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Statement:

Malta takes note of the work carried out by the Statistics Division and the Expert Group on Migration Statistics regarding its proposed updates to its conceptual framework on migration statistics.

Malta produces all migration statistical outputs based on the methodological concepts and definitions outlined by Eurostat. The concept of usual residence is therefore applied to produce international migration flow estimates and stock estimates in line with the requirements in the relevant EU regulations. Malta supports any efforts to ensure consistency between the concepts of international migrant flows and stocks which is in line with present methods applied within the Eurostat framework of demography. At present, Malta only produces statistics based on the usual resident population, and is not in a position to provide estimates of the temporary non-resident population and its proposed breakdowns as defined in the updated conceptual framework.

Malta encourages the Statistics Division and Expert Group on Migration Statistics to remain informed upon developments currently being undertaken by Eurostat with regards to the ongoing work on the new framework regulation on post-2021 population statistics (ESOP) which, amongst others, is reviewing essential components of population statistics such as the definition for of the population and the future of censuses and census type data.

Furthermore, it is essential that before the articulation of data needs with regards to policy, it is important to understand the national data structure present including data availability, quality and coverage. The ever increasing demands of policy makers with respect to migration statistics will only be met if all stakeholders in the data collection process acknowledge their role and responsibilities to ensure that data is of high quality, consistent and timely.

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