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***Statement:***

The Philippines recognizes the work of the sub-task team, task team, and the Technical Committee for its inputs on the revision processes for the International Standard Industry Classification and the Central Product Classification. Likewise, we appreciate the coordination of the SEEA Central Framework with the research agenda in updating the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA). These efforts ensure the alignment of the SEEA Central Framework with international standards, classifications, and other frameworks.

With regard to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Philippines supports the creation of an ad hoc technical expert group that will be responsible for giving technical advice on addressing gaps and providing technical guidance on the implementation of the monitoring framework. We also fully support the global implementation strategy for the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting Framework. Just last year, the Philippine Statistics Authority and the United Nations Statistics Division launched the high-level project, “Environmental-Economic Accounting for Evidence-Based Policy in the Philippines”, the focus of which is consistent with the global implementation strategy in terms of building an institutional framework in support of SEEA implementation; developing the capacity to compile priority accounts regularly; and fostering inter-institutional relations to promote collaboration and data-sharing.

The Philippines recognizes that building up the momentum for the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting requires the full cooperation of the Ministries with a stake in environmental accounting, and regularly producing SEEA ecosystem accounts and mainstreaming them into policymaking requires intensive capacity-building across all parties involved.

Finally, the Philippines applauds the work of the Committee for engaging with the policy community and countries implementing the pilot on measuring the sustainability of tourism (MST). The Philippines recently released the preliminary estimates on MST; thus, we look forward to the outcome of the Committees’ plan to review the final draft of the MST statistical framework.

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