

DELIBERATION NO 247 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)

**GENERAL GUIDELINES OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL ACTIVITY AND RELEVANT PRIORITIES
FOR 2003-2007**

Whereas national statistical activity and its development are greatly restricted by Community commitments associated both to data contents and to the data dissemination schedule, gradually more demanding;

Having regard to the national requirements of statistical information;

Whereas the challenging demands on the production and dissemination of pertinent official statistical information, according to high-efficiency criteria, which require firm consistency of the institutional network of the *Sistema Estatístico Nacional* (National Statistical System), in order to appropriately respond to such challenges;

Whereas the strengthening of collaboration between Statistics Portugal and the other entities is essential and should be based on cooperation and shared responsibility principles, promoting the efficiency and reputation of the National Statistical System;

Whereas the requirement to strengthen coordination of the National Statistical System must also be ensured at the level both of management practices and procedures in terms of official statistical activity, and of technical-scientific tools required for standardisation and quality management;

Pursuant to Article 10 (1) (a) of Law No 6/89 of 15 April, **the Conselho Superior de Estatística (Statistical Council), at its plenary session of 28 January 2003, approved the *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Nacional e respectivas prioridades para 2003-2007* (General Guidelines of National Statistical Activity and relevant priorities for 2003-2007)**, in annex to this Deliberation and forming an integral part thereof.

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*