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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Australia	
<i>Statement:</i> Thank you Chair. Distinguished delegates, Australia recognises the importance of strong, agreed international standards to compile environmental-economic accounts to help inform complex decisions related to the environment. Australia applauds the work of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting to encourage the use of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounts. Australia would like to note its strong support for the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA) report. Australia agrees with the Committee’s focus on the implementation of SEEA ecosystem accounting as outlined in the implementation strategy, noting the specific focus on standards related to Oceans Accounting. As a member of the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, Australia values the contribution the committee makes. Further guidance on Ocean accounting will support Australia to fulfill its commitments to develop a complete sequence of national Ocean accounts. This aspect of the Committee’s work program will be very important over the next year as the standards are updated and finalised by the end of 2020. Australia will continue to provide technical leadership through the editorial process, and will coordinate with the Australian expert community to ensure the highest quality outcome from the process. Thank you.	
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