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UNECE welcomes the report and supports the global effort to update international economic statistics standards. The programme for updating the System of National Accounts (SNA) is ambitious and will require significant resources from the statistical community. Ensuring support and good coordination will be crucial. A positive feature of the update is the coordination between the SNA and BoP research agenda from the start of the process with joint task teams on relevant issues and the emphasis on the experimentation and testing of the feasibility of the guidance notes and recommendations. This will increase the relevance and facilitate the implementation of the updated SNA.

The update of the SNA is one of the priorities in the UNECE work programme. This priority was supported by UNECE member countries at recent meetings of the Group of Experts on National Accounts organized jointly with Eurostat, OECD and other partner organizations. UNECE contributes to the SNA Update in several ways and provides inputs to conceptual and methodological research in areas where teams of specialists under the Conference of European Statisticians have developed guidelines. UNECE encourages feedback from its member countries on the guidelines, including through sharing experience from the experimentation and testing of draft recommendations.

The background document to the report provides a detailed overview of the related UNECE activities.

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