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REVISION OF THE SEEA**

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(for discussion)

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1. At the 40th session of the UNSC, countries and international organizations expressed strong support for the revision of the SEEA and its elevation to an international statistical standard. At the same meeting, delegates offered in cash and in kind contributions to the project. As a follow up, UNSD sent a letter dated 10 April 2009 to national statistical offices and international organizations requesting for contributions to the Trust Fund for the SEEA revision.

2. The letter soliciting the funding support has generally received positive responses from member states and international organizations. So far, 25 member states and 5 international organizations have replied. 11 offered in kind support and 10 offered also financial support.

3. Resources in cash secured for the project totals approximately \$400,000 (in US dollars). Contributions have been pledged by the following countries and international organizations:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics (\$10,000 for 3 years for a total of \$30,000)
- Federal Statistical Office of Germany (amount and conditions of disbursement to be determined)
- Federal Statistical Office of Switzerland (\$10,000)
- Indian Bureau of Statistics (\$25,000)
- Statistics Netherlands (\$25,000)
- Statistics New Zealand (\$12,408)
- Statistics Norway (\$15,000 for 2010 and 2011 for a total of \$30,000)
- Statistics South Africa (\$25,000)
- United Kingdom (DEFRA) (\$24,000)
- Eurostat (\$208,500), and
- UNESCWA (\$10,000 for consultancy)

4. The following institutions have offered in-kind contributions. They include:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics – release of Mr. Comisari to work as interim editor for 6 months starting from 1 May 2009
- Statistics Finland – 8-20 working days of Mr. Muukkonen in the area of forest accounts and carbon sequestration
- Italy, Mexico, Sweden, IMF, WCO offered in kind support through continuous contribution to the LG and participate in international meetings
- Philippines, UNECA offered to host international meetings to inform and consult countries in the region

- Qatar offered to cover travel, interpretation, logistic and DSA costs for experts and consultants for a regional workshop in Doha.
5. The following institutions have indicated the possibility for possible contribution:
- Central Bureau of Statistics of Israel – depending budget approval process
 - Central Statistical Office of Kuwait – forwarded the request, with positive recommendations, to Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - National Statistical Office of Thailand – forwarded the letter to National Economic and Social Development Board and Ministry of Natural Resource and Environment for consideration of the funding request