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Russian Federation

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The Russian Federation commends the work of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts and the Advisory Expert Group on national accounts in implementing the decisions and recommendations of the fifty-first session of the Statistical Commission.

We highly appreciate the efforts taken for updating of the 2008 SNA and approve the provisions of a road map for the revision of the 2008 SNA developed by the Working Group for the period up to 2025. (The work program for the updating of the 2008 SNA was endorsed by Advisory Expert Group in the fall of 2020.)

We note the productive work of task teams on globalization, digitalization, well-being and sustainability. We highlight the importance of the developed guidance notes and recommendations and support the initiative to establish a trust fund to finance experimentation and testing activities on their implementation. The Russian Federation confirms readiness to participate in the work of the dedicated task teams.

We advocate coordination of the globalization task team work with the related activities on updating the 6th edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual.

We support further work of the 2008 SNA implementation and other internationally agreed standards in economic statistics, conducted by the Working Group and the UN regional commissions.

The Russian Federation welcomes the ongoing efforts to expand the number of countries reporting annual national accounts data.

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