

**DECISION NO 12 OF THE STANDING SECTION OF PLANNING, COORDINATION AND DISSEMINATION
ON THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO UPDATE CONCEPTS FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES OF THE
THEMATIC AREAS OF “HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC WORKS”**

Whereas the powers of the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council), and in particular those of the *Secção Permanente de Planeamento, Coordenação e Difusão* (Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination), within the scope of the approval of concepts for statistical purposes to be adopted by the National Statistical System;

Whereas the “Concepts for statistical purposes” – thematic areas: housing, construction and public works – were subject to an early approval in 1997 through Deliberation No 141 of the Council, following the respective analysis by the Working Group on Industry Statistics, meanwhile extinguished;

Whereas as a result of the diligences made in the context of Decision No 2 of the Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination, it was not possible to obtain consensus on the proposed update document, and thus the Standing Section is of the opinion that an overall review and update of the concepts still in force in this area is of the essence;

The Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination, at its meeting of 27 November 2007, and within the scope of the powers laid down namely in Annex A, 2 (f) of Deliberation No 286 of the Council, **decides:**

1. To set up a Task Force for the update of concepts for statistical purposes of the thematic areas “housing, construction and public works”.

2. The Task Force is composed of representatives of the following entities:

- Statistics Portugal (1 representative of the responsible Department, 1 representative of the 2011 Census Office and 1 representative of the Methodology and Information Systems Department), **which will chair the Task Force**
- IMOPPI - Real Estate and Private and Public Works Market Institute
- Confederation of Portuguese Industry
- Directorate-General for Justice Policy
- Portuguese National Housing Institute
- Directorate-General of Spatial Planning and Urban Development (DGOTDU)
- Study and Planning Office (GEP/MOPHT)
- National Civil Engineering Laboratory (LNEC)
- Portuguese Federation of the Construction Industry and Public Works (FEPICOP)

3. The Task Force's **mandate** comprises a single item:
 - To review and update concepts for statistical purposes of the thematic areas "housing, construction and public works", approved by the Council in 1997, through Deliberation No 141.
4. The representatives of the entities mentioned in 2 shall be appointed through the respective members of the Council.
5. Other entities may be invited to cooperate in the analysis of specific aspects of the mandate, the invitation being formalised by the Vice-Chairperson of the Council.
6. Up to 30 April 2008 a document shall be submitted for approval by the Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination, under the terms of the mandate in question.
7. The Task Force shall be extinguished following approval of the document mentioned in 6 by the Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination.

Lisbon, 27 November 2007

The Chairman of the Section, *João Cadete de Matos*

The Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria da Graça Fernandes Caeiro Bento*