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PREFACE

This volume presents the structure and definitions of all groups in the International Standard Classification of Occupations 2008 (ISCO-08). It also includes correspondence tables showing the relationship of these groups with those in the previous version of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-88), which it supersedes. Volume 2 provides an updated and expanded index of occupational titles and associated ISCO-08 and ISCO-88 codes.

ISCO-08 was adopted as a resolution of a tripartite Meeting of Experts on Labour Statistics on updating the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO), held 3–6 December 2007. This meeting was convened by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office (ILO) in accordance with a resolution, in 2003, of the Seventeenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS). The resolution of the Meeting of Experts was endorsed by the Governing Body in March 2008.

ISCO-08, like its predecessors, has been developed to facilitate international comparison of occupational statistics and to serve as a model for countries developing or revising their national occupational classifications. It is fully supported by the international community as an accepted standard for international labour statistics.

The development of ISCO-08 benefited from accumulated national and international experience. David Hunter, of the ILO Department of Statistics, coordinated the project in collaboration with experts from many countries and agencies.

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