**Ethiopian Statistical Service proclamation**

1/ The Ethiopian Statistical Service is hereby established as an autonomous federal government body having its own legal personality;

2/ The Service shall have the following powers and duties:

a) collect statistical data in accordance with Ethiopian statistical system, standard and regulation through sample surveys, censuses, registration and administrative records and other methods of data collection; compile, organize and disseminate same as official statistics once data quality assurance and clearance is approved by the Ministry of Planning and Development;

b) Provide technical advice and support on capacity building for government organs and other bodies on statistical record and data reporting system;

c) Provide data collection and arrangement service to national and international non-governmental organizations upon request with the exception of its official duty and responsibility;

d) Cause the collection of official statistical data in a consistent manner and as per the set schedule; carry out research and study on data collection methodology and tools that promote the quality and credibility official statistics;

e) Collect, compile and disseminate statistical data by using modern data collection methods and tools;

f) Collect, in coordination with Space Science and Geospatial Institute, geospatial data by using modern data collection tools; convert statistical data to digital and geospatial data format;

g) Provide data collection service as the main data collector of economic, social and demographic data;

h) Serve as national statistical data storage center; organize data storage center at the head office; improve database capacity from time to time;

i) Conduct research and study on statistical data collection methods; cause the implementation of the findings of the same;

j) Perform, in collaboration with the concerned organs, the function of statistical advocacy; provide capacity building training on statistics;

k) Provide assistance, upon request from regional governments, in guiding and coordinating the collection, compilation and analysis of statistical data and publication and dissemination of the same; ensure the establishment of statistical registration system;

l) facilitate conditions for soliciting financial, material and technical support from development partners for building national statistical capacity and implement same upon approval by the Ministry of Planning and Development;

m) Charge fee for the services it renders in accordance with Regulation to be issued by Council of Ministers;

n) Establish cooperation with national professional associations in the fields of statistics and related disciplines and sponsor statistical conferences as appropriate;

o) Implement the provision of Article 17 of Proclamation No.442/2005.