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Group of Experts on Migration Statistics

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Report of the meeting

I. Attendance

1. The meeting of the UNECE Group of Experts on Migration Statistics was held on 7 and 8 May 2024 in Geneva at the Palais des Nations.
2. The meeting was attended by participants from the following countries and organizations: Armenia; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium; Canada; Georgia; Germany; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Latvia; Luxembourg; Mexico; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Republic of Moldova; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Switzerland; Tajikistan; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America; Uzbekistan; European Union; International Organization for Migration (IOM); United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK); Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS-STAT); Stiftelsen Flowminder; Lomonosov Moscow State University and Sapienza University of Rome. There were 71 participants.
3. The attendance of many participants was supported financially by UNHCR and IOM.

II. Organization of the meeting

4. Cinzia Conti of Italy chaired the meeting.
5. The following substantive topics were discussed at the meeting:
 - a) Statistics on refugees, internally displaced persons, and statelessness
 - b) Measuring new forms of international migration
 - c) Measuring undocumented migration
 - d) Measuring emigration
 - e) Improvements in use of administrative data for migration statistics
 - f) Results on migration from the 2020 population census round
 - g) Future CES work on migration statistics
6. Discussions were prepared and led for topic *d* by Cathal Doherty, Ireland; for topic *e* by Johanna Probst, Switzerland; and for topic *f* by Aurelia Spataru, Republic of Moldova.

7. The presented documents and slides are available on [the web page of the meeting](#).

III. Future work

8. Participants appreciated the exchange of experience and good practice that took place at the meeting. The meeting acknowledged the progress made by the Task Force on Measuring Emigration and the Task Force on Defining and Measuring New Forms of International Migration.

9. On future international work on population statistics under the Conference of European Statisticians, participants welcomed the proposed integration of the Group of Experts on Population and Housing Censuses and the Group of Experts on Migration Statistics into a Group of Experts on Population and Migration Statistics. The work of the integrated group is expected to cover, among others, issues related to all types of population censuses, supplementary population bases and migration statistics, and to improve the use of administrative data for population and migration statistics.

10. Participants took note that a room and interpretation for the meeting of the Group of Experts on Population and Migration Statistics are reserved at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 15 to 17 October 2025.

IV. Adoption of the meeting report

11. The meeting adopted parts I–III of this report before adjourning. A summary of the discussion in the substantive sessions of the meeting will be presented in an annex to this report, to be prepared by the Secretariat after the meeting.
