

Background material 1

for the paper

by

János Kornai

The System Paradigm revisited

**Clarification and additions
in the light of experiences in the post-socialist region**

October 2016

Background material 1

A list of past socialist and presently post-socialist countries

Table 1

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

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	Germany ²
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

¹ 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.