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Statement:
At its 50th session, the Statistical Commission requested that the definitions and concepts related to migration be standardized and harmonized, that these concepts be adapted to the statistical information needs of the countries. It is important to consider that migration statistics are relevant to estimate populations and understand demographic and social changes. The countries need to develop their capacity to measure migration statistics through the use of administrative records with statistical potential, integration of data from different sources, as well as the active participation of national actors in migration issues. Among the issues that should be strengthened we have labor migration, irregular migration and also the variables that allow for broader and more specific analyzes that provide the State with tools to generate public policies focused on minority groups in a condition of human mobility. The Working Group has reviewed the previous conceptual framework, now the concept of migration and international mobility is considered, as well as migratory flows with the measurement of the population stock, these edges are relevant and contribute to the precision of the population projections. A very important point of the proposed conceptual framework is to highlight the difference between the concepts of migration and international mobility. International mobility includes all movements across borders in a given period, while international migration is defined as the change of country of residence. Definitions of non-resident population, temporary mobility, daily trips, tourism displacement, resident population and temporary population are also considered. On the other hand, the Group of Experts on Migration Statistics works on the elaboration of basic concepts and indicators on migration and international mobility. Also, it works on a technical document, this is a tool that will help countries to produce disaggregated data using micro and big data techniques, and on data integration. In this same sense, they support the development of capacity to improve the collection and use of migration data in the countries, within the framework of the 2030 Agenda and the Global Compact for Migration.

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