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Statement:
ILO welcomes the progress made to update the UN Recommendations on statistics of international
migration, in particular, the expansion of the framework to more explicitly outline the relationship
between the concepts of international mobility, international migration, and international temporary
mobility. In particular, introduction of the concept of "Temporary (non-resident) population, to
measure temporary population mobility" is an important progress, which will enable mapping to the
concept of "non-resident foreign workers" defined in the paragraph 14/b of the Guidelines
concerning statistics of international labour migration adopted by the 20th ICLS in 2018. ILO
welcomes the opportunity to further collaborate with UNSD to continue to enhance the coherence
between the proposed revised UN recommendations and the ICLS guidelines on international labour
migration statistics, particularly with respect to terminology, recommended core and additional topics
and indicators to be defined, standard set of migration and mobility questions for census and surveys,
and related guidance. ILO further recognizes the importance of a Global programme on migration
statistics to improve the availability of statistics on international migration and international
temporary mobility, as called for in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and
stands ready to contribute as part of its programme of work to improve the global availability of
statistics on international migrant workers.

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