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PROGRESS ON SEEA APPLICATIONS AND EXTENSIONS

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BACKGROUND

- Structure and content of SEEA Applications and Extensions put in place following previous UNCEEA meeting

- Useful feedback on preliminary draft at London Group meeting in October 2012
  - Key request to better explain examples and provide links to SEEA Central Framework

- Preparation of draft for broad consultation through January 2013
  - Good range of feedback and comments supporting the draft (34 countries and agencies)

- Following UNSC, work with Editorial Board to incorporate feedback and advance text

STATUS

- Well advanced version for UNCEEA consideration
- Key advances since consultation draft
  - Technical aspects of Chapter 3 (largely focused on input output related work) stronger
  - Clearer introductions to different chapters
  - Clarification on a range of examples used
  - Move of text on geo-spatial work to extensions (Ch 4)
  - Addition of annex explaining examples and data requirements

ANNEX OF EXAMPLES

- For each example the annex provides
  - Description of the indicator, measure, chart
  - Explanation of source of underlying data referencing tables in SEEA Central Framework and noting where additional data may be needed
  - General description of derivations as appropriate
  - Listing of references that show examples in which the indicator or analysis (or similar work) has been undertaken

REMAINING STEPS FOR WHITE COVER

- Finalisation of annex of examples
  - Especially need links to references of country examples
- References generally to be finalised
- General readability check, especially Chapter 3 material on input output related work
- Possible inclusion of glossary
- Introductory material
  - Incl preface, acknowledgements, etc

- Aim to complete white cover by July

QUESTIONS FOR UNCEEA

- Any specific comments on the content of SEEA Application and Extensions?

- Do UNCEEA members endorse the version, recognising the need for some final editing, primarily in Annex 1?