**Background material 1**

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**The System Paradigm revisited**

**Clarification and additions**

**in the light of experiences in the post-socialist region**

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**A list of past socialist and presently post-socialist countries**

***Table 1***

**Post-socialist countries in the order of the date of communist takeover1**

|  |  |  |
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| No. | **Country name in 1987** | **Country name in 2016** |
| 1 | Soviet Union | Armenia  Azerbaijan  Belarus  Estonia  Georgia  Kazakhstan  Kyrgyzstan  Latvia  Lithuania  Moldova  Russian Federation  Tajikistan  Turkmenistan  Ukraine  Uzbekistan |
| 2 | Mongolia | Mongolia |
| 3 | Albania | Albania |
| 4 | Yugoslavia | Bosnia and Hercegovina  Croatia  Kosovo (disputed status)  Macedonia  Montenegro  Serbia  Slovenia |
| 5 | Bulgaria | Bulgaria |
| 6 | Czechoslovakia | Czech Republic  Slovakia |
| 7 | Hungary | Hungary |
| 8 | Poland | Poland |
| 9 | Romania | Romania |
| 10 | North-Korea | North-Korea |
| 11 | China | China |
| 12 | East Germany | Germany2 |
| 13 | Vietnam | Vietnam |
| 14 | Cuba | Cuba |
| 15 | Congo | Republic of the Congo („Brazzaville-Congo”) |
| 16 | Somalia | Somalia |
| 17 | South Yemen | Yemen |
| 18 | Benin | Benin |
| 19 | Ethiopia | Ethiopia |
| 20 | Angola | Angola |
| 21 | Cambodia | Cambodia |
| 22 | Laos | Laos |
| 23 | Mozambique | Mozambique |
| 24 | Afghanistan | Afghanistan |
| 25 | Nicaragua | Nicaragua |
| 26 | Zimbabwe | Zimbabwe |

Source: Kornai 1992, pp. 38-39

2 The states constituting the former German Democratic Republic.

***Table 2***

**Post-socialist countries in the order of their present name**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** |
| **No.** | **Name of country in 2016** | **Name of country in 1987** | **Population in 2015 (million)3** | **Area in 2015 (1000 square kilometres)4** |
| 1 | Afghanistan | Afghanistan | 33 | 653 |
| 2 | Albania | Albania | 3 | 29 |
| 3 | Angola | Angola | 25 | 1 247 |
| 4 | Armenia | Soviet Union | 3 | 30 |
| 5 | Azerbaijan | Soviet Union | 10 | 87 |
| 6 | Belarus | Soviet Union | 10 | 208 |
| 7 | Benin | Benin | 11 | 115 |
| 8 | Bosnia and Hercegovina | Yugoslavia | 4 | 51 |
| 9 | Bulgaria | Bulgaria | 7 | 111 |
| 10 | Cambodia | Cambodia | 16 | 181 |
| 11 | China | China | 1 371 | 9 563 |
| 12 | Croatia | Yugoslavia | 4 | 57 |
| 13 | Cuba | Cuba | 11 | 110 |
| 14 | Czech Republic | Czech Republic | 11 | 79 |
| 15 | Estonia | Soviet Union | 1 | 45 |
| 16 | Ethiopia | Ethiopia | 99 | 1 104 |
| 17 | Georgia | Soviet Union | 4 | 70 |
| 18 | Germany (eastern states)3 | German Socialist Republic | 16 | 108 |
| 19 | Hungary | Hungary | 10 | 93 |
| 20 | Kazakhstan | Soviet Union | 18 | 2 725 |
| 21 | Kosovo (disputed status) | Yugoslavia | 2 | 11 |
| 22 | Kyrgyzstan | Soviet Union | 6 | 200 |
| 23 | Laos | Laos | 7 | 237 |
| 24 | Latvia | Soviet Union | 2 | 64 |
| 25 | Lithuania | Soviet Union | 3 | 65 |
| 26 | Macedonia | Yugoslavia | 2 | 26 |
| 27 | Moldova | Soviet Union | 4 | 34 |
| 28 | Mongolia | Mongolia | 3 | 1 564 |
| 29 | Montenegro | Yugoslavia | 1 | 14 |
| 30 | Mozambique | Mozambique | 28 | 799 |
| 31 | Nicaragua | Nicaragua | 6 | 130 |
| 32 | North Korea | North Korea | 25 | 121 |
| 33 | Poland | Poland | 38 | 313 |
| 34 | Republic of the Congo („Brazzaville-Congo”) | Congo | 5 | 342 |
| 35 | Romania | Romania | 20 | 238 |
| 36 | Russian Federation | Soviet Union | 144 | 17 098 |
| 37 | Serbia | Yugoslavia | 7 | 88 |
| 38 | Slovakia | Czechoslovakia | 5 | 49 |
| 39 | Slovenia | Yugoslavia | 2 | 20 |
| 40 | Somalia | Somalia | 11 | 638 |
| 41 | Tajikistan | Soviet Union | 8 | 143 |
| 42 | Turkmenistan | Soviet Union | 5 | 488 |
| 43 | Ukraine | Soviet Union | 45 | 604 |
| 44 | Uzbekistan | Soviet Union | 31 | 447 |
| 45 | Vietnam | Vietnam | 92 | 331 |
| 46 | Yemen | Yemen | 27 | 528 |
| 47 | Zimbabwe | Zimbabwe | 16 | 391 |

3 World Bank (2016a): *Population, total* Code: SP.POP.TOTL Data file. Data Extract From World Development Indicators. Downloaded: 07-11-2016.

4 World Bank (2016b): *Surface area (sq. km)* Code: AG.SRF.TOTL.K2 Data file. Data Extract From World Development Indicators. Downloaded: 07-11-2016.