The purpose of this Handbook on the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems: Preparation of a Legal Framework is to present a method for developing an appropriate legal framework for a national civil registration system that highlights its statistical function and its role in the national vital statistics programme. The goal is to assist countries by providing them with the necessary elements and a procedure for preparing an organic civil registration law which ensures that all vital events and records affecting civil status occurring in a given country are recorded within the statutory time limits, while complying faithfully with the established rules. The Handbook was prepared as part of the International Programme for Accelerating the Improvement of Vital Statistics and Civil Registration Systems.

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