1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
   Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Planning, P.O. Box 26188, Safat.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
   the 1985 population census, but reference is also made to earlier censuses (cf. para. 8), as well
   as to the next census (cf. para. 9).

3. Coverage of the census:
   (a) Geographical scope: Whole country.
   (b) Persons covered: All persons of all ages, except foreign members of diplomatic and consular
       offices and their dependents.

4. Reference period:
   The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population, employ-
   ment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the week ending on 10 April 1985.

5. Main topics:
   (a) Total population, by sex and age: yes
   (b) Economically active population, by sex and age group: yes
   (c) Economically active population, by industry and by sex: yes
   (d) Economically active population, by occupation and by sex: yes
   (e) Economically active population, by status in employment and by sex: yes
   (f) Hours of work: yes
   (g) Other information collected relating to persons' economic activity: yes

   Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of age in completed years at the date of the census (20 April
       1985).
   Re. (f) Hours of work relate to hours actually worked by employed persons, at work.
   Re. (g) The census also covers information on other topics, such as duration of unemploy-
       ment, wages and salaries, etc.

6. Concepts and definitions:
   (a) Economically active population: It comprises all persons aged 15 years and over who, during
       the reference period, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given
       below. Excluded are: home-makers, full-time students, non-working persons aged 65 years and
       over and disabled persons.
   (b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 15 years and over (except
       those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, performed any work of
       an economic value, at home or out of home. Also included are the following categories:

   (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
   (ii) persons engaged in the production of primary products for own consumption;
   (iii) employed persons, temporarily absent from work;
   (iv) seasonal or occasional workers;
   (v) conscripts for military/civil service;
   (vi) multiple job holders;
   (vii) apprentices and trainees.

   Only persons belonging to categories (i), (ii) and (iii) can be identified separately, on the basis
   of the principal status in employment of an economically active person aged 15 years and over,
   during the reference period.
(c) **Unemployment:** Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 15 years and over (except those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, were without work and seeking work. Persons working for less than 20 hours during the reference period and students with a part time job are also considered as unemployed. Two categories of unemployed were distinguished: those who never worked previously in the country, and others. No information on industry, occupation and status in employment were collected for the first category.

7. **Classifications used:**

Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) **Industry:** Specific questions were asked of employed and unemployed persons previously employed, such as the main activity of the establishment in which an employed person was working during the reference period, or worked previously in the case of unemployed. For coding industry, the codes of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) were used at the major division level.

(b) **Occupation:** Specific questions were asked of employed and unemployed persons previously employed on the principal occupation, that is the kind of work done by an employed person during the reference period, or performed previously by an unemployed person, irrespective of industry or status in employment. For coding occupation, the codes of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) were used at the major group level.

(c) **Status in employment:** Specific questions were asked of employed and unemployed persons previously employed to determine their status in employment, such as: own-account worker, employer, employee, family helper etc. For coding status in employment 5 groups were used.

8. **The previous population censuses:**

Essentially, the same questions were used in the previous censuses to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups.

However, in the 1970 census and previous censuses the reference period was not defined.

9. **The next population census:**

It is planned for 1995 and will collect information about the economically active population and its components.

It is not yet decided whether the same questions and reference period will be used or not to determine and describe the economically active population and its component groups.