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TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE ILO

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21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians: the Centenary
(Geneva, 11-20 October 2023)

Dear Sir or Madam,

In accordance with the [decision](#) taken by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at its 345th Session (June 2022), it is my pleasure to invite your Government to nominate a representative to attend the 21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), which will be held at the headquarters of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, from **Wednesday, 11 to Friday, 20 October 2023**.

This Conference, held every five years since 1923, is the main forum for labour statistics where Member States discuss relevant recommendations, resolutions and standards and decide on measures to be undertaken. The 21st Session of the ICLS will mark the Centenary of this standard-setting mechanism in the field of labour statistics.

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

- I. General report on past and planned statistical activities of the ILO since the last ICLS in October 2018;
- II. Revision of the standards for statistics on informality;
- III. Examination of concepts, statistical definitions and measurement methods of issues relevant for decent work, including indicators identified under the ILO's custodianship in the Global Indicator Framework set up for monitoring the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; violence and harassment at work; International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-08); international labour migration; child labour; forced labour; and cooperatives.

A report describing the proposed draft resolution regarding statistics on informality 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. Please consult your National Statistical Office or other stakeholders responsible for producing labour statistical data before making

your nominations. In accordance with the decision taken at the 78th Session of the International Labour Conference (1991), the nomination of women statisticians would be particularly welcome. The travel and subsistence expenses of delegations must be covered by their respective governments.

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 **Monday, 15 May 2023**.

The Conference is being held in a fully in-person format. Virtual attendance will be limited to passive participation (viewing and listening only, with no possibility to take the floor). The meeting documents will be available on the [ICLS website](#). During the Conference, interpretation services will be provided in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Lastly, please note that the ILO does not provide any hotel reservations. 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 welcoming your representative(s) to this important event.

Yours faithfully,
For the Director-General:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafael Diez de Medina', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rafael Diez de Medina
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