

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (EUROSTAT)
AND
THE BRAZILIAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND STATISTICS OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

ON STATISTICS-RELATED COOPERATION

THE STATISTICAL OFFICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

hereinafter referred to as “EUROSTAT” which for the purpose of the signature of the present Memorandum of Understanding is represented by Mr. Walter Radermacher, Director General, of the one Part,
and

THE BRAZILIAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND STATISTICS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF (INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DE GEOGRAFIA E ESTATÍSTICA) BRAZIL

hereinafter referred to as IBGE, which for the purpose of the signature of the present Memorandum of Understanding is represented by Mr. Eduardo Pereira Nunes, President, of the other Part:

1. Taking into account the European Parliament and Council Decision No 1578/2007/EC of 11 December 2007 on the 2008-2012 Community Statistical Programme, in which the following statement is made: “Good statistics are essential for assessing the success of development policy. They are needed by developing countries for evidence-based policy-making. Furthermore, in the context of consolidating democracy and the rule of law and that of respecting human rights, statistics are an example of good governance and can help to promote good governance and transparency, provided that appropriate quality standards of statistical production are met and that accessibility and dissemination of official statistics is ensured”;
2. Taking into account the European Commission’s 2007-2013 Regional Strategy and Planning Documents for Latin America;
3. Taking into account the purpose and the objectives of the EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership established in 2007;

The Parties agree the following:

OBJECTIVES

- a) To set up a Dialogue on statistical methods and practices, and the implementation of those practices, and encourage the exchange of experience and best practices in this area in order to enhance mutual understanding and cooperation;
- b) to promote coordination and cooperation in a joint approach to statistics-related matters such as the production of official statistics, the promotion of best practices and the harnessing of appropriate synergies;
- c) to derive mutual benefit from the comparative advantages stemming from each Party’s statistics-related experience and achievements, and

- d) to underpin joint priorities within the strategy for cooperation with
- a. Latin America, specially within the MERCOSUR region,
 - b. the Portuguese-speaking African Countries (PALOP), in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) and the European Union on 7 November 2007 in Lisbon,
 - c. and the world's other developing regions.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The Dialogue will be based on respect for, and mutual understanding of, each Party's structures, remits and institutional and political capacities.

In this connection, efforts will be made to develop and/or enhance (inter alia):

- increased cooperation by means of contact established through attendance at high-level international meetings on topics of mutual interest and at other coordination meetings, and through involvement in ad hoc consultation;
- the coordination within international forums of initiatives on topics of mutual interest;
- the harmonisation of statistics methodologies and improved data comparability;
- the pooling of statistics-related knowledge and experience (something which is fundamental to the establishment of joint strategic priorities);
- promotion of the sound practices which underpin official statistics, and
- an easier exchange of statistics-related information which is of value to both Parties.

RESOURCES

Each Party will bear the costs arising from its participation in the above- mentioned activities.

REVIEW

Any amendment to this Memorandum shall be effected by means of a written agreement signed by both Parties.

DURATION

This Memorandum takes effect from the date of signature by both Parties and covers a five (5) year period. The Parties may renew the Memorandum by mutual agreement and in writing so long as they do so prior to the Memorandum's existing expiry date.

Either of the Parties may terminate the Memorandum on condition that it gives the other Party six (6) months' notice in writing. Except where the Parties provide otherwise, no specific agreement derived from this Memorandum which takes effect prior to the termination of the Memorandum shall be affected by such termination.

FINAL PROVISIONS

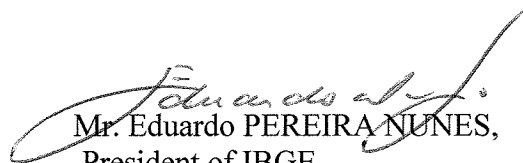
The two Sides will apply the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding on a voluntary basis.

The provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding are not designated to create legal rights or obligations under international law.

Done at Luxembourg, 4 June 2010. Signed in duplicate in English and Portuguese.



Mr. Walter RADERMACHER
Director General of Eurostat



Mr. Eduardo PEREIRA NUNES,
President of IBGE