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**Statement:**

Portugal welcomes and generally supports the new framework on international migrations that, in our view, improves and simplifies the 1998 revision.

We support, in particular, the use of country of residence definition in accordance with the usual residence as recommended for Population and Housing Censuses, the direct link between this concept and the definition of international migrants and the coherence between migratory flows and population stocks.

As the proposed definition of resident population is based on duration-of-stay criteria (optional: 6 months or 12 months), as used in the Population and Housing Censuses, the main concern that we would like to underline is how to apply these criteria when working with administrative data. As it is known, the administrative residence concept is not the same used in the Population and Housing Censuses. A wide debate on resident population definition for the purpose of measuring resident population through administrative sources has been taking place between Eurostat and all EU Member States, in order to establish a definition that serves both census and housing surveys, and administrative data. Another question that arises is the possibility of some lack of international comparability when in presence of the two duration-of-stay criteria.

Finally, and regarding the inclusion in the framework of the temporary international mobility, we think that further conceptual and methodological in-depth work should be envisaged.

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