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<i>Statement provided by:</i> ESCWA Statistical Committee	
<i>Statement:</i> ESCWA countries support the development of core and additional indicators that was initiated by the Expert Group on migration statistics. The also agree to the approval of the revised conceptual framework on international migration. Previous revisions of the Recommendations on Statistics on International Migration could never be fully implemented even in the most advanced national and regional statistical systems. Therefore, in the upcoming revision of the Recommendations, it is important to have a continued validation of whether these can be practically implemented in most of the national statistical systems. ESCWA countries emphasize the importance of harmonisation of concepts, while allowing for reflecting the local situations. Migration data are important for national policy making. Regions and subregions need to set the duration limits for short and long term migration according to their local context. The capacity development in migration statistics should focus practical issues of the use of registers and alternative sources (big data) for migration statistics	
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