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signed by Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director

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to: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European  
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the International Standard Classification of Education ISCED in relation to the  
variables and breakdowns to be submitted

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(Text with EEA relevance)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has revised the version of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) used hitherto. The new version, ISCED 2011, was adopted by the UNESCO Member States at their 36th General Conference in November 2011 with the objective of ensuring that it is consistent with developments in the policies and structures of education and training.

The need for international comparability of educational statistics requires the Member States and the EU institutions to use classifications of education which are compatible with the revised International Standard Classification of Education ISCED 2011.

### **2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT**

The Working Group on tourism statistics was consulted in June 2012.

### **3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT**

The objective of this delegated act is to ensure international comparability of educational statistics, by maintaining consistency with the revised International Standard Classification of Education ISCED 2011.

This Commission delegated act amends Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 692/2011. The delegated act has no implications for the EU budget.

The delegated act concerns an EEA matter and should therefore extend to the European Economic Area.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2011 concerning European statistics on tourism and repealing Council Directive 95/57/EC<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 3(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The introduction of an updated classification system is central to the Commission's ongoing efforts to maintain the relevance of European statistics, by taking into account developments and changes in the area of education.
- (2) The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has revised the version of the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) used hitherto (ISCED 1997) with the objective of ensuring that it is consistent with developments in the policies and structures of education and training.
- (3) Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 692/2011 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 692/2011 is amended as follows:

- (1) Section 1 is amended as follows:
  - (a) In Socio-demographic breakdowns, Part A, '3. [optional] Educational level' is replaced by '3. [optional] Educational attainment level';

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 192, 6.7.2011, p. 17.

- (b) In Socio-demographic breakdowns, Part B, ‘3. [optional] Educational level’ is replaced by ‘3. [optional] Educational attainment level’;
  - (c) In point (3) of Part C, ‘*Educational level*: lower (ISCED 0, 1 or 2), middle (ISCED 3 or 4), higher (ISCED 5 or 6).’ is replaced by ‘*Educational attainment level*: at most lower secondary, upper secondary and post-secondary (non-tertiary), tertiary.’
- (2) Section 2, Part A is amended as follows:
- (a) In Variables, row 23, ‘[Optional] Profile of the visitor: educational level’ is replaced by ‘[Optional] Profile of the visitor: educational attainment level’;
  - (b) In Categories to be transmitted, row 23 ‘
    - (a) Lower (ISCED 0, 1 or 2)
    - (b) Middle (ISCED 3 or 4)
    - (c) Higher (ISCED 5 or 6)’ are replaced by the following: ‘
      - (a) At most lower secondary
      - (b) Upper secondary and post-secondary (non-tertiary)
      - (c) Tertiary’
- (3) Section 3 is amended as follows:
- (a) In Socio-demographic breakdowns, Part A, ‘3. Educational level’ is replaced by ‘3. Educational attainment level’;
  - (b) In Socio-demographic breakdowns, Part B, ‘3. Educational level’ is replaced by ‘3. Educational attainment level’.

## *Article 2*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2014.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 15.1.2013

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*José Manuel BARROSO*