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to the SNA team,

I am not a national accountant. My comments below reflect the perspective of labour statistics. Hope you find them useful. I am very pleased that this chapter is part of the SNA revision. Joann Vanek

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### Comments on SNA Chapter 25

I think this chapter is a clear presentation of the concept informal sector and informal employment and its relation to the SNA. It provides a resource for national accountants by organizing in one place basic information on informal sector and informal employment and therefore should improve the understanding and use of the concepts.

However I also think something basic is missing. For me this is shown in Section G. of the chapter titled "deriving data on the informal economy from SNA". The approach here seems to be that once we have the SNA filled in how do we isolate the informal economy. But isn't the more basic issue how does the new data collected in surveys using the concepts of informal sector and informal employment improve the estimates of SNA? Further, the concept of informal employment is introduced but nothing is done with it. Data on informal sector and informal employment can improve the exhaustiveness and accuracy of national accounts in several important ways over previous sources of data but this is not addressed in the chapter.

I also have a few specific comments:

- 1) in 25.45 the listed is not of types of EMPLOYEES; it is jobs or employment statuses
- 2) in 25.46 and 25.47 I don't know why the wording and numbers were changed from what is in the ILO document.. Some confusing statements are now in the text.