

**DELIBERATION NO 2/2008 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)**  
**OPERATING STRUCTURE OF THE STATISTICAL COUNCIL – 2008 STANDING AND AD-HOC SECTIONS**

As of the reform of the National Statistical System (NSS) in 1989, envisaged in Law No 6/89 of 15 April, the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council) has been operating on a regular basis and over the years it has introduced a number of adjustments to its structure and operating model, with the purpose of conferring greater efficiency, functionality and dynamics to its activities.

The new legal framework of the National Statistical System envisaged in Law No 22/2008 of 13 May warrants the updating of the Council's operating model.

Hence, taking into account the Council's operating experience in the recent past, pursuant to Article 15 (1) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May 2008 and in accordance with Articles 5, 6 and 7 of the Council's Rules of Procedure, **the Statistical Council, at its plenary session of 29 September 2008, decides the following:**

1. To create the following Sections:

**Standing Sections**

- I. *Secção Permanente do Segredo Estatístico* (Standing Section of Statistical Confidentiality) – Annex A
- II. *Secção Permanente de Coordenação Estatística* (Standing Section of Statistical Coordination) – Annex B
- III. *Secção Permanente de Estatísticas Económicas* (Standing Section of Economic Statistics) – Annex C
- IV. *Secção Permanente de Estatísticas Sociais* (Standing Section of Social Statistics) – Annex D
- V. *Secção Permanente de Estatísticas de Base Territorial* (Standing Section of Territorial Base Statistics) – Annex E

**Ad-Hoc Sections**

- VI. *Secção Eventual para Acompanhamento dos Censos 2011 – Ad-hoc Section for Monitoring the 2011 Censuses – Annex F*
  
2. Annexes A to F referred to in the foregoing paragraph, containing the composition and powers of the Sections, form an integral part of this Deliberation.
  
3. Working Groups operating on this date will continue to function on a transitional basis.

Lisbon, 29 September 2008

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Alda de Caetano Carvalho*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria da Graça Fernandes Caeiro Bento*

## **ANNEX A**

### **STANDING SECTION OF STATISTICAL CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Statistical Confidentiality includes permanent members from:

- Portuguese Data Protection Authority
- Statistics Portugal
- Banco de Portugal
- Entities with delegated powers, except in the case of the powers set forth in paragraph 2 (b) and (c), in which case participation will only occur when falling within its scope of action<sup>1</sup>
- Regional Statistical Office of Azores and Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira, except in the case of the powers set forth in paragraph 2 (b) and (c), in which case participation will only occur when falling within its scope of action
- Ministry of Economy and Innovation
- Confederation of Portuguese Industry
- Portuguese Consumer Protection Association
- Anabela Veloso (appointed by the Council of Portuguese University Rectors)

1.1. The following persons may also participate in Section meetings:

- Other Council members related to specific confidential requests
- Experts in subjects related to statistical confidentiality.

2. The Section is responsible for:

- (a) Ensuring respect for statistical confidentiality and implementing the provisions of the NSS Law as regards the above principle;
- (b) Analysing and deciding on requests for access to confidential statistical data;
- (c) Auditing and otherwise inspecting entities that request access to confidential statistical data;
- (d) Cooperating with the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination in the preparation of the document *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Oficial* (General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity);
- (e) Issuing an opinion on a draft Regulation on statistical confidentiality to be adopted by statistical authorities;

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<sup>1</sup> Up to the formalisation of procedures involving the delegation of powers under Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, representatives of entities with delegated powers under Law No 6/89 participate as invited members.

- (f) Issuing guidelines within its field of competence;
- (g) Stimulating research related to preserving statistical confidentiality;
- (h) Monitoring, through national institutional participants, subjects related to statistical confidentiality and personal data protection, namely as a result of the activities of Committees operating within the European Union and other international organisations.

## **ANNEX B**

### **STANDING SECTION OF STATISTICAL COORDINATION**

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination includes permanent members from:

- Statistics Portugal
- Banco de Portugal
- Ministry of Economy and Innovation
- Ministry of Finance and Public Administration
- Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications
- Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development
- Prime Minister's Office
- Regional Statistical Office of Azores
- Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira
- Central trade union organisations (one representative to be appointed by agreement between the organisations represented in the Council)
- Employers' confederations (one representative to be appointed by agreement between the confederations represented in the Council)
- Entities with delegated powers<sup>2</sup>

1.1. For the exercise of the powers set forth in paragraph 2 (I) of this Deliberation, the composition of the Section is extended to:

- Portuguese Personal Data Protection Authority
- Entities whose business areas the document under analysis refers to, provided they are represented in the Council.

2. This Section is responsible for:

- (a) Preparing the document *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Oficial* (General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity), defining the relevant priorities and monitoring them on an annual basis, to be submitted at a plenary session of the Council;
- (b) Preparing the "Situation Assessment Report of the NSS", to be submitted at a plenary session of the Council before expiry of the term of office of its members;

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<sup>2</sup> Up to the formalisation of procedures involving the delegation of powers under Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, representatives of entities with delegated powers stemming from Law No 6/89 participate as invited members.

- (c) Assessing the Statistical Activity Plan and Budget of statistical authorities and the respective implementation report, to be submitted at a plenary session of the Council;
- (d) Monitoring the preparation of the Statistical Council's Business Plan and the respective implementation report, to be approved by the Council's plenary session;
- (e) Defining, in the context of the Statistical Activity Plan, official statistical operations of national scope and those solely in the interest of the Autonomous Regions, as well as official statistics associated with the provision of a public service, upon proposal of statistical authorities;
- (f) Monitoring the implementation of the Business Plans referred to in paragraphs (c) and (d);
- (g) Ensuring respect for the NSS key principles, with the exception of statistical confidentiality;
- (h) Approving the technical tools for statistical coordination required to be applied in the production of official statistics, *with the possibility of proposing to the Government extending its imperative use to general government*;
- (i) Issuing recommendations that contribute to foster maximum use of administrative data for statistical purposes, namely through the use of technical tools for statistical coordination;
- (j) Approving and regulating prior registration rules for the statistical questionnaires of statistical authorities and for other data collection devices that may be used for statistical purposes;
- (k) Examining proposals for the delegation of powers of Statistics Portugal to other entities for the production and dissemination of official statistics, to be submitted at a plenary session of the Council;
- (l) Analysing and issuing an opinion on draft decree-laws setting up statistical services or incorporating any rules that focus on the structure and operating procedures of the NSS, pursuant to Article 14 of the National Statistical System's Law;
- (m) Monitoring, through national institutional participants, the activities of Committees or Working Groups operating within the European Union and the relevant international bodies regarding its scope of action;
- (n) Monitoring issues related to international statistical cooperation and NSS human resources training.

**ANNEX C**

**STANDING SECTION OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS**

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Economic Statistics includes permanent members from:

- Statistics Portugal
- Banco de Portugal
- Ministry of Finance and Public Administration
- Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development
- Ministry of Economy and Innovation
- Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications
- Regional Statistical Office of Azores
- Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira
- Entities with delegated powers in statistical areas falling within the scope of action of the Section<sup>3</sup>
- Confederation of Portuguese Industry
- Confederation of Trade and Services of Portugal
- Portuguese Confederation of Tourism
- Confederation of Portuguese Farmers
- General Confederation of Portuguese Workers
- Workers' General Union
- Pedro Telhado Pereira (appointed by the Council of Portuguese University Rectors)
- Alberto João de Castro
- João Ferreira do Amaral

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<sup>3</sup> Up to the formalisation of procedures involving the delegation of powers under Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, representatives of entities with delegated powers stemming from Law No 6/89 participate as invited members.

2. As regards economic statistics areas (national accounts, regional accounts, satellite accounts, agriculture, fisheries, industry, trade and services, international trade, tourism, transport, communication, environment, energy, enterprises, monetary, financial, exchange rate and balance of payments statistics), this Standing Section is responsible for:
- (a) Cooperating with the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination in the preparation of the document *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Oficial* (General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity);
  - (b) Monitoring the production of official statistics, namely by assessing its adequacy to user needs;
  - (c) Issuing an opinion on the adequacy of technical tools for statistical coordination to the statistical needs of the areas in question;
  - (d) Proposing activities that contribute to foster maximum use of administrative data for statistical purposes,
  - (e) Analysing methodologies, concepts and classifications regarding statistics within its scope of action and issuing the respective recommendation to the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination;
  - (f) Issuing recommendations regarding the preparation of economic statistics, namely National and Regional Accounts, e.g. the improvement of statistical sources;
  - (g) Issuing recommendations on Satellite Accounts;
  - (h) Monitoring, through national institutional participants, the activities of Committees or Working Groups operating within the European Union and the relevant international bodies regarding its scope of action.

**ANNEX D**

**STANDING SECTION OF SOCIAL STATISTICS**

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Social Statistics includes permanent members from:
  - Statistics Portugal
  - Banco de Portugal
  - Portuguese Data Protection Authority
  - Prime Minister's Office
  - Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development
  - Regional Statistical Office of Azores
  - Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira
  - Entities with delegated powers in statistical areas falling within the scope of action of the Section<sup>4</sup>
  - General Confederation of Portuguese Workers
  - Workers' General Union
  - Employers' confederations (one representative to be appointed by agreement between the confederations represented in the Council)
  - Portuguese Consumer Protection Association
  - Anália Maria Torres
  - Gustavo Alberto Cardoso
  
2. As regards social statistics areas (education and training, population, science and technology, information society, health, culture, disability and rehabilitation, labour market, employment and wages, other social and household statistics), this Section is responsible for:
  - (a) Cooperating with the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination in the preparation of the document *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Oficial* (General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity);
  - (b) Monitoring the production of social statistics, namely by assessing its adequacy to user needs;
  - (c) Issuing an opinion on the adequacy of technical tools for statistical coordination to the statistical needs of the areas in question;

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<sup>4</sup> Up to the formalisation of procedures involving the delegation of powers under Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, representatives of entities with delegated powers stemming from Law No 6/89 participate as invited members.

- (d) Proposing activities that contribute to foster maximum use of administrative data for statistical purposes;
- (e) Analysing methodologies, concepts and classifications regarding statistics within its scope of action and issuing the respective recommendation to the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination;
- (f) Issuing recommendations on the preparation of social statistics;
- (g) Monitoring, through national institutional participants, the activities of Committees or Working Groups operating within the European Union and the relevant international bodies regarding its scope of action.

## ANNEX E

### **STANDING SECTION OF TERRITORIAL BASE STATISTICS**

1. The composition of the Standing Section of Territorial Base Statistics includes permanent members from:

Represented at the Council:

- Statistics Portugal
- Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development
- Ministry of Finance and Public Administration
- Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Communications
- National association of Portuguese municipalities
- Ministry of Economy and Innovation
- Entities with delegated powers<sup>5</sup>
- Regional Statistical Office of Azores
- Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira
- A representative of central trade union organisations (to be appointed by agreement between the organisations represented in the Council)
- A representative of employers' confederations (to be appointed by agreement between the confederations represented in the Council)
- José Francisco Portela

1.1 The following entities also participate on a permanent basis:

- Regional coordination and development committees
- Directorate-General of Spatial Planning and Urban Development
- Financial Institute for Regional Development
- Directorate-General of Local Government
- National Association of Communes

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<sup>5</sup> Up to the formalisation of procedures involving the delegation of powers under Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, representatives of entities with delegated powers stemming from Law No 6/89 participate as invited members.

2. This Section is responsible for:
  - (a) Cooperating with the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination in the preparation of the document *Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Oficial* (General Guidelines of Official Statistical Activity);
  - (b) Monitoring the production of territorial base statistics, namely by assessing its adequacy to user needs;
  - (c) Monitoring, in strict cooperation with the appropriate Sections, the production of territorial base statistics through the analysis of statistical projects with relevant implications for statistical data at regional and local level;
  - (d) Issuing an opinion on the adequacy of technical tools for statistical coordination involving regional base statistics;
  - (e) Developing activities that foster maximum use of administrative data for statistical purposes, in cooperation with the appropriate Sections;
  - (f) Fostering the employment of existing statistical operations targeted at a maximum use of their potentialities for the enhancement of territorial base statistics;
  - (g) Monitoring, through national institutional participants, the activities of Committees or Working Groups operating within the European Union and the relevant international bodies regarding its scope of action.
  
3. This Section's restricted session will continue to operate until the completion of the process of "Revision of the Typology of Urban Areas" with the composition, mandate and operating procedures set forth by Deliberation No 344 of the Council of 8 January 2008, as amended by Law No 22/2008 of 13 May.

**ANNEX F**

**AD-HOC SECTION FOR MONITORING THE 2011 CENSUSES**

1. The composition of the Ad-Hoc Section for monitoring the 2011 Censuses includes permanent members from:

(a) Represented at the Council

- Statistics Portugal
- Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development
- Prime Minister's Office (representation of the High Commissioner for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue)
- Confederation of Portuguese Industry
- Workers' General Union
- General Confederation of Portuguese Workers
- National association of Portuguese municipalities
- Portuguese Consumer Protection Association
- Regional Statistical Office of Azores
- Regional Directorate of Statistics of Madeira

(b) In their capacity as invited entities:

- National Association of Communes
- Entity with delegated powers to produce justice statistics<sup>6</sup>
- Entity with delegated powers to produce labour statistics<sup>7</sup>

1.1. The agendas of this Section's meetings will be made known to the Council members not mentioned in 1 (a), who may participate in the meetings, after having communicated that intent to the Council Secretariat in advance.

2. This Section is responsible for:

(a) Preparing an action plan permitting to monitor activities associated with the implementation of the 2011 Censuses;

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<sup>6</sup> Up to the formalisation of procedures involving the delegation of powers under Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, representatives of entities with delegated powers stemming from Law No 6/89 participate as invited members.

<sup>7</sup> See the previous footnote.

- (b) Appraising and monitoring up to its publication the draft legislation that should govern the implementation of the 2011 Censuses, pursuant to Article 14 of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May;
  - (c) Issuing an opinion on the Action Plan and the Dissemination Plan of the 2011 Censuses;
  - (d) Monitoring activities associated with preparing, implementing, collecting and evaluating the 2011 Censuses;
  - (e) Appraising the final assessment report on the 2011 Censuses prepared by Statistics Portugal within 12 months as of the release of the final results, which should include the quality evaluation of both operations.
3. After completion of the 2011 Censuses, the Chairperson of this Section will prepare a report on the activities carried out by the Section and the respective final findings.
  4. The mandate will be terminated after approval of the report mentioned in the foregoing paragraph.