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Mexico acknowledges the important efforts by UNCEEA in coordinating the works, since it is fundamental that the SNA update considers the environmental boundary as part of the assets, as well as biological resources, the circular economy, renewable energies and climate change, among others issues.

Mexico considers that in the inclusion of environmental effects in the ISIC for the SNA update, the Classification of Environmental Activities (CEA), which is part of the Central Framework of the SEEA, will be considered. The Committee with the support of expert groups as the London Group will have an important role in this process of global consultations.

Mexico supports the proposal to engage National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the development of the monitoring framework in the lead up to the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, since we consider that the participation of the NSOs, particularly those with experience in the implementation of the SEEA-CF and the SEEA-EA, allows addressing joint lines of action for the development of information and indicators, and its alignment with the SDGs.

Mexico supports the global implementation strategy for the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting, considering that the identification of the value of ecosystem services allows countries to take actions at different geographical levels for the conservation of ecosystems, where the use of the international statistical standards will contribute to the comparability of the information generated. Additionally, the implementation of the SEEA-EA accounts in the countries will help to promote the strengthening of the methodological aspects of the topics that are considered as a technical recommendation.

Mexico welcomes the final draft of the Guidelines for Biophysical Modelling, as it will guide accounts compilers on the process and the characteristics of the information required for the development of ecosystem accounts.

Mexico acknowledges the important progress of the Statistical Framework, as it will be a fundamental tool to link the economic and environmental spheres of the tourism sector, which will allow the development of information aimed at monitoring indicator 12b.1 of the SDGs. In this regard, Mexico

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has actively participated with the UNWTO in the MST project, with proposals for the measurement of tourist activities in Natural Protected Areas and archaeological sites.

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