

**DELIBERATION NO 331 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)
ON THE GENERAL GUIDELINES OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL ACTIVITY AND RELEVANT PRIORITIES
FOR 2008-2012**

Whereas national statistical activity and its development are progressively and greatly restricted by Community commitments within the scope of the 2008-2012 Community Statistical Programme.

Whereas the national requirements of statistical information, namely in new official statistic production areas at the social and environmental level.

Whereas it is particularly important to adopt methodologies referring to the best international practices, as well as to compliance with the deadlines for data availability and access.

Whereas the enhanced coordination and collaboration among the various entities intervening in national statistical production – statistical authorities and other entities – is essential and should be based on cooperation and shared responsibility principles, promoting the efficiency and reputation of the National Statistical System.

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 11 July 2007 **decides to approve**, following a favourable opinion of the *Secção Permanente de Planeamento, Coordenação e Difusão* (Standing Section of Planning, Coordination and Dissemination), the **“Linhas Gerais da Actividade Estatística Nacional, e respectivas prioridades, para o período 2008-2012” (General Guidelines of National Statistical Activity and relevant priorities for the 2008-2012 period)**, in annex to this Deliberation and forming an integral part thereof.

Lisbon, 11 July 2007

The Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Manuel Pedro Cunha da Silva Pereira*

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