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The European Statistical System (the ESS) takes note of the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts.

The ESS welcomes the progress made on the preparation and elaboration of the update of the 2008 SNA, in close coordination with the update of other macroeconomic standards (in particular, the Balance of Payments Manual) and key statistical classifications, recognising however that some issues still need further conceptual and methodological discussion. The ESS also welcomes the establishment of subgroup on user communication. Finally, the ESS welcomes the emphasis put on the implementation of the SNA including support to developing countries in that regard.

In particular, the ESS supports the proposed approach and timetable for the update, to be taken forward by the ISWGNA with the support of its Advisory Expert Group. The ESS underlines the importance of global consultation on the draft recommendations for an inclusive process. Members of the ESS will participate, as resources allow, in experimentation and testing of guidance notes.

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