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Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for inviting to comment the draft SNA volume II. Statistics Finland has a couple of remarks on the contents of Volume II and one comment from a more general point of view view.

1. Concerning chapter 28 Input-output and other matrix-based analysis we have discussed if the general matrix presentation in tables 28.14 and 28.15 could have been presented in a more central place than in the second last chapter of the whole SNA. The matrix presentation gives a nice simple view of the whole system at a glance. The correct place would have been chapter 2 Overview but it is closed now. Perhaps this matrix could be in the separate annex of the volume II?

2. We welcome that our comments for examples in chapter 29 have been incorporated. However, they and some other examples in this chapter are without the reference who has published them (at least in paragraphs 29.189, 29.151, 29.155).

3. A general comment: The new ESA text has been written at the same time as SNA Volume II. Because the new ESA will be a law in EU (like the old one) we had to concentrate to comment the ESA draft and we had not many resources to read and comment SNA. The situation may be the same in many small European statistical offices with a few resources. However, we do not want to be opposed to the approval of Volume II because it is important that the new SNA can be approved as soon as possible.

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