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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Islamic Republic of Iran	
<i>Statement:</i> This statement is delivered by the Statistical Centre of Iran. Para 31-Page No. 7-16 This part of paragraph should be edited in this way: “Those persons residing in the country more than at least a given time, but they don’t have any visas or migration documents, if they are not going to be deported from the country, for statistical purposes, they should be included as a part of the resident population in the country”. Needed revisions: At the end of this paragraph, it is mentioned that immigrants lacking any visas or legal migration documents, should be included as a part of the resident population of that country. Although, this matter is not wrong, but it is not compatible with register-based censuses because illegal immigrants are not principally considered in these kinds of censuses. They are identified when arrested by legal authorities and they are soon deported from the country, In this case, a register-based census takes into account the persons as part of the population who are going to be deported from the country and put aside from the population of that country. Annex1, Immigrant population (stock)- Pages 13 &14/16- Persons who are born in the country and have national citizenship are not considered part of the immigrant population, although they can be considered (recent) immigrants or part of the immigration flow if they returned and changed their country of residence (UN Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, see paragraphs 47-51). In this case, a person is included in the flow of migration, but he/she is not included in the immigrant populations (stocks); accordingly, there is an incoordination between the immigration flows and immigrant populations (stocks). In measuring periodical migration, all persons who have changed their country of residence during a specified period, regardless of their place of birth or citizenship, should be included in both the immigration flows and immigrant populations (stocks).	
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