

Terms of Reference of the Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics

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III. Membership

9. The Friends of the Chair Group on Social and Demographic Statistics is composed of Member States. Observers can include United Nations agencies and non-United Nations agencies.

10. Members of the Group include chief statisticians from Bhutan, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ghana, Indonesia, Jordan, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, Poland, Rwanda, South Africa, the United Kingdom and Uruguay. Observers include independent expert Gabriella Vukovich and representatives from the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), and World Health Organization (WHO). Members and observers are committed to actively contribute to the work of the FoC Group. Additional country representatives and international organizations may join the Group. The membership may be increased or decreased as the exigencies of the work require.

11. The co-Chairs of the Group are Lithuania and Mexico.

12. The co-Chairs, in collaboration with the Secretariat, propose the Programme of Work of the Group and chair the meetings of the Group. Co-chairs also represent the Group in strategic meetings or discussions whenever its members consider it necessary, and can invite, after consultation and in agreement with the members, observers to participate in the work of the Group.

13. The Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs serves as the Secretariat of the Friends of the Chair Group. The Division, in close consultation with the co-Chairs, coordinates the overall work of the Group, organises regular meetings, prepares and maintains records of discussions and agreements, hosts and keeps an up-to-date website for the Group, prepares the reports to the Statistical Commission and liaises with the secretariats of other Groups.