1. **Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:**
   Direcção Nacional de Estatística, Av. Sekou Touré No. 21, Maputo.

2. **Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):**
   1950, 1960, 1970, and 1980. The present description relates mainly to the 1980 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.

4. **Reference period:**
   The reference period used when asking questions on the economically active population, employment and unemployment is a short period, i.e. the day of the census.

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

   Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of year of birth.

6. **Concepts and definitions:**
   (a) **Economically active population:** It comprises all persons aged 12 years and over who, on the day of the census, were either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below.

   (b) **Employment:** Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 12 years and over who, on the day of the census, performed any work, paid or unpaid, in a job business or other economic activity. To determine whether a person is to be considered as employed the following questions are asked: "Do you have work?" and "If you have work, state your trade or profession". Also included are the following categories:

   (i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
   (ii) conscripts for military/civilian service.

   Only persons belonging to category (i) can be identified separately.

   (c) **Unemployment:** Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 12 years and over who, on the date of the census, were without work and seeking employment. The question asked to determine whether a person was to be considered unemployed is "Are you out of work?".

7. **Classifications used:**
   Only employed persons are classified by industry. Both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by occupation and by status in employment.

   (a) **Industry:** To determine industry group, specific questions were asked of employed persons, namely "Where do you work (name of firm, factory, business, service, school etc.)?", "What goods or services does the establishment provide?" and "To what sector of economic activity
does the establishment belong?". For coding industry, 12 groups were used: agriculture, forestry and fishing; mining and quarrying; electricity; construction; transport and communications; wholesale and retail trade; education, culture, health; administration services; government agencies or departments; others. Links to the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) have not been established.

(b) Occupation: To determine occupation group, the following question is asked both of employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed "If you work, state your occupation (if you are unemployed and if you were previously employed, state your most recent occupation)". For coding occupation, 9 groups were used: production and related workers; agricultural workers; fishermen and hunters; clerical workers; technical workers; supervisory and managerial personnel; domestic employees; clergy and other workers in religion and traditional practices; unspecified occupation. Links to the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) have not been established.

(c) Status in employment: To determine status in employment, both employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are asked the following question: "In your stated occupation, are you working for an employer (public sector, private sector); on your own account (no hired labour); as a member of a producers' co-operative; family worker; employer with fewer than 5 employees; employer with 5 or more employees?". For coding status in employment, the above 6 groups were used.

8. The previous population censuses:

Essentially, the same questions and reference period were used to determine and describe the economically active population and its components.

9. The next population census:

It is planned for 1990 and will collect information about the economically active population and its component groups.

It has not yet been decided whether the same questions and reference period will be used to determine and describe the economically active population and its components.