population and Development. It may be recalled that the Inquiry, mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 1838 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, has been conducted by the Secretary-General at regular intervals since 1963.

As with previous Inquiries, the purpose of the Twelfth Inquiry is to assist the United Nations in collecting and disseminating information on national policies, programmes and strategies on population issues in light of national development priorities. The information may be useful also for monitoring progress toward the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the objectives of the ICPD Programme of Action as well as the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Twelfth Inquiry consists mostly of multiple-choice questions and is divided into three thematic modules: Module I on population ageing and urbanization; Module II on fertility, family planning and reproductive health; and Module III on international migration. Information and links to the online questionnaire or fillable questionnaire in pdf will be sent in electronic format.

The United Nations would like to reiterate the importance of the information gathered through the Twelfth Inquiry for monitoring the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and for supporting the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global and regional levels.

Governments are requested to forward the three modules of the Twelfth Inquiry to relevant ministries or departments. To allow the United Nations sufficient time to analyse the responses, Governments are requested to transmit their reply to the Secretariat by **28 February 2019** for Modules I and II (attached), and **31 December 2018** for Module III (previously sent), for reasons given in the Preface of the Inquiry at <https://esa.un.org/poppolicy/Inquiry.aspx>.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and the assurances of its highest consideration.

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