

DELIBERATION NO 148 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

APPROVAL OF THE “TABLE OF CRIMES RECORDED BY THE POLICE FORCES” FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES

In view of the need for a statistical rating system of crime registered with criminal police departments, a Working Group was created within the scope of the Ministries of Internal Affairs and Justice. It started its activities in 1989, which namely included the review of the “Table of crimes recorded by the police forces”.

With a view to making its utilisation mandatory for the entities of the *Sistema Estatístico Nacional* (National Statistical System) and to recommending its implementation by general government entities in general, it was deemed of high importance to have the relevant Table approved for statistical purposes by the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council);

Against this background, **the *Secção Permanente de Planeamento, Coordenação e Difusão* (Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination) decided**, at its meeting of 19 December 1997 and pursuant to sub-paragraphs e) and g) of Annex D to Deliberation No 140 of the Council:

- a) **to approve**, for the purpose of its implementation by statistics producers in the context of the National Statistical System, to be used as of 1 January 1998, **the “Table of crimes recorded by the police forces”**, in annex to this Deliberation and forming an integral part thereof (to be published in the Official journal);
- b) **to recommend that the general government entities** in this field of action use the relevant Table (already amended in line with the specific interests of each entity), thus making maximum use of administrative data for statistical purposes;



c) to recommend that the Ministry of Justice, in a forthcoming review of the Table, and notwithstanding any inherent administrative conditions, considers the different alternative classification techniques, namely when assigning sequential codes according to a pre-determined internal structure.

Lisbon, 8 January 1998

The Chairman of the Section, *Arnaldo de Matos Lopes*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Pedro Jorge Nunes da Silva Dias*

User instructions of the "Table of crimes recorded by the police forces" will be available at the Study and Planning Office of the Ministry of Justice.