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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)	
<i>Statement:</i> Bangladesh endorses the proposed activities taken to update the UN System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (UN-SEEA) and System of National Accounts (SNA).  Though Bangladesh is very new to adopt the SEEA, according to the recommendation of the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) and Bangladesh Environmental Statistics Framework (BESF) 2016-2030 Government of Bangladesh has initiated the activities for strengthening Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Statistics (ECDS) Project. Natural Resource Accounts (Forest, Land, Eco-System Accounts & Material Foot Print), Environmental Protection Expenditure (EPE) & Waste Management Accounts will be determined or compiled under the ECDS Project in accordance with the guidelines of the United Nations System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (UN-SEEA) Central Framework (CF) within 2023.  Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) works in close collaboration with concerned stakeholders Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments/ Organizations that are actively working on Environment, Natural Resources, Bio-diversity, Climate Change, Disaster-related issues under the “Bangladesh Environmental Statistics Framework (BESF) 2016-2030”. Government of Bangladesh has formed a National (Inter-Ministerial) Committee for collecting, compiling, analyzing and disseminating environmental statistics as well as compilation of natural resource accounts in light of SEEA under the leadership of BBS and involving the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR), Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) among others. Finally, Bangladesh would like to conclude with the few words that for accelerating the implementation of SEEA in the countries like Bangladesh, technical as well as advisory support from the international agencies and countries who had already developed SEEA are inevitable. Hence, Bangladesh’s request to the UNSC to invite such initiatives to the international communities including the statistical agencies.	
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