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1. We endorse the work programme of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA), commend the UNCEEA for its fruitful achievement in the past year on coordinating and promoting statistical standard and implementing statistical capacity building.
2. We recommend the 52nd session of the United Nations Statistical Commission to adopt the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting as the new international statistical standard, and encourage its implementation in countries according to the national circumstances as soon as possible. China, as one of the 5 pilot countries (Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa) participating in the Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (NCAVES) project led by the United Nations Statistics Division, has successfully completed all pilot tasks and is currently preparing the final project report. The NCAVES project has advanced the research agenda of ecosystem accounting in China. The pilot experience can serve as reference for other countries in moving forward the ecosystem accounting work.
3. Endorse the engagement of UNCEEA in an expert group on the development and implementation of the monitoring framework of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and mainstreaming the use of the SEEA in policy, including climate change, the circular economy and sustainable finance.
4. Endorse the proposal to further develop the methodology for ocean accounting, including the development of a SEEA Oceans.
5. Agree to form a working group on business accounting and the SEEA.

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