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Session 4:
DATA HARMONIZATION

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ILO Department of Statistics: Activities

- Development or revision of international standards on labour statistics: methodological work, International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) – standards setting in form of conventions, resolutions guidelines and recommendations.
- Collection and dissemination of labour market statistics compiled by NSOs publications, and other repositories: Yearbook of Labour Statistics, Internet, etc.
- Capacity building through training, technical assistance and advice (in cooperation with ILO field offices), and provision of methodological manuals.

Ratification

C 160 and R 170 were adopted by the 71st Session of the ILC in June 1985. C 160 came into force in April 1988.

Member state:

- Accepts general obligations of Part I
- Informs ILO of Article or Articles of Part II for which it accepts obligations of Convention
- Informs ILO of any initial limitations of scope of statistics
- (automatically denounces Convention 63)
- Undertakes to report on its application of the Convention to the ILO in accordance with Article 22 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization



Ratifications as at May 2008

Armenia	Denmark	Latvia	San Marino
Australia	El Salvador	Lithuania	Slovakia
Austria	Finland	Mauritius	Spain
Azerbaijan	Germany	Mexico	Sri Lanka
Belarus	Greece	Netherlands	Swaziland
Benin	Guatemala	New Zealand	Sweden
Bolivia	Hungary	Norway	Switzerland
Brazil	India	Panama	Tajikistan
Canada	Ireland	Poland	Ukraine
Colombia	Israel	Portugal	United Kingdom
Cyprus	Italy	Russian Fed.	United States
Costa Rica	Korea, Rep.		
Czech Rep	Kyrgyzstan		
		Total: 48 Countries	



Application

Member state should:

- Comply with obligations accepted at ratification
- Report to ILO on application



Reporting

- Standard report form approved by ILO Governing Body
- First report
 - Detailed information on each of the provisions of the Convention and questions in the report form, including laws and regulations
- Subsequent reports
 - New legislative or other measures affecting the application of the Convention
 - Replies to questions in the report form
 - Replies to comments by supervisory bodies (Committee of Experts or the Conference Committee on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations)



Reporting

- Information on authorities responsible for the statistics covered
- General appreciation of manner in which the Convention is applied
- Reports to be communicated to representative organizations of employers and workers, and observations received from them as well as any comments relating to those observations
- Regular reporting every five years



Objectives

Provisions for:

- ☰ **Primary:** to provide a basic framework within which countries can progressively develop statistical programmes in field of labour
- ☰ **Secondary:** to promote comparability of labour statistics between countries

Convention 160: ratification

Country:

- ☐ agrees to collect, compile and publish statistics on at least one of the nine basic topics, on the understanding that other topics will be covered progressively
- ☐ can restrict coverage of a topic to certain categories of workers, sectors, economic activities or geographic areas

Convention 160

**Statistical Infrastructure underlying production of labour statistics
(*inherent - need for independence and integrity of producing agency*)**

Convention: for all topics:

- Account to be taken of latest ILO standards and guidelines (ICLS resolutions, ILO conventions, etc.)
- Consultations with representative organizations of employers and of workers
- Protection of confidentiality of data
- Publication of the statistics at the national level, and communication to the ILO
- Publication of up-to-date methodological information about the statistics and communication to the ILO

Recommendation 170

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Recommendation: for all topics:

- Comprehensive and up-to-date register of establishments
- Coordinated system for implementation of surveys or censuses of establishment
- Capacity for implementation of continuous and coordinated series of household surveys
- Access to administrative records for statistical purposes
- National standard classifications, used by all agencies
- Harmonization of statistics compiled from different sources and by different agencies
- National concepts, definitions and methodology reviewed when new or revised international standards adopted



Thank you for your attention!