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Publishing by foreign countries on the World Wide Web has increased exponentially this year, reminding us that electronic publication is and will be of increasing importance in providing access to government information. These WWW sites include the type of information found in government manuals, such as structure, addresses, and general information; however, detailed content is often lacking. The searcher will find excerpts of publications, selected statistical tables, or brief publications such as newsletters, but often not the full content of major publications. Luxembourg's GoverNET is one example of a developing national WWW site that is well designed and offers substantial information.

The activities of international intergovernmental agencies that have affected foreign government publishing include the conferences on education and on women. Countries that attended the 44th session of the International Conference on Education in Geneva in 1994 prepared national reports, an important source of information on national education systems. Some of these reports may be difficult to acquire directly from each government. The International Bureau of Education previously made these reports available on microfiche and is working to make them available both on the World Wide Web and on a CD Rom, "World Data on Education 1993/94," scheduled for publication June 1996.

National reports on women were submitted to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, 1995. Many have been published by the individual countries.

I have included a vendor, Hogarth Representation, under availability for African documents, although it is possible to try to order directly from the governments: Hogarth Representation, 1 Birchington Court, Birchington Road, London N8 8HS England; phone from overseas 44-181 -341 -6570; fax from overseas 44-181-341-0284. If taken from their lists, orders can normally be supplied in 6-9 months.

Belgium

453. Guide Pratique du Ministère des Affaires Economiques. Bruxelles, Ministère des Affaires Economiques, 1995. 45p. With ill. [Available from l'Administration de l'Information Economiques, 6 rue de l'Industries, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium].

This is a manual on the new structure and function of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, with organizational charts and directory information. In French and Dutch.

Belize

454. 1994 Labour Force Survey Report. Belmopan, Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Finance, 1995. 148p. With abbrev., app., bibliog., fig., ill., tab. [Available from Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Finance, Belmopan, Belize].

This statistical report covers main labour force indicators, employment, unemployment, persons not in the labour force, and youth and women in the labour force. Appendices cover methodology and definitions. It also includes a summary.

Benin

455. Repertoire des Etudes, Enquêtes et Séminaires Socio-Economiques sur le Benin. Porto-Novo, Centre de Documentation Technique, Ministère du Plan et de la Restructuration Economique, 1994. 227p. With abbrev., bibliog., ind., introd. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This chronologically arranged bibliography of socio-economic reports, studies, and seminars covers the years 1988-1993. Within each year, entries are arranged by broad subject category. Basic citations include financial source, consultants, keywords, and geographic descriptors.

456. Le Secteur Forestier National, by the Direction des Forêts et des Ressources Naturelles (DFRN). Porto-Novo, Ministère du Développement Rural, 1995. v.p. With app., ill., tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This collection of reports from various agencies on forest resources in Benin includes statistics, project plans, projections, and agency information.

Botswana

457. Investing in Today's Joy, Tomorrow's Wealth: A National Programme of Action for the Children of Botswana (1993-2003). Gaborone, Government Printer, 1994. 116p. With app., ill., lab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This is a summary report of the goals, strategies, activities, and implementation of Botswana's National Programme of Action (NPA). This program was developed to respond to human development needs in Botswana, particularly among women and children. Featured are reports on economic strategy, status of children and women, health and population, environmental management, education, nutrition, children in difficult circumstances, and resource requirements.

458. National Report for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Beijing, China, 1995. Gaborone, Women's Affairs Division, Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs and the National Preparatory Committee for the Regional and World Conferences on

Women, 1994. 57p. With bibliog., ill., tab. ISBN 9-99121-090-3. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This work reviews and appraises the status of women in Botswana since the 1980s, covering the following issues: economics, labor, education, health, and social and legal status. Also included is a review and appraisal of international support, as well as a report on progressive strategies and goals, including the improvement of the national institutional machinery and women's empowerment programs.

459. Report to the Minister of Presidential Affairs and Public Administration on the General Election, 1994. Gaborone, Government Printer, 1995? 148p. With tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This report on Botswana's 1994 parliamentary and local government elections features statistical tables accompanied by an analytical report.

460. Revised National Policy on Education, April 1994: As Approved by the National Assembly on the 7th April, 1994. Gaborone, Government Printer, 1994? 87p. (Government Paper No. 2 of 1994). With introd. P3,00. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

"This government paper outlines Government's reactions to the recommendations of the Report of the National Commission on Education 1993 and lays down policy guidelines and strategy for future educational development." (p. 1)

Brazil

461. Web do Governo do Brasil. Brasilia, Divisão de Informática do MARE-Ministério da Administração Federal e Reforma do Estado. Created 1995. (URL " <http://www.fn.fi/vn/um/>) Reviewed May 1996.

This is the Web site of the government of Brazil. It is in Portuguese with some Spanish and English Web pages available. It offers links to government, education, ecology, tourism, culture, agriculture, health and medicine, science and technology, economy and finance, and industry and commerce. E-mail contacts and links to a services page are provided.

Costa Rica

462. Plan Nacional de Desarrollo 1994/1998 "Francisco Orlich": Diagnostic y Estrategia. San José, Ministerio de Planificación Nacional y Política Económica (MIDEPLAN), 1994. 198p. ISBN 9977- 73005-9. With abbrev., app., ill. introd., tab. [Available from Departamento de Publicaciones de MIDEPLAN, Apartado postal 10127, San Jose, Costa Rica].

This is Costa Rica's development plan for 1994 /1998. It covers social, political, and economic planning, and includes historical information. It also discusses sustainable development.

Croatia

463. Vlada Republike Hrvatske—The Government of the Republic of Croatia. Zagreb, Government's Office of Public Relations, 1995? (URL <http://www.vlada.hr/>). Reviewed May 1996.

This site provides links to members of the government, press releases, documents, government bodies, government activities, government sessions, and the Roundtable with the Government of the Republic of Croatia. Also featured are links to Croatian language WWW sites.

Czechoslovakia

464. Welcome to the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Centres—Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Created 1995. (URL <http://www.czech.cz/>) Reviewed May 1996.

Featured are links to general country information, business information, statistics, other Czech and Slovak servers, the Office of the President, news in English and Czech, and tourism information. Select Infotree and Political system for governmental links. It also provides e-mail contacts. One large graphic makes it slow to load.

Eritrea

465. Constitutional Proposals for Public Debate. Asmara, Constitutional Commission of Eritrea (CCE), 1995. 31 p. With introd. [Available from Constitutional Commission of Eritrea, P.O. Box 1150, Asmara, Eritrea].

This set of proposals submitted for debate and public comment is intended as a preliminary step to the writing of the first draft of the Constitution.

466. Information on Strategy, Plans and Activities. Asmara, Constitutional Commission of Eritrea (CCE), 1995. 19p. With ill. [Available from the Constitutional Commission of Eritrea, P.O. Box 1150, Asmara, Eritrea].

This is a summary of the Constitutional Commission's work in progress during 1994-1995. It covers the mandate, structure, and finance of the commission, as well as the progress and challenges of its work on the constitution.

Finland

467. Barents Region: An Emerging Market, by Susanna Seppänen. Helsinki, Statistics Finland, 1995. With app., bibliog., fig., ill., tab. ISBN 951-727-012-7. [Available from Statistics Finland, FIN-00022, Helsinki, Finland].

This is an analysis of the emerging markets of the Barents Euro-Arctic Region. It covers privatization, international co-operation, foreign trade, state of the environment, natural resources, telecommunications, and business investment.

468. Virtual Finland—Information About Finland. Helsinki, Ministry for Foreign Affairs. (URL <http://www.vn.fi/vn/um/index.html>). Reviewed May 1996.

Virtual Finland has links to FINFO: Finland Information, Virtual Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Council of State, and Finnish Aid. Council of State provides links to government pages, including the Ministries. Also FINFO offers many information links on Finland, with a choice of various languages. Under FINFO, choose “Society and Institutions” (<http://www.fn.fi/vn/um/otyhdeng.html>) for links to government, law, and political WWW sites.

France

469. Election Présidentielle des 23 Avril et 7 Mai 1995: Textes et Documents, by Didier Maus. Paris, La Documentation Française, 1995. 333p. With app., bibliog., fig., ill., ref., tab. (Notes et études documentaires Nos. 5025). [Available from La Documentation Française, 29, quai Voltaire, 75007, Paris, France].

This collection of important texts and documents relating to the 1995 French presidential election contains all of the texts published in the Journal officiel, transcription of the televised debates, and other principal political and historical documents.

470. French Constitution. Paris, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Direction de la Presse, de l'Information et de la Communication, 1995. Bilingual edition. 65p. [Available from the Direction de la Presse, de l'Information et de la Communication, 37, Quai D'Orsay, 75007 Paris].

Presented on opposite pages are French and English versions of the Constitution of 4 October 1958, the Constitutional Law of 3 June 1958, the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen of 26 August 1789, and the Preamble to the Constitution of 27 October 1946.

471. Production D'Armement: Mutation du Système Français, by Jean-Paul Hébert. Paris, La Documentation Française, 1995. 221 p. With abbrev., app., bibliog., fig., ill., tab. (Notes et études documentaires Nos. 5009-10). ISBN 2-11-003317-7. [Available from La Documentation Française, 29, quai Voltaire, 75007, Paris, France].

This is an analysis of the changes and internal and external forces that affect the French defense sector and arms industry. It includes discussion of regulations, nuclear military products, and the effect of electronics on the industry.

Ghana

472. Infant, Child, and Maternal Mortality Study in Ghana, by K.A. Twum-Baah. Accra, Ghana Statistical Service, 1994. 88p. With app., fig., tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This national study of infant, child, and maternal mortality, is based on a national survey. Analysis, recommendations, and survey instruments are included.

473. Ghana—Vision 2020: (The First Step: 1996-2000), Presidential Report to Parliament on Co-ordinated Programme of Economic and Social Development Policies. Accra, Government Printer, 1995. 95p. With app., introd., ref., tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This overview of the program Ghana— Vision 2020 covers current level of development, long-term objectives, opportunities and constraints, objectives of the medium-term program, and sectoral and geographical allocations of development expenditures. Also included is an executive summary.

Ireland

474. Management of Offenders: A Five Year Plan. Dublin, Department of Justice, 1994. 163p. With app., introd., tab. L10. [Available from Government Publications Sale Office, Sun Alliance House, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2, Ireland].

This report on the management of offenders in Ireland includes a review of the problems and the progress on the implementation of the Whitaker Report, published in 1985. It covers prison facilities, services for offenders, and management and staff. In addition, this document specifies aims and objectives for the prison system as a whole, and emphasizes the importance of alternatives to the traditional treatment of offenders.

Luxembourg

475. Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, GoverNET, Government Online. Luxembourg, Ministère de l'Education Nationale. Created September 1995. (URL <http://www.men.lu/cybergov/cybergov.html>) Reviewed May 1996.

A welcome to the virtual government of the Grand-Duchy. This straightforward, well-designed page features choices of icons or text for the Ministry's WWW pages and for a government directory. Updates are noted; links

to the agency authors and an e-mail comment line are provided. The Ministry level WWW pages include links to directory information, reports, statistics, related sites within Luxembourg or in other countries, and to some international intergovernmental sites. Although there is some English, these pages are primarily in French.

Madagascar

476. Diagnostic et Scenarios de Développement des Enseignements Primaire et Secondaire. Ministère de l'éducation nationale and the Commission nationale malgache pour l'UNESCO, 1995. With fig., tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This analytical report on the situation of primary and secondary education includes development objectives. For each level of education, it covers objectives, programs, pedagogical organization and methods, educational access, resources, and evaluation.

477. Politique pour le Développement Rural. Ministère d'état a l'agriculture et au développement rural, 1994. 511. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This report on rural development in Madagascar is broken down by sector and discusses political objectives and strategies and reviews action plans. It also covers the role of the state in rural development and decentralization.

Malawi

478. Malawi Demographic and Health Survey 1992. Zomba, National Statistical Office, 1994. 221p. With abbrev., fig., ill., ref., summ., tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This report summarizes the findings of the 1992 Malawi Demography and Health Survey (MDH) conducted by the National Statistical Office. It covers general population information, characteristics of households, as well as data on fertility, birth control, maternal and child health, nutrition, mortality, and health services.

Malaysia

479. The Civil Service of Malaysia: Towards Vision 2020 (Improvements and Development in the Civil Service of Malaysia 1994), by Tan Sri Dato', Seri Ahmad Sarji, and Bin Abdul Hamid. Kuala Lumpur, Government of Malaysia, 1995. 345p. With fig., ill., introd., tab.

This report analyzes the administrative improvements and restructuring programs undertaken by the Malaysian Civil Service in 1994. It covers quality management, productivity, innovations, information technology, privatization,

financial management, training issues, ethics, complaints, discipline, and the inspectorate system.

Maldives

480. *Developments in Education: 1992-1994*, Maldives. Male, Ministry of Education, 1994. 32p. With ill., tab. [Available from: International Bureau of Education, P.O. Box 199, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland].

This work presents an historical review of education in the Maldives, as well an analysis of the present educational structure, developments, and problems. It includes national objectives and international co-operation in education.

Mozambique

481. *Mineral Resources Development and Investment Opportunities*. Maputo, Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy, 1995. 411. With ill., introd. [Available from: The Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy, P.O. Box 2904, Maputo, Mozambique; also available from Hogarth Representation].

The contents include a country profile, mining and petroleum policy and law, doing business in Mozambique, geological and mining overview, some selected mineral resource investment opportunities, ongoing investment projects, and the structure of the Ministry of Mineral Resources. Addresses and an organizational chart are also included.

Namibia

482. *National Development Planning and the Regions of Namibia*. Windhoek, National Planning Commission, 1994. 208p. With abbrev. app., bibliog., ill., ref., tab. (NPC Study No. 2 (1994)) ISBN 0-86976-354-7. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

"This study has been undertaken to provide an initial link between the national development planning process and 13 new Regions of Namibia" (p. xiv). It covers issues in regional development planning, and provides the following information for each region: introduction, summary data, background, recent development activities, status of regional development planning, views in the region, recommendations, statistical profile, development budget, and key references.

483. *White Paper on Transport Policy*. Windhoek, Ministry of Works, Transport, and Communication, Department of Transport, 1995. 1 v. With app., introd., tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This report on Namibia's transport policy includes an historical overview, an analysis, and recommendations of transport policy by type of transportation. It lists transport legislation and major conventions in the transport sector.

484. *Women and Men in Namibia*. Windhoek, Central Statistics Office, National Planning Commission, 1995. 112p. With ill., introd., tab. ISBN 0-86976-364-4. [Available from Central Statistics Office, National Planning Commission, Private Bag 13356, Windhoek, Namibia].

This is a compilation of gender statistics from 1991-1994, focusing on the topics: population, work, education, health, law and order, resources, and decision making. A fuller national report on gender statistics is also available to researchers upon request from the Office.

The Netherlands

485. *Climate Research in the Netherlands*. Bilthoven, National Research Programme on Global Air Pollution and Climate Change, 1994. 58p. With fig., ill., introd. [Available from NRP Programme Bureau, RIVM, P.O. Box 1, 3720 BA Bilthoven, The Netherlands],

This summary of research on climate change and the greenhouse effect was done in the Netherlands and includes the objectives and structure of the National Research Programme, in addition to a summary of government policy on climate change.

486. *Women in the Netherlands: Facts and Figures*. The Hague, Statistics Netherlands and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, 1995. 80p. With fig., ill., tab. [Available from Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Central Information Directorate, P.O. Box 90801, 2509 LV, The Hague, Netherlands].

This report on the trends of the position of women in the Netherlands reviews the condition of women in the following areas: education, labor, caring and working, income, politics and government, health and welfare, and the media. It also provides a general population overview.

Peru

487. RCP—Nuevo Peru Home Page Lima, Red Científica Peruana, 1995? (URL <http://www.rcp.net.pe/rcp.html>). Spanish. Reviewed May 1996.

This site offers a wealth of links to Peruvian WWW sites that cover government, commercial, tourist, educational, and Latin American Information. Internet Peru is also available here. To connect to the government page go directly to <http://www.rcp.net.pe/rcp/rcp-gob.html>

Saudi Arabia

488. Development of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 1992-1994: A Report Presented to the International Conference on Education, 44th Session, Geneva, Oct. 1994. Riyadh, Center for Statistical Data and Educational Documentation, Ministry of Education, 1994. 85p. With bibliog., fig., ill., tab. [Available from International Bureau of Education, P.O. Box 199, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland].

This bilingual edition in English and Arabic includes an overview of the current system of education in Saudi Arabia. It reports on innovations and new directions and discusses the contribution of education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to international understanding and moral and religious education worldwide.

Singapore

489. Singapore Government Internet Web Site. Singapore, the Republic of Singapore (URL <http://www.gov.sg/>). Reviewed May 1996.

This site provides links to what's new, government bodies, government projects, statutory boards, speeches, press releases, and other press information. The links under government bodies are arranged alphabetically. Text searching is available.

Spain

490. Spanish Women on the Threshold of the 21st Century, Report Submitted by Spain to the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995. Madrid, Women's Institute, Ministry of Social Affairs, Services Gráficos Colomina, S.A., 1995? 129p. With app., tab., ill. (Serie documentos No. 16; NIPO No. 378-94-036-9) ISBN 8-47799-110-3; [Available from Ministerio de Asuntos Sociales, Plaza de San Amaro, 5. 28020 Madrid].

This is a report on women's status in Spain with a nationwide review and appraisal of the situation since the eighties. It covers national policies, poverty, inequality in women's access, violence against women, international support, and Spain's future strategic goals and objectives.

Swaziland

491. Development Plan 1995/96—1997/98. Mbabane, Economic Planning Office, Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, 1995. 356p. With app., bibliog., fig., tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

The seventh of a series of three-year rolling development plans, this plan reports on international, regional, macro-economic, and sector developments. It includes an economic outlook, macroeconomic perspective, outlook for major sectors, and government finance framework. For each sectoral development

program, it also reports on main sectoral development activities, policy and institutional issues, and capital expenditures.

Sweden

492. Economic Restructuring and Industrial Policy in Sweden. Stockholm, Structural Policy Secretariat, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, 1995? 36p. ISBN 91-38-30688-3. With ill., introd., fig., tab. [Available from FRITZES, PO 10647 Stockholm, Sweden].

This is a report on Swedish industrial structure, policy and reform, and it includes a directory of useful contracts.

Zambia

493. Public Investment Programme 1994-1996. Lusaka, Office of the President, National Commission for Development Planning, 1994. 255p. With app., introd., tab. [Available from Hogarth Representation].

This report serves as a background document for the budget process and the allocation of development assistance. It analyzes the budgets and the projects of the economic and social sectors.