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STATEMENT OF TURKEY

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING

Turkey would like to thank the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting for the important and useful work it has carried out.

In order to enhance coordination and prevent overlaps, a list of all the working groups/task forces can be presented on the website attached with the information on chair, member countries, study field of working group, mandate, objectives, timetable, e-mails etc.

Turkey supports the efforts on an integrated framework for the SEEA Central Framework for the progress of the research agenda, studies on the definition of the SDMX data structure and updating of the environmental activity classification.

The development of global SEEA-based datasets is a very important tool to support integrated policy making. In this context, starting with a small set approach of Committee of Experts is supported. In addition, starting with working air emission calculations and energy accounts is also thought to be meaningful for the study.

On the other hand, it is considered that it is necessary to concentrate on the adjustment from the territory principle to the residence principle.

Another proposal as a supplementary issue for establishing a global database on the SEEA Central Framework may be integration or incorporation of Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) which is a system for improving the collection, sharing and use of environmental data and information in the European region to this database.

Turkey supports the committee's e-learning and especially workshop activities. E-learning activities specifically for SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounts would be of great use.

The newsletter which will be published on the website to support the implementation of the SEEA would be useful in terms of communication. In addition, a medium-term strategy for the recognition of SDG indicators would be useful for future planning.