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The United States (U.S.) supports the implementation of chapters 1-7 of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA-EA). However, further clarity is needed for the methods of valuation in the SEEA-EA. At the 52nd U.N. Statistical Committee meeting, the UNSC delegates asked the UNCEEA to further research the methods in chapters 8-11 to resolve problems that were discussed during last year’s deliberations. While a research agenda is presented, there is no mention of valuation methods beyond the context of work on the System of National Accounts (SNA) revision. Without an agreement on valuation methods, it may be premature to focus on the global implementation of SEEA.

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