Results of the AEG e-discussion on Non-permanent workers

Introduction

1. Non-permanent workers have become increasingly important with the advent of globalization. The 1993 SNA and the BPM5 frameworks do not deal with the issue of nonpermanent workers. The Technical Sub-group on the Movement of Persons – Mode 4 has discussed extensively ways to include non-permanent workers in the frameworks. However, the TSG found it difficult to define the universe of non-permanent workers and recommended not to deal with the concept within the core 1993 SNA and BOP frameworks. The TSG examined the definition of BPM5 transactions related to the movement of persons and recommended: (a) eliminating the concept of "migrant" from the BOP and SNA frameworks and using exclusively the concept of resident; (b) replacing the BPM5 component "workers' remittances" with the component "personal transfers" to bring the BOP transaction in line with the 1993 SNA item "household transfers"; and (c) introducing two new BOP components, namely "personal remittances" and "institutional remittances", to meet users' needs. The above recommendations will eliminate the concept of migrant and bring the BOP components related to remittances in line with the 1993 SNA. They will bear no impact on the 1993 SNA transactions or aggregates. The TSG recommendations on remittances provided in paper SNA/M1.05/15.1 were also submitted to BOPCOM for decision at its meeting in June 2005.

Response of AEG members to the issue of non-permanent workers

Question	Yes	No	No response
Does the AEG agree with the TSG recommendation of eliminating the concept of migrant from the 1993 SNA Rev.1?			

Conclusion

2 The consultation shows that all the AEG members participating support the recommendations on non-permanent worker.