

Resolution III

Resolution concerning further work on the International Standard Classification of Occupations

The Seventeenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians,

Having examined the report to the Conference of the International Labour Office's work with classifications,

Recognizing the valuable work that the International Labour Office (ILO) has carried out over the years to develop the current version of the *International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-88)* and to advise on its use as a model for national occupational classifications as well as on their effective and reliable use for statistics and in client-related applications,

Recognizing that some countries have national occupational classifications that differ significantly from *ISCO-88* to well reflect their national circumstances,

Concluding that the basic principles and main structure of *ISCO-88* should not be changed, but that nevertheless modifications are necessary in some areas, both to make improvements in light of experience gained in many countries using *ISCO-88*-based classifications, and as a consequence of developments in the world of work over the last 15 years,

Observing that the custodians of national standard occupational classifications as well as the users of such classifications and of occupational statistics significantly benefit from the technical advisory services that the ILO is uniquely qualified to provide, and

Recalling the request made by the Statistical Commission of the United Nations at its 34th session (March 2003) that the timetable for the revision of *ISCO* should meet the needs of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses;

Requests the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization to:

- (a) ensure that the ILO, as the custodian of the *International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-88)*, will have the capacity to:
 - (1) undertake the research and consultations necessary to formulate the modifications and updates of *ISCO-88* that are necessary to ensure that it can continue to serve as a good model for national occupational classifications to be used for statistics as well as for client-related applications;
 - (2) complete this work not later than the end of 2007 for the results to be taken into account in national preparations for the majority of population censuses that are to be undertaken in the 2010 round;
- (b) develop and implement mechanisms for this work to be done in cooperation and consultation with representatives of custodians of national occupational classifications as well as other experts and interested parties;
- (c) convene an ILO meeting of experts to evaluate and make appropriate recommendations on the results to the Governing Body; and
- (d) ensure that the ILO will have the capacity to provide the technical advisory services that will be needed particularly by the developing countries to ensure that national occupational

classifications can be developed or improved correspondingly and be used effectively and reliably.

