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20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (Geneva, 10-19 October 2018)

“Politesse”,

In accordance with the decision taken by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its 330th Session (June 2017), it is my pleasure to invite your Government to nominate a representative to attend the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), which will be held at the headquarters of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland, from Wednesday, 10 to Friday, 19 October 2018.

The agenda of the Conference, as determined by the Governing Body, is as follows:

- (a) general report on past and planned statistical activities of the ILO since the last ICLS in October 2013;
- (b) revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), which will be presented as a draft resolution for examination and adoption by the Conference;¹ and
- (c) examination of concepts, statistical definitions and measurement methods of issues relevant for decent work, including the indicators identified under ILO’s custodianship in the Global Indicator Framework set up for monitoring the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A report describing the proposed draft resolution will be prepared by the Office in English, French and Spanish.

In accordance with the ICLS Standing Orders, each participating government will be represented at the Conference by a delegate, who may be accompanied by one or more advisers. Governments are urged to nominate experienced statisticians, preferably from National Statistical Offices, who are familiar with labour statistics and are able to contribute fully to the technical discussion of the Conference. In accordance with the decision taken at the 78th Session of the International Labour Conference (1991), the nomination of women statisticians is strongly encouraged. The travel and subsistence expenses of delegations must be covered by their respective governments.

¹ The purpose of this revision is to better reflect the latest trends in labour markets, especially the emergence of non-standard forms of employment, which is one of the key issues being considered under the ILO’s Future of Work Initiative.

I should be grateful if you would communicate, by email (ICLS@ilo.org), the name, title and email address of the Government representative attending the Conference, as well as those of any advisers accompanying the representative, no later than Tuesday, 15 May 2018.

The meeting documents will be sent to your representative in due course and will also be available in English, French and Spanish on the Conference website (www.ilo.org/20thicls). During the Conference, interpretation will be provided in the following seven languages: English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Arabic and Chinese.

Please note that the ILO does not provide participants with insurance coverage for accident or illness while travelling to or from Geneva, nor during the Conference. It is therefore essential that all participants ensure that they have adequate insurance coverage in respect of illness and accident before travelling to Geneva.

Lastly, as the ILO does not provide a hotel reservation service, participants are advised to book a hotel room as soon as possible, either through their country's diplomatic or consular representatives in Switzerland or through the Geneva tourism website. Please also note that any participants requiring an entry visa for Switzerland, which is part of the Schengen area, will need to obtain it in their own country well in advance of their departure.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
For the Director-General:

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