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# Global Economy Wide Material Flow Accounting Manual

**Global Consultation Comment Form**

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The comment form has been designed to facilitate the analysis of comments. In Part I general comments on the general style, structure, content and coverage of the chapter are sought. In Part II any technical and other comments should be included.

## Relevant documents

Relevant documents are available on the SEEA website at:

<https://seea.un.org/content/global-consultation-global-economy-wide-material-flow-accounting-manual>. The documents provided include:

- A cover note on the global consultation
- Draft manual and accompanying questionnaire
- Copy of comment form

## 1 GENERAL COMMENTS

In this section please provide general comments on the draft. You may like to consider providing comments on the style and tone, the structure and organisation, the content and coverage, and the general accessibility of the material.

We agree with the style, tone and the structure, the content and coverage, and the general accessibility of the material on the draft.

## 2 TECHNICAL AND OTHER COMMENTS

In the box below please supply any additional comments including those of a more technical nature. Please reference your responses with the relevant paragraph numbers or section numbers.

1. In the Item 1.4, page 20, paragraph: "...All different units need be converted to metric tonnes which is often a time consuming process. A first step would be to establish a reliable account of imports and exports of primary materials which in many cases would cover more than 80% of the total (physical) trade volumes. This percentage, however, depends on the structure of the specific country, of course.”:

To implement the recommendation, UNSD should establish an Appendix on specific converting method which supports countries to convert units without physical measure or physical quantities is reported in other physical units such as e.g. sheets, packets, numbers,...

2. In sub-item 4.2.5. Specific issues of developing countries in the item 4.2 emissions to air, it should be explained more detail and clearly.

Other items also should add “the specific issues of developing countries”.

3. Supplement the indicator GNI (Gross national income) in the paragraph “economic indicators, such as GDP,...” (page 101, line 12 from the bottom), item 6. Heading Indicators.

4. Continue to do experiment with the draft of manual (which was improved after the 47 Meeting of United Nations Development Programme hold in the February, 2019) in some countries to test the feasibility of “information access” , especially the data mentioned in the item 6.