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<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting</b>
<b>POINT OF DISCUSSION</b>	<p>(a) The proposed activities to enhance coordination and prevent overlaps in the development of methodologies and capacity-building on SEEA and supporting statistics (see sect. II);</p> <p>(b) The proposed activities and process for promoting SEEA for the Sustainable Development Goal indicators, where appropriate (see sect. II);</p> <p>(c) The activities taken to mainstream SEEA in the areas of climate change and biodiversity (see sect. II);</p> <p>(d) The proposed process to understand the need for a revision of the SEEA Central Framework (see sect. III);</p> <p>(e) The finalization and adoption of the global economy-wide material flow accounting manual, to be used as compilation guidelines to guide countries in developing economy-wide material flow accounts (see sect. III);</p> <p>(f) The progress made on the statistical framework on measuring the sustainability of tourism and the proposed process to advance the development of the framework (see sect. III);</p> <p>(g) The revision process of the SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (see sect. III);</p> <p>(h) The process for moving towards global databases, including the dissemination of existing datasets using the Statistics Division's SEEA website as a platform (see sect. IV);</p> <p>(i) The strategy towards the 2020 implementation targets, focused on e-learning, face-to-face hands-on workshops and country technical support (see sect. V);</p> <p>(j) The proposed activities for communicating SEEA and addressing emerging policy issues (see sect. VI).</p>
<b>MALAYSIA'S FEEDBACK</b>	
<p>Thank you, Mr/Madame honorable chair, Ladies and Gentlemen.</p> <p>1) Malaysia appreciates the progress undertaken by the Committee on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Enhance coordination and prevent overlaps in the development of methodologies and capacity-building on SEEA and supporting statistics.</li> <li>(ii) Promoting SEEA for the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators and mainstream SEEA in the areas of climate change and biodiversity.</li> <li>(iii) The committee efforts in the strategic intervention to mainstream the use of SEEA for policy processes, in particular the SDG, climate change and biodiversity is a good</li> </ul>	

initiatives to demonstrate how the SEEA can result in higher quality indicators in terms of policy relevance, analytical and methodological soundness & measurability and practicality.

**DOSM as a focal point in coordination of SDG indicators can leverage on the potential of collaboration across all stakeholders and sectors through this umbrella to support the implementation of SEEA in strengthening of evidence-based reporting. It is vital to establish and nurture multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge to address the challenges in the areas of climate change and biodiversity for sustainable development effectively and coherently.**

2) Malaysia agreed and supports the committee's works on:

- (i) Advancing the research agenda for SEEA Central Framework (CF) and the finalization & adoption of the global economy-wide material flow accounting manual.
- (ii) SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting (EEA) in particular of ocean accounting.

**The committee efforts in the development of guidance documents will help countries in compiling SEEA ocean account. We are grateful that Malaysia has been selected by ESCAP as one of the pilot country to test and implement the concepts. Malaysia will conduct the First National Ocean Accounts Workshop on April 2019. The objective of the Workshop is to engage national ocean-related stakeholders to:**

- (i) Review and respond to the Draft Scoping Report;
- (ii) Review related on-going work by stakeholders;
- (iii) Establish agreed priorities for policy-relevant data products to be developed by the pilot;
- (iv) Participate in capacity building on the basics of SEEA and Ocean Accounts; and
- (v) Establish a short-term (6-month) work plan to develop the outputs of the pilot study.

3) The statistical framework on measuring the sustainability of tourism and the proposed process to advance the development of the framework.

This document will be a good reference to Malaysia especially in measuring the use of environmental flows, such as water and energy in tourism activity and the generation of environmental flows, such as GHG emissions, solid waste, wastewater and other pollutants, by tourism activity.

4) Malaysia appreciates the work undertaken by the committee on:

- (i) The process for moving towards global databases. This database will be a good reference to Malaysia especially on the metadata, estimation techniques and treatment in compiling SEEA account. With respect to energy account, Malaysia had been tested excel based tools

to estimate physical supply & use account in June 2018.

- (ii) Malaysia hopes the scoping and discussion paper on the linkages between SEEA accounts and the water related indicators of the SDG will provides examples for water to illustrate how the SEEA framework can enhance in monitoring with higher quality indicators and support policy in providing an integrated information framework.
  - (iii) The strategy towards the 2020 implementation targets, focused on e-learning, face-to-face hands-on workshops and country technical support.
  - (iv) Malaysia welcomes the initiative to develop the in-depth modules on water, energy and ecosystem as a part of e-learning and face-to-face workshop in 2019. In future, we hope the committee will expand this in-depth training to SEEA Air-Emission and Land Account as Malaysia in the midst of developing both account.
- 5) The proposed activities for communicating SEEA and addressing emerging policy issues.
- (i) Malaysia highly support all activities undertaken by the committee and would like to congratulate UNSD for the initiatives on “News & Notes” quarterly newsletter which sent to Committee members, SEEA contacts and other subscribers.
  - (ii) Malaysia also has taken the same approach in promoting SEEA by producing newsletter using infographics and multimedia i.e. capsule in making stakeholders and users better understand the statistics. The achievement from this efforts, DOSM has been asked to producing/provide green indicators that can be obtained from SEEA to monitor the progress of sustainable development under Mid- Term Review of Eleventh Malaysia Plan 2016-2020.

In addition, **Malaysia would like to request the assistance and guideline** to strengthen the development of SEEA Malaysia such as:

- (i) methods on developing SEEA Land Account
- (ii) methods on how to combine physical and monetary supply & use table for energy account
- (iii) develop tools/materials in support of the promotion of SEEA, in particular those raising awareness of its usefulness for policy.
- (iv) compilation of issues in developing SEEA and the outcomes in one publication including case studies/best practices in using SEEA by policy makers.

Thank you Mr/Madame Chair. (Thank you for your attention).