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Dear Mr. Havinga,

We have no further comments to the chapters in Volume 1 of the updated SNA 93. As mentioned in comments to the individual chapters, we appreciate the useful additions of highlighted definitions, clarification of concepts and important links between chapters. We find the structure of the volume useful, and think that it may serve countries in different stages of implementation of the System – we are not in favor of having a shortened version of the handbook for countries in the first stages of implementation.

We would prefer the name: *System of National Accounts 2008*, reflecting that the updates were made to handle characteristics of economies existing in years around 2008. Also, since the presentation of the system in the handbook has been changed substantially, a different name would seem more fitting.

Best regards,



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