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Canada would like to thank the UNCEEA for its vital work in continuing to develop and work towards implementation of the SEEA.

Statistics Canada is pleased that the Commission adopted the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting manual, and that work has moved from development of methodology to implementation of this standard. Canada is part of this move to putting the SEEA EA in practice, since the newly funded Canadian Census of Environment will have at its centre ecosystem accounts that will eventually cover the country.

The Physical Flow Account guidelines are at the basis for a new account on the use of plastic, an account that has been designed with Canada’s federal environmental ministry to help decision-makers gauge the success of Canada’s National Zero Plastic Waste Strategy.

Statistics Canada would also put forward a call to action regarding a growing concern that Area A is attempting to address, and that is the threat of duplication in areas such as climate change indicators. Work is underway to document the existing committee landscape, and we would urge all countries participating in the UNCEEA to work with us in this endeavor.

Statistics Canada welcomes the background document from the UNWTO on progress on the measurement of Sustainable Tourism and encourages the UNWTO to continue to work on the development of methodologies for indicators that measure sustainable tourism in order for them to be ready for consideration for the 2025 comprehensive review of the IAEG-SDG for the Global Indicator Framework for SDGs.

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