CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA

DELIBERATION NO 265 OF THE *CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA* (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

APPROVAL FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES OF THE NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AREAS (Portuguese acronym CNAEF)

Whereas the National Classification of Education and Training Areas is a result of the translation and adaptation of a sub-classification of the International Classification by Type of Education, approved in 1997 by UNESCO (ISCED 97) whose first version was prepared at the Community level (Eurostat/European Centre for Development of Vocational Training), with the purpose of bridging the absence of an international standardised classification in the training area (initial and recurrent training);

Having regard to the absence, within the scope of the Sistema Estatístico Nacional (National Statistical System), of a standardised classification to act as a technical tool for statistical coordination in the "Education and training" area;

Whereas, also, the National Classification of Education and Training Areas (albeit a previous version) was approved by the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity (by Executive Order No 316/2001 of 2 April, in annex) for the purpose of the "… collection and treatment of data on vocational training (…), surveys and studies and the identification of training supply";

Whereas, finally, the National Classification of Education and Training Areas was the object of detailed analysis by the *Grupo de Trabalho sobre Estatísticas da Formação Profissional e Educação* (Working group on vocational training and education statistics), and received a favourable opinion, as a result of some adjustments introduced;

1. Pursuant to Article 10 (10) (b) of Law No 6/89 of 15 April, and according to the powers laid down in paragraph 2 of Annex D of Deliberation No 140 of the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council), the *Secção Permanente de Planeamento, Coordenação e Difusão* (Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination) decided:

a) **to approve, for statistical purposes, the National Classification of Education and Training Areas (Portuguese acronym CNAEF) with** a view to their mandatory use by statistics producers within the scope of the National Statistical System, without prejudice to changes yet to be introduced arising from contributions to be sent to the Secretariat of the Council by the members of the Section, within the deadline agreed;

b) to recommend that general government entities in general adopt this Classification in the preparation of administrative data liable to be used for statistical purposes;

c) to confer on Statistics Portugal, in cooperation with the Directorate-General of Employment and Labour Relations, responsibility for submitting to the Council, with a view to their approval for statistical purposes, changes that may be deemed necessary as a result of Community or national updates.

Lisbon, 13 November 2003

The Chairman of the Section, *Orlando Caliço*

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

The National Classification of Education and Training Areas is available on the Statistics Portugal's website at
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