

Progress in the review/revision of current
recommendations on international migration statistics

Note by the Statistical Division

1. The United Nations Statistical Commission, at its twenty-seventh session, requested the review/revision of the current recommendations on international migration statistics as contained in the publication Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration (Series M, No. 58, 1980). Pursuant to the above request, it is planned, jointly by the Statistical Division of the United Nations and the Statistical Office of the European Communities, to hold an Expert Group Meeting on International Migration Statistics. The meeting is scheduled to take place in New York from 10 to 14 July 1995. The reports and working language of the meeting will be only in English.
2. The objectives of the Expert Group Meeting are:
 - (a) to review the problems and issues in the implementation of current United Nations recommendations by countries around the world;
 - (b) to examine a draft report containing proposals for modification of current concepts and definitions concerning the migrant flow statistics and stock data;
 - (c) to develop standard procedures and recommendations in regard to collecting statistics on refugees and asylum-seekers;
 - (d) to recommend a set of common tabulations for exchange among countries and organizations; and
 - (e) to propose ways of harmonizing related flow statistics of international population movements including international tourists, border workers, nomads, diplomatic personnel and so on.
3. Reflecting above-mentioned objectives, the Expert Group will have before it the following provisional agenda. It will be attended by nearly twenty experts from countries around the world. In addition, representatives from interested organizations are expected to participate in the meeting.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Welcome addresses
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Problems and issues in the implementation of the current United Nations recommendations on statistics of international migration
5. Draft revision of the recommendations of international migration statistics
 - (a) Concepts and definitions concerning flow statistics of migrants
 - (b) Concepts and definitions concerning stock data on migrants
 - (c) Characteristics of migrants (flow and stock data)
6. Draft recommendations on asylum-seekers and refugee statistics
 - (a) Definitions and procedures concerning statistics on asylum-seekers
 - (b) Definitions and procedures concerning statistics on refugees
 - (c) Characteristics of asylum-seekers and refugees
7. Proposed standard tabulations and database for dissemination
8. Future work and support needed for implementation of revised recommendations
9. Other business
10. Adoption of the report of the meeting