

Convention 160**CONVENTION CONCERNING LABOUR STATISTICS**

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,  
Having been convened at Geneva by the Governing Body of the International  
Labour Office, and having met in its Seventy-first Session on 7 June 1985,  
and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to the  
revision of the Convention concerning Statistics of Wages and Hours of  
Work, 1938 (No. 63), which is the fifth item on the agenda of the session,  
and

Considering that these proposals should take the form of an international  
Convention,

adopts this twenty-fifth day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and  
eighty-five the following Convention, which may be cited as the Labour Statistics  
Convention, 1985:

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS***Article 1*

Each Member which ratifies this Convention undertakes that it will regularly  
collect, compile and publish basic labour statistics, which shall be progressively  
expanded in accordance with its resources to cover the following subjects:

- (a) economically active population, employment, where relevant unemployment,  
and where possible visible underemployment;
- (b) structure and distribution of the economically active population, for detailed  
analysis and to serve as benchmark data;
- (c) average earnings and hours of work (hours actually worked or hours paid for)  
and, where appropriate, time rates of wages and normal hours of work;
- (d) wage structure and distribution;
- (e) labour cost;
- (f) consumer price indices;
- (g) household expenditure or, where appropriate, family expenditure and, where  
possible, household income or, where appropriate, family income;
- (h) occupational injuries and, as far as possible, occupational diseases; and
- (i) industrial disputes.

*Article 2*

In designing or revising the concepts, definitions and methodology used in the  
collection, compilation and publication of the statistics required under this  
Convention, Members shall take into consideration the latest standards and guide-  
lines established under the auspices of the International Labour Organisation.

*Article 3*

In designing or revising the concepts, definitions and methodology used in the  
collection, compilation and publication of the statistics required under this  
Convention, the representative organisations of employers and workers, where  
they exist, shall be consulted with a view to taking into account their needs and to  
ensuring their co-operation.