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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Mr. Geir Axelsen, Director General, Statistics Norway	
<i>Statement:</i> <p>Norway supports the proposed work programme of the UNCEEA.</p> <p>Norway also supports the adoption of SEEA EA as a statistical standard. We would strongly advise that all parts of the SEEA EA are published as one statistical standard, although recognizing that the focus of SEEA EA currently is not on implementation, but on defining common standards and to contribute to demonstrate the value of ecosystems to the economy. Norway is furthermore aligned with the common position made by Denmark on behalf of the EU and its member states to this agenda item.</p> <p>A wider implementation of the SEEA EA in Norway would require additional financial means and collaboration across multiple institutions, hence the committee’s wider engagement to ensure the relevance and usability of SEEA EA is welcomed.</p> <p>Norway supports the “Engagement of the Committee 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, circular economy and sustainable finance”.</p> <p>Norway supports the proposal to further develop methodology for ocean accounting, including the development of a SEEA Oceans as well as the formation of a working group on business accounting and the SEEA and the focus on alignment between the SEEA and private natural capital accounting approaches.</p>	
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