## **Commitment on Confidence in Statistics**

## On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 the Government of Ireland:

- Conscious of the contents of the Statistics Act 1993 and EU Regulation No. 223/2009 on European Statistics;
- Acknowledges the importance of independent, objective and reliable statistics as a public good;
- Recognises the role of official statistics in informing effective debate and decision making across Government, business and society;
- Values the role that the National Statistics Board provides in giving strategic direction to the Irish Statistical System;

## **Reconfirms its commitment:**

- To respect the international principles for the collection, compilation and dissemination of official statistics;
- To continue to guarantee the independence of the Central Statistics Office and the National Statistics Board;
- To support the Central Statistics Office in taking the necessary measures to ensure compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice;
- To the development of the broader Irish Statistical System under the direction of the Central Statistics Office.