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Statement provided by:

CARICOM (on behalf of Dominica and other CARICOM countries)

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Dominica on behalf of Dominica and other CARICOM countries:

Recognizes and appreciates the work carried out by the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Statistics on the improvement of migration statistics, which will encourage the region to continue strengthening collaboration with its stakeholders in advancing the production and dissemination of migration statistics.

Endorses the revised conceptual framework on international migration and mobility and the accompanying definitions as the core elements for the revision of the Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, which should feed into the introduction of the Population Policy (currently being developed in the case of Dominica).

Notes that the CARICOM member countries have agreed on a list of core CARICOM SDG indicators, as other regions have likely also done based on their regional contexts. The indicators can therefore be disaggregated by migratory status (with relevance/necessity to national context). Migration is a globally crosscutting issue and essential in our societies. CARICOM members, as UN members, have also agreed on the Global Compact for Migration. Objectives relevant to the CARICOM region specifically relate to data, skill recognition (CSME), return and reintegration, migrant and diaspora contribution, remittances and financial inclusion, border management, basic services, and trafficking in persons.

Requests that workshops/training (remote, considering the COVID-19 pandemic) be provided in the use of administrative registers, non-traditional sources of migration data, and improvement of migration data/statistics, as noted in the capacity development and global programme on migration statistics, as activities of the UN Statistical Division and the Expert Group. There is a need for Member States to strengthen their systems of collection, management, compilation and use of migration statistics in a holistic manner. This is especially important to the CARICOM region, which is greatly impacted by the effects of climate change.

Welcomes the sharing of the standard set of migration questions that can be included in national censuses and surveys that were developed as part of the UNSC capacity development initiative.

Notes that the region will continue to promote the migration data needs for policymaking through the various statistical frameworks, such as National Accounts, Balance of Payments, Tourism, Labour Force and the Population and Housing Census.

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Requests the sharing of information, specifically related to the Caribbean region, that was collected using the assessment toolkit to assess the availability of migration data in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

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