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Russian Federation

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The Russian Federation highly appreciates the efforts of the UN Statistical Commission in the field of migration statistics and its improvement in different regions and countries of the world.

We endorse the main provisions of the report related to the work of the Expert Group on the revision of the Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and provision of guidance on the plans and priorities of the UN Statistics Division and the Expert Group, including the development of a set of recommended topics and indicators for international migration and mobility in the context of the framework of indicators on international migration and mobility.

The Russian Federation supports the initiative to update recommendations on international migration statistics, taking into account the growing demand for relevant data, substantive revision of the conceptual framework in this statistics area (including definitions) and emergence of new types of mobility.

We propose to consider the possibility to incorporate into the new recommendations the relevant provisions of UN frameworks, such as the International recommendations on refugee statistics, the new ILO guidelines on international labour migration.

The Russian Federation notes the work conducted by the Statistical Division and the Expert Group on the improvement of migration statistics. We endorse the revised conceptual framework on international migration and mobility and accompanying definitions as the core elements for the upcoming revision of the Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration.

We encourage international migration and mobility statistics to be in line with the system of indicator framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Compact on Migration.

We approve the new mobility classification including migration with a residence change within it. We also agree on the definition of resident population in the recommendations of migration statistics.

The Russian Federation notes the need to measure the flows and stocks of temporary migration (as well as the concept of a temporary population in general) specifying that implementation of the proposed approaches in practice can cause considerable difficulties due to the lack of necessary measurement tools and appropriate accounting systems in many countries.

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