

**DELIBERATION NO 158 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)**

**“TYPOLOGY OF URBAN AREAS”**

Whereas, within the scope of the *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Nacional* (General Guidelines of National Statistical Activity) approved by the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council) (hereinafter referred to as the Council) for the 1998-2002 period, it was recognised that:

*“Reliability, consistency, opportunity and integration, and the ensuing comparability of official statistics are based on pertinent statistical methods and rules, mandatory for all statistics producers within the scope of the National Statistical System.”*

Having regard to the importance, in terms of the technical coordination of the *Sistema Estatístico Nacional* (National Statistical System), of a typology for the classification of the country in urban/rural areas;

Whereas, in turn, the document submitted by Statistics Portugal which makes it possible to conciliate statistical criteria with aspects related to spatial planning and land use management, put forward by the Directorate General of Spatial Planning and Urban Development;

In this context, the **Council**, at its meeting of 3 July 1998 and pursuant to Article 10 (1) (b) and (d) of Law No 6/89 of 15 April, **decides**:

- a) **to approve**, to be adopted by statistics producers within the context of the National Statistical System, **the “Typology of urban areas”**, in annex to this Deliberation and forming an integral part thereof (to be published, as well as any future amendments, in the Official journal);

- b) **to recommend that other general government bodies** in this field of action use the Typology in question, thus making maximum use of administrative data for statistical purposes.

The "Typology of urban areas" will be available at Statistics Portugal either in hard copy or in file format.

Lisbon, 3 July 1998

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Carlos Corrêa Gago*

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