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**Statement provided by:**
The Netherlands also on behalf of Denmark, Finland and Germany

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**Statement:**
This joint statement is delivered by Denmark, Finland, Germany and The Netherlands and is restricted to the proposed recommendations on "Alignment of migration flows with resident population change". The countries listed may have delivered an additional country statement.

The recommendations on "Alignment of migration flows with resident population change" pose fundamental problems for countries using registers for statistical production and therefore we can not support it. In general, the statistical standards and recommendations should be generic enough to allow the use of different data sources.

With this exception, that the alignment will not be put into force, the proposed revised conceptual framework on international migration and mobility can be endorsed as a successful update of the 1998 UN Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration.

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