Statistics Sweden welcomes the initiative to improve the relevance of national accounts, in particularly regarding environmental and globalisation issues. It is important to stress that expanding the scope of national accounts needs to be done with conceptual stringency and availability of high quality data in order to produce relevant statistics for the society at large. We welcome the effort made in raising funds for testing activities and also encourage nations to participate in the evaluation process and testing of the forthcoming guidance notes.

In order to increase focus on the relevant updating issues and speed up the work on research issues it would be good to provide task teams with an explicit list of macroeconomic indicators not relevant for the update as stated in II B.6.

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