PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Decision No: 135/2010

Special Meeting No: 12/2010

Subject: NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On 21st June 2010, Council:

1. noted the content of Policy Submission No. 24/2010;

2. endorsed the development of the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) for Papua New Guinea;

3. approved the participation of Department of National Planning & Monitoring (DNPM) as the Central Agency responsibility for planning in partnership with the National Statistical Office (NSO), relevant government stakeholders, with expert advice and funding assistance to develop the NSDS;

4. approved a technical working group comprised of relevant Government Stakeholders and Civil Society;

5. endorsed and approved for a NEC Policy Submission or Information Paper on the NSDS to Cabinet through the Minister for National Planning & District Development on the NSDS;

6. approved the development of a Work-Plan in developing the NSDS within the next 12-18 months;

7. endorsed a NSDS Working Committee with representation from key government sectors and development partners; and

8. endorsed funding support within Government and from development partners.
9. directed the Minister for National Planning & District Development in collaboration with the NSDS Technical Working Group, the NSDS Working Committee, and the NSO to review the period of conducting National Census every 10 years and develop options to carry out mid National Census through the current data systems within the Government Agencies.

I certify the above to be a correct record of the Decisions reached by the National Executive Council

M. T. SOMARE  Chairman

MANLY UA  Secretary, NEC

Date:  26th June 2010

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