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Following the request made by the Statistical Commission of the United Nations at its 34th session in March 2003 that the timetable for revision of the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO) should meet the needs of the 2010 round of population and housing census, a tripartite meeting of experts on labour statistics met in Geneva in December 2007. The aim of the meeting was to update the Standards agreed in 1988 (ISCO-88) by adopting a resolution on 6 December 2007 to update the previous document (ISCO-08).

This work reflects the basic principles of the ten major groups listed. Group Two identifies professionals and Group Three technicians and associate professionals.

Physiotherapists have been moved from technicians and associate professionals into the professional section and are now listed under sub-heading 226, Other Health Professionals at 226.4 physiotherapists.

This excellent move supports the efforts to raise the profile of the profession internationally, listing it with other recognised professionals within the health sector – including medicine and dentistry, and underpins the gain in social recognition of the status and standing of physiotherapy as a profession.