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<i>Statement provided by:</i> The State of Palestine	
<i>Statement:</i> Unofficial translation:  1 - The State of Palestine stresses the importance of the task force that has been established for technical research, which will deal with issues related to National Accounts, and considers the importance of setting clear timetables for the action plan and dividing it into specific stages in the short and medium term,  2 - The State of Palestine also stresses the importance of studying the impact of this plan and the issues raised on the National Accounts.  3 - The State of Palestine stresses the importance of providing financial and in-kind support. Global technical consultations are considered a clear necessity for the overall implementation of the SNA 2008. However, these consultations must take into account the rapid changes in the economy and the ability of evidence to keep pace with these changes. On the other hand, we commend the importance of involving a larger segment of users by holding a global conference that includes different segments of statisticians and users, including what was mentioned about the involvement of academics, decision-makers and the private sector.  4- The State of Palestine appreciates the efforts made on the progress made towards resolving issues related to globalization, digitization, well-being, sustainability and communication, with an emphasis on the importance of issuing guidance notes to ensure better implementation in various statistics.  5- The State of Palestine appreciates the efforts and achievements of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts and the regional commissions. The State of Palestine stresses the importance of urging the statistical agencies to report annual national accounts data by the deadlines, as well as a need for serious work to switch to the 2008 System of National Accounts.	
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