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UN ESCAP is a regional intergovernmental platform with 53 Member States and 9 associate members, or over 30% of countries worldwide. In 2020, 60% of the estimated 7.8 billion people globally were in the Asia-Pacific region. The region is also home to 97 of the 100 most air-polluted cities and 5 of the 10 countries most vulnerable to climate change.

The Bureau of the Asia-Pacific Committee on Statistics WELCOMES the report of the Secretary-General on migration statistics and THANKS the UN Statistics Division and the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics for a productive two years despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We NOTE the importance of updating the recommendations on migration statistics, with the last revision being from 1998 and COMMEND the Expert Group on its work, especially in the context of the demands of both the Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

We CALL ON the Group to ensure that the conceptual framework and its accompanying definitions are attuned to the needs of member States who are tasked with reporting these statistics and to support member States to ensure capacity for harmonized reporting on migration statistics. Attention should be paid to the different legal and policy environments and to the complexity of the framework, especially in light of the diversity of statistical capacity and capability in countries.

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