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Summary of national experiences with the implementation of the 1997 UN Recommendations on International Migration Statistics

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1.   The participants at the last joint ECE-Eurostat-ESCWA joint meeting on migration statistics (Geneva, 8-10 May 2000) discussed the possibilities of implementation of the 1997 UN Recommendations on the basis of reports prepared by a small number of countries that had participated in a Task Force, which was established to look into issues associated with the implementation of the new set of UN Recommendations (a summary of these reports was issued as CES/SEM.42/2/Add.1 and Add.2). They agreed that it would be useful if other countries would prepare a similar type of report for the 2001 ECE-Eurostat meeting on migration statistics.

2.   In November 2000 the ECE Secretariat sent a letter to ECE countries requesting them to prepare reports as suggested at the May 2000 meeting on migration statistics. Twenty-one countries replied and provided the requested information. These responses are summarised in Tables 1-3 of this note, together with relevant information from papers prepared for the May 2000 Meeting, and it covers 25 countries. The list of countries included in this summary is provided in Table 4.

3.   Participants are encouraged to consult addenda 1-21 to Working Paper No. 2for additional and more detailed information on how the countries responded to the circular letter..

Structure of the tables

4.   The summary consists of three tables – migration inflow, migration outflow and stock of migrants. For each category required according to the UN Recommendations, ISO codes for countries that can supply data for the category concerned are indicated. These three tables correspond to the questionnaire prepared by the Task Force for the May 2000 meeting.

5.   In its circular letter the ECE Secretariat suggested to the national statistical offices that the document that the United Kingdom prepared for the May 2000 meeting (CES//SEM.42/16) should be used as a standard pattern for responding. Most countries followed the suggested structure and pattern. However, a few countries used another structure in their report, and for these countries the ECE Secretariat transformed their information into the standard pattern.

Quality assessment

6.   Ordinarily if a country code is included in a table cell, a good data quality was reported (or implied). The utilisation of symbols "*" and "**" next to the country code indicates data of medium or low quality, for the category of migration concerned. This quality assessment is based on the information provided by countries. Countries themselves indicated the data quality. For other countries, the ECE Secretariat used the text of country reports to indicate the quality (for example, if countries indicated that the coverage was not full with respect to all migrants or with respect to the access to the historical data). This is the case mainly for the migration stock data.

Possible follow-up

7.   Participants at the meeting are invited to correct the overview tables where necessary and to finalise the summary by incorporating comments or notes in them. Other countries, not specifically mentioned in the tables, may be added, where possible.

8.   Participants at the meeting are also invited to identify and suggest possible ways of encouraging a larger number of countries in the ECE region and elsewhere to comply with the 1997 UN Recommendations on International Migration Statistics.

Table.1 MIGRATION INFLOWS - ARRIVALS

	Short-term migration			Long-migration			Total-migration		
	Citizens	Non-citizens	Total	Citizens	Non-citizens	Total	Citizens	Non-citizens	Total
Entry linked to education and training	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR	BGR CAN* CHE BLR CZE GBR* ISR ITA NLD NOR ROM SWE**	BGR CYP* GBR* ROM	BGR** CYP* CZE** GBR* LVA NOR	BGR CHE BLR CYP* CZE GBR* ISR ITA LVA NLD NOR ROM TKM SWE*	BGR CYP* CZE GBR* LVA ROM	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR	BGR CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ISR ITA NLD NOR ROM SVN AZE SWE**	BGR CYP* GBR* ROM
Entry linked to employment	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR	BEL* BGR CAN* BLR CZE GBR* ISR ITA NLD NOR ROM SWE**	BGR CYP* GBR* ROM	BGR** CYP* CZE** GBR* LVA NOR	BGR CHE BLR CYP* CZE GBR* ISR ITA LVA NLD NOR ROM TKM SWE*	BGR CYP* CZE GBR* LVA ROM	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR	BGR CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ISR ITA NLD NOR ROM SVN AZE RUS SWE**	BGR CYP* GBR* ROM
Entry of international civil servants	NOR	CZE CHE* ISR ITA NOR	CHE*	NOR	CHE* ISR NOR	CHE*	NOR	CZE CHE* ISR NOR	CHE*
Entry with free establishements	GBR* NOR	BLR* GBR* NOR	GBR*	CZE** GBR* NOR	BLR* CZE GBR* ISR NOR SWE*	CZE GBR*	GBR* NOR	GBR* ISR NOR	GBR*
Entry for settlement	GBR* NOR	BGR CHE GBR* ITA ROM	BGR GBR* ROM	CZE** GBR* NOR	BGR CAN CHE CZE GBR* ISR NOR ROM TKM	BGR CHE* CZE GBR* ROM	GBR* NOR	BGR CHE GBR* ISR ITA NOR ROM SVN AZE RUS	BGR GBR* ROM
Entry inked to family reunification or family formation	CYP* GBR* NOR	BGR CHE BLR CZE GBR* ITA NLD NOR SWE	BGR CYP* GBR*	CYP* CZE** GBR* LVA NOR	BGR CAN CHE BLR CY P* CZE GBR* ISR ITA LVA NLD NOR SWE	BGR CYP* CZE GBR* LVA	CYP* GBR* NOR	BGR CHE CYP* GBR* ISR ITA NLD NOR SVN	BGR CYP* GBR*
Entry to seek asylum		BEL* BGR CAN CHE BLR CYP CZE GBR ITA NLD NOR ROM SWE	BEL BGR CHE CYP CZE GBR ROM		BGR CHE BLR CYP CZE FIN GBR ISR ITA LVA NLD NOR ROM SWE*	BGR CHE CYP FIN GBR LVA ROM		BGR CHE CYP CZE IRL GBR ISR ITA LUX** NLD NOR ROM SVN	BGR CHE CYP IRL GBR LUX** ROM
Other entries	GBR*	CAN* CHE** CZE GBR* ITA ROM*	GBR* ROM*	CZE GBR*	CAN CZE FIN GBR* ITA ROM* SWE	FIN GBR* ROM*	GBR*	CZE GBR* ITA ROM* SVN	GBR* ROM*
TOTAL	DNK* ISR KAZ* SVN	DNK* CAN ISR ITA KAZ* TKM**	DNK* ISR KAZ*	DNK* FIN IRL ISR KAZ LVA SVN SWE	CAN DNK* FIN IRL ISR ITA KAZ LVA TKM SWE	DNK* FIN IRL ISR KAZ LVA SWE	BEL CHE DNK ISR ITA KAZ LUX** NOR SVN	BEL DNK ISR ITA KAZ LUX** MKD NLD NOR SVN TKM** AZE RUS	BEL DNK ISR ITA KAZ LUX** NOR SVN

* medium quality

** low quality

Table 2. MIGRATION OUTFLOWS - DEPARTURES

	Short-term migration			Long-migration			Total-migration		
	Citizens	Non-citizens	Total	Citizens	Non-citizens	Total	Citizens	Non-citizens	Total
Departure linked to education and training	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR ROM** SWE**	BGR** CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ISR NOR	BGR** CYP* GBR* ROM**	BGR** CYP* CZE** GBR* ISR NOR ROM** SWE**	BGR** CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ISR NOR	BGR** CYP* CZE GBR* ROM**	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR ROM**	BGR** CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ITA NOR	BGR** CYP* GBR* ROM**
Departure linked to employment	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR ROM	BGR** CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ISR NOR	BGR** CYP* GBR* ROM	BGR** CYP* CZE** GBR* NOR ROM	BGR** CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ISR NOR	BGR** CYP* CZE GBR* ROM	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR ROM	BGR** CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ITA NOR	BGR** CYP* GBR* ROM
Departure of international civil servants	NOR	CZE CHE* ISR NOR	CHE*	NOR	CHE* ISR NOR	CHE*	NOR	CHE* NOR	CHE*
Departure with free establishements	GBR* NOR	CHE CZE GBR* NOR	GBR*	GBR* NOR	GBR* NOR	GBR*	GBR* NOR	GBR* NOR	GBR*
Departure fo settlement	BGR** GBR* NOR	CZE GBR* NOR	GBR*	CZE** GBR* NOR ROM	CHE CZE GBR* NOR	GBR* ROM	GBR* NOR ROM	CHE GBR* ITA NOR	GBR* ROM
Departure inked to family reunification or family formation	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR	BGR** CHE CYP* CZE GBR* NOR	BGR** CYP* GBR*	BGR** CYP* CZE** GBR* NOR	BGR** CHE CYP* CZE GBR* NOR	BGR** CYP* CZE GBR*	BGR** CYP* GBR* NOR	BGR** CHE CYP* GBR* ITA NOR	BGR** CYP* GBR*
Departure of formers asylum seeker	BGR** GBR**	BGR** CHE CZE GBR** ROM*	BGR** CHE GBR** ROM*	BGR** GBR**	BGR** CHE CZE GBR** ROM*	BGR** CHE GBR** ROM*	BGR** GBR**	BGR** CHE CZE GBR** ITA LUX** ROM*	BGR** CHE GBR** LUX** ROM*
Other departures	GBR* ROM**	CZE GBR* ISR	GBR* ROM**	GBR* ROM**	CZE GBR* ISR	GBR* ROM**	GBR* ROM**	CZE GBR* ISR ITA	GBR* ISR ROM**
TOTAL	DNK* ISR KAZ* SVN	DNK* ISR KAZ* TKM**	DNK* ISR KAZ*	DNK* FIN IRL ISR KAZ LVA* SVN SWE	DNK* FIN IRL ISR KAZ LVA* TKM SWE	DNK* FIN IRL ISR KAZ LVA* SWE	BEL CHE DNK ISR ITA KAZ LUX** NOR SVN	BEL DNK ISR ITA KAZ LUX** MKD NLD NOR SVN TKM** AZE RUS	BEL DNK ISR ITA KAZ LUX** NOR SVN

* medium quality

** low quality

Table 3. MIGRANT STOCK

	Citizens living abroad	Non-citizens living in the country
For education and training	CYP ROM** SWE**	CAN CHE CYP* CZE GBR* ITA NOR** ROM RUS SWE**
For employment on a permanent basis (long-term)		CHE CYP CZE GBR* ITA NOR** ROM RUS SWE**
For employment on a temporary or seasonal basis		CAN CHE CYP CZE GBR* ITA NOR** SWE**
International civil servants	CHE*	CHE NOR**
With free establishement		CZE NOR**
For settlement	BGR*	BGR* CAN CHE CZE ITA
For family reunification or family formation		CAN CHE CZE ITA NOR SWE**
Admitted refugees		BEL BGR CAN CZE CHE ITA NOR** ROM SVN RUS SWE**
For seeking asylum		BGR CAN CZE CHE ITA NOR* ROM SVN RUS SWE**
Diplomatic or consular status	BGR CHE* CYP* CZE GBR ROM SVN	CZE CHE* ITA SVN
Military personnel	BGR CZE GBR ROM	CZE ITA
Other migrant stock		CAN* ITA NOR SVN RUS
TOTAL MIGRANT STOCK	BGR* BEL CHE* FIN* IRL** LVA* NOR SVN SWE	BGR* CAN* CYP CHE DNK FIN IRL ISR ITA KAZ* LUX** LVA* MKD NOR SVN RUS* SWE

* medium quality

** low quality

Table 4. SOURCES AND COUNTRY CODES

ISO 3166 Aplpha-3	Country	Source / year of the source	
AZE	Azerbaijan	Working Paper No.2/Add.20	2000[*)]
BEL	Belgium	CES/SEM.42/23	2000
BGR	Bulgaria	Working Paper No.2/Add.3	2001
BLR	Belarus	Working Paper No.2/Add.7	2001
CAN	Canada	CES/SEM.42/22 and Add.1	2000
CHE	Switzerland	Working Paper No.2/Add.17	2001
CYP	Cyprus	Working Paper No.2/Add.4	2001
CZE	Czech Republic	Working Paper No.2/Add.1	2001
DNK	Denmark	Working Paper No.2/Add.6	2001
FIN	Finland	Working Paper No.2/Add.2	2001
GBR	United Kingdom	CES/SEM.42/16	2000
IRL	Ireland	Working Paper No.2/Add.12	2001
ISR	Israel	Working Paper No.2/Add.5	2001
ITA	Italy	CES/SEM.42/20	2000
KAZ	Kazakhstan	Working Paper No.2/Add.10	2001
LUX	Luxembourg	Working Paper No.2/Add.14	2001
LVA	Latvia	Working Paper No.2/Add.8	2001
MKD	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Working Paper No.2/Add.19	2001
NLD	Netherlands	Working Paper No.2/Add.16	2001
NOR	Norway	Working Paper No.2/Add.18	2001
ROM	Romania	Working Paper No.2/Add.11	2001
RUS	Russian Federation	Working Paper No.2/Add.15	2001
SVN	Slovenia	CES/SEM.42/18	2000
SWE	Sweden	Working Paper No.2/Add.21	2001
TKM	Turkmenistan	Working Paper No.2/Add.9	2001

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