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By Enche YUSOF BIN ISHAK, AL-HAJ, President of the Republic of Singapore.



YUSOF BIN ISHAK,
President of the Republic of Singapore.

Whereas it is provided by the Inquiry Commissions Ordinance that it shall be lawful for the President of the Republic of Singapore whenever he shall deem it advisable to issue a Commission appointing one or more Commissioners to inquire *inter alia* into any matter in which an inquiry would, in the opinion of the President of the Republic of Singapore, be for the public welfare:

And whereas I am of the opinion that it is in the public welfare that an inquiry should forthwith be made by Commissioners so appointed in accordance with the following terms of reference:

- (a) to review the existing Government machinery for the collection and compilation of statistics, and to consider and recommend improvements required to meet the needs of the expanding and industrialising economy of Singapore;
- (b) to examine the types of statistical data which can be extracted from the administrative records of Government and to make recommendations for their improvement and for their maximum utilisation;
- (c) to review the existing legislation for the collection of statistical information and to recommend amendments, where necessary;
- (d) to assess the need and scope for conducting censuses and surveys and to make recommendations regarding the organisation and resources needed to carry them out;
- (e) to examine the statistical publications issued by the Government and to recommend ways and means for expanding and expediting the publication of statistical data and studies by Government departments;
- (f) to review the existing organisation of the Department of Statistics and other statistical units of the Government and to make recommendations on their staffing, training requirements and terms and conditions of service to enable them to cope with the increase and development of statistical services;
- (g) to estimate what additional staff and requirements will be needed to implement the recommendations made and to suggest sources for technical assistance in particular fields of specialisation; and
- (h) to consider the desirability of setting up a Permanent Statistical