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**Subject: PCBS Attitudes Towards The Updating Process For The SNA'93**

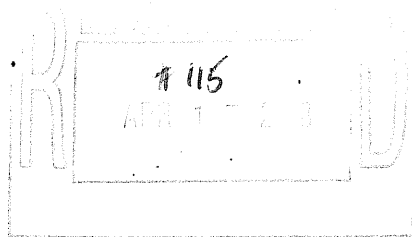
Dear Mr. Chung,

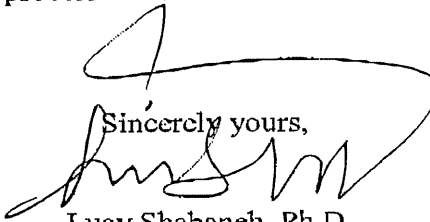
The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) gratefully appreciates your role and devoted efforts in the process of updating the SNA 1993, which serve the countries and the statistical institutions in developing and improving their statistical systems, and appreciate the transparency of the updating process which allowed to many statisticians and experts to contribute in this process.

Here are PCBS attitudes towards the related issues for the updating process:

- First, comments on volume 1 of the updated System of National Accounts: PCBS have some general comments on the volume 1 of the updated system of national accounts which are:
  1. **Chapter 4 ( Institutional units and sectors):** There is a necessity to expand that part related to the household sector specially the definitions and classifications to suit the economic situation for developing countries in determining informal activities such as household production.
  2. **Chapter 7.(The distribution of income accounts):** There is a need of extra explanation about the case of interest rates set by the central bank.
  3. **Chapter 8 (The redistribution of Income accounts):** Expanding the explanation of other current transfers especially the life and non life Insurance.
- Second, according to the title of the updated system of national accounts, we agree with the title of System of National Accounts-Revision 1 (1993 SNA Rev.1) to demonstrate that the basic principles of the SNA 1993 still valid.
- Finally, we are waiting for the draft chapters of Volume 2 of the updated System of National Accounts to be announced and posted as soon as possible.

Finally, we do appreciate the continuous efforts of UNSD in this process



Sincerely yours,  
  
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 President of PCBS