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The Netherlands acknowledges the need to update the conceptual framework on international migration and mobility with accompanying definitions in the context of revising the Recommendations. We welcome most of the revisions especially more feasible definitions (on for instance usual residence population and international migrants), the clear distinction that is made between international migration and international mobility and the reconciliation of foreign-born/native-born populations, foreign citizens/national citizens and their international migration flows.

However, as stated in the joint Statement of The Netherlands, Denmark, Finland and Germany, the proposed recommendations on "Alignment of migration flows with resident population change" are not supported as it does not match with the system of a register-country. It is impossible for Statistics Netherlands to provide information on the usual residence population according to the 12 months criterion. The consequence would be that the Netherlands should have to keep a separate population register together with the population register for our national statistics which is of course too much of a burden.

With this exception, that the alignment will not be put into force, the Netherlands endorses the proposed revised conceptual framework on international migration and mobility as a successful update of the 1998 UN Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and thanks all parties involved in its compilation.

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