Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 28: Input-output and other matrix-based analyses

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

General comments:

General comment	The International Input-Output Association (IIOA) takes a major interest in the way the input-output framework is presented in the 2008 SNA. Our membership include both producers and users of input-output tables and will in many respects have the text of the SNA as their main reference when it comes to understanding the essentials of compiling and using input-output tables. It is therefore important that the 2008 SNA gives a coherent, consistent and user friendly exposition of the input-output framework, and at the same time represents the state-of-the-art as it has developed since the 1993 SNA.
	It is therefore with some concern that we have noted that substantial comments received from a total of 18 countries on **chapter 14** were only to a very limited extent taken into account in the redrafting of the chapter. As the countries (and organizations) had put great efforts into reading and commenting on the in many respects completely new text as compared to the 1993 SNA, and broadly agreed on the changes that needed to be made, it is disappointing that so little has come out if it. We have now noted that the comments so far received on the draft **chapter 28** imply even more far-reaching changes to that chapter. We trust that the necessary time and effort will be taken to redraft the chapter, and we would be ready to assist in any way possible.