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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Belgium	
<i>Statement:</i> Belgium thanks the Intersecretariat Working Group for compiling this report.  As regards the progress on the update programme of the System of National Accounts 2008, as presented in section 2, subsections A to D, Belgium agrees with the objective of the planned SNA update.  We also welcome the collaboration with key stakeholders such as BOPCOM of the IMF, UNCEEA, ILO and Task teams for the ISIC and CPC revision. Furthermore, the commitment on aligning the work on the update of the 2008 SNA and the 6th edition of the Balance of Payments manual (BPM6) is appreciated.  In addition, Belgium welcomes the appointment of a lead editor and project manager for the 2008 SNA update.  Finally, Belgium takes note of the progress made in the recent years as regards to the submission of national accounts data and the compliance with the 2008 SNA despite the pandemic.	
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