1. Name and address of the organisation responsible for the last census:
Bureau National du Recensement, B.P. 116, Dakar.

2. Population censuses conducted since 1945 (years):
1976 and 1988. The present description relates mainly to the 1988 census, but reference is also made to the earlier census (cf. para. 8).

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 long period, i.e. the previous year.

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: no
(g) Other information collected relating to persons’ economic activity: no

Re. (a) The age is defined in terms of year of birth, if this is known; failing that, in terms of age at last birthday.

6. Concepts and definitions:
(a) Economically active population: It comprises all persons aged 6 years and over (excluding students, housewives, retired persons, disabled persons) who, during the reference period, were habitually either employed or unemployed, according to the definitions given below.

(b) Employment: Considered as "employed" are all persons aged 6 years and over (excluding those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, worked for pay or profit for a minimum of 3 months. An employed person temporarily absent from work due to vacation, temporary disability or illness is considered to be in employment. Also included are the following categories:
(i) persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business;
(ii) conscripts for military/civilian service;
(iii) apprentices and trainees.

All the above categories can be identified separately.

(c) Unemployment: Considered as "unemployed" are all persons aged 6 years and over (excluding those mentioned under 6 (a) above) who, during the reference period, had not worked for at least 3 months and were seeking employment.

7. Classifications used:
Only employed persons are classified by industry, by occupation and by status in employment.

(a) Industry: The question asked of employed persons to determine industry group is "What is produced in the firm or service where you work?" (if you do not know, state the name of the
firm or service"). For coding industry, the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC-68, rev. 2) was used to the major division level.

(b) **Occupation:** To determine occupation group, employed persons are asked a question concerning their job and their position in this job. For coding occupation, the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-68) was used to the minor group level.

(c) **Status in employment:** Employed persons were asked a specific question to determine their status in employment, such as self-employed worker, employer, employee etc. For coding status in employment, 6 groups were used.

8. **The previous population censuses:**  
Essentially, the same questions and reference period were used in 1976 to determine and describe the economically active population and its components.

9. **The next population census:**  
No population census is planned during the period 1989-95.