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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Central Statistical Bureau of Latvia	
<i>Statement:</i> Latvia notes and appreciates work carried out by the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Migration Statistics with a view of improvement of migration statistics. Latvia considers that Global Consultation is a good starting point for the revision of the Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration. Proposed conceptual framework seems to cover important aspects, however, Latvia considers that it should give a thought to impact COVID-19 pandemic and developments in general, that raise the use of administrative data sources to measure, for example, number of migrants and their demographic characteristics. What regards capturing international mobility (movements shorter than 12 months) in regions where free movements exist, it is hardly possible with information from administrative sources and can be better estimated, for example, with border crossings survey data.	
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