

DELIBERATION NO 246 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)**COMPOSITION OF THE RESTRICTED PLENARY SESSION OF THE STATISTICAL COUNCIL FOR THE
EXAMINATION OF THE STATISTICS PORTUGAL'S DOCUMENT ON THE «DELEGATION OF POWERS BY
STATISTICS PORTUGAL TO OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES: JOINT-DELIBERATION PRINCIPLES AND MODELS AND
COOPERATION PROTOCOLS »**

Whereas Statistics Portugal's document distributed for examination at the meeting of the *Secção Permanente de Planeamento, Coordenação e Difusão* (Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination) on 17 December 2002, on the «Delegation of Powers by Statistics Portugal to other Public Services: Joint Deliberation principles and models and Cooperation Protocols», which is a follow-up to one of the recommendations, deemed to be urgent, submitted in the State of the Art Report of the *Sistema Estatístico Nacional* (National Statistical System) 1999-2001, approved in July 2002 (*Deliberation No 229 of the Conselho Superior de Estatística (Statistical Council)* (hereinafter referred to as the Council));

Whereas the observations made by the members of the different entities present in that meeting regarding the document, and the need to have it analysed in more detail due to its relevance, namely by the entities currently with powers delegated by Statistics Portugal, within the scope of the different Ministries forming the 15th Constitutional Government; and whereas, in this context, Statistics Portugal was empowered to prepare the necessary meetings in cooperation with the above entities, aimed at opening a wide-ranging discussion before the document is handed back to the Section's head office for appraisal;

Whereas this delay implies that the document in question could not be submitted at this plenary session of the Council but that, in order not to postpone its implementation, a restricted plenary session is deemed justified, according to Article 9 (A) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, so that the document may be examined before the forthcoming ordinary plenary session of the Council;

Therefore, the Council, at its meeting of 28 January 2003, **decided to approve the following:**

1. **Composition of the restricted plenary session of the Council aimed at examining the Statistics Portugal's document «Delegation of Powers by Statistics Portugal to other Public Services: Joint Deliberation principles and models and Cooperation Protocols»**

Restricted sessions shall be chaired by the Vice-Chairperson of the Council, and shall meet in the following composition:

a) **Entities representing services with delegated powers**

- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity
- Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- Regional Government of Madeira
- Regional Government of Açores

b) **Entities representing other bodies intervening in official statistical production**

- Banco de Portugal
- Ministry of Economy
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Health

2. The agendas of restricted sessions and the respective documents shall only be made known to the other members of the Council simultaneously with the summons. If they so decide, the members who do not integrate the composition of restricted sessions may participate in these meetings, but must, nonetheless, communicate that intent to the Council Secretariat at least five days in advance.

3. Schedule

- **Up to 15 February 2003** – Statistics Portugal must have finished the works mentioned in the second recital and the final draft to be submitted for appraisal by the Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination.
 - **Up to the end of February 2003** – appraisal of the draft document by the Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination and summons of the **restricted session to take place in the course of March 2003**.
4. Pursuant to Article 9-A (2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, the plenary session of the Council will be informed of the Deliberation taken at the subsequent ordinary session.

Lisbon, 28 January 2003

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Paulo Jorge de Pinho Gomes*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria Margarida Lobo da Conceição Madaleno*