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Finland

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Statement:

In general, Finland supports the recommendations for new standards related to international migration. The proposed new elements, as implemented to the statistics, would greatly improve the usability of the data.

However, as

it comes to the harmonization of definitions between the UN population and housing statistics standards and the proposed framework on international migration and mobility, both standards have an explicit focus on primary data sources such as household surveys.

The statistical systems more and more rely on the use of administrative sources for censuses and migration statistics. Some of the population-related definitions in the proposed standard are virtually impossible to implement as such to administrative systems. Therefore, the framework should be re-assessed so that the standard also takes into the account the use of administrative data as a source.

With this exception, Finland supports the revised conceptual framework on international migration and mobility.

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