

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 8: The redistribution of income accounts**

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments, such as about the clarity with which the new recommendations were incorporated (30 words or less).

Comment:

<p>This chapter provides examples to illustrate the coverage and method of recording current transfers in the redistribution of income accounts. This facilitates a better understanding of the issue.</p>
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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs or passages

In your review of draft chapter 8, you may wish to devote particular attention to the passages listed below. There is space after each issue for any comment you wish to make.

1. The title of the chapter has been changed from “The secondary distribution of income account” to “The redistribution of income accounts.” The new title reflects that the chapter also covers the redistribution of income account. This change is followed

through in the first three paragraphs of section. Are you comfortable with the change in title? Are these paragraphs clear and helpful?

Comment:

Agreed.

2. In section B, the discussion of transfers has been extended. Is this discussion clear and helpful?

Comment:

It would be helpful if some examples on capital transfers can be provided.

NOTE: In sections E and F at present relate only to pensions. There is discussion on other social insurance benefits in chapter 17. Eventually, some of the implications will be incorporated in chapter 8 (but leaving the main discussion in chapter 17).

3. In section E, the text on social contributions has been amended. Please see the note from the editor on the classification of social contributions as regards self-and non-employed persons. Do you agree that what is proposed is more practicable than what had been included in the 1993 SNA?

Comment:

Agreed.

4. Section G includes text added for reinsurance, standardised guarantees, and new items for personal transfers and remittances from abroad. The last are in line with new BOP items. Do you have any comments?

Comment:

Paragraph 8.104 stated that “In addition, *memorandum* items in the balance of payments are suggested for personal remittances and total remittances.” However, according to Summary of Discussions for the 19th Meeting of the IMF Committee on Balance of Payments Statistics held during 23-26 Oct 2006, “personal remittances” and “total remittances” are *supplementary* items.

It is important to maintain consistency between the revised SNA and the revised Balance of Payments Manual.

5. Section G, in paragraph 8.106, describes the SNA treatment of lotteries and gambling. An endnote mentions that those working on the BOP Manual query this treatment because some very big payouts are made in the form of annuities such that there are financial claims and liabilities existing between winners and the lottery organizers. This issue will be brought to the AEG meeting in late March. Do you have views?

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