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<i>Statement provided by:</i>	
USA	
<i>Statement:</i>	
Statement to UNSC on revised SEEA Ecosystem Manual:  The United States of America agrees with numerous countries who have already expressed that chapters 8-11 are not sufficiently developed to be part of the standard and we would also include chapter 12 in this grouping. We support the statement submitted by Denmark on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and the aligned European Free Trade Association countries, specifically:  "The ESS agrees to adopting chapters 1 to 7 of the SEEA - Ecosystem Accounting as a new statistical standard, complementing the SEEA – Central Framework adopted by UNSC in 2012. As regards, the chapters 8-11 on monetary valuation, the ESS considers that methodological aspects will have to be further clarified before they are adopted as UN standard. Chapters 8-11 should remain an integral part of the document but only if it is made very clear both in the introduction and within chapters 8 to 11 that they are not part of the statistical standard yet due to outstanding methodological aspects. The ESS also emphasises that the practical implementation of the SEEA - Ecosystem Accounting will require intensive cooperation with environmental, geospatial and mapping agencies and research institutes."	
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