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**Subject: Comments on Volume 2 of the 2008 SNA**

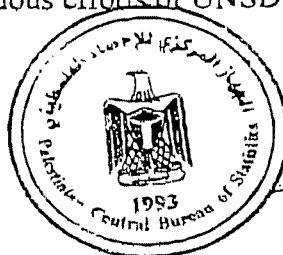
Dear Mr. Smith,

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) gratefully appreciates your role and devoted efforts in the process of issuing Volume 2 of the SNA 2008, which serve the countries and the statistical institutions in developing and improving their statistical systems, and appreciate the transparency of the updating process for Volume 1 which allowed to many statisticians and experts to contribute in this process.

Here are PCBS attitudes towards the related issues for volume 2 of the SNA 2008:

- First, comments on volume 2 of the System of National Accounts 2008: PCBS have some general comments on the volume 2 of the updated system of national accounts which are:
  1. **Chapter 18 (Elaboration and presenting the accounts):** There is a necessity to expand that part related to the income approach specially the presentation of the main details to suit the economic situation for developing countries in determining the suitable presentation for this side.
  2. **Chapter 23 (Non- profit institutions):** There is a need of extra explanation about the temporary NPISHs especially the international ones and the method for manipulating them in the system.
  3. **Chapter 25 (Informal aspects of the economy):** We appreciate providing the necessary broad lines between the informal sector and the non observed economy.
- Second, we are waiting for the final chapters of Volume 2 of the updated System of National Accounts to be announced and posted as soon as possible after completing the final revisions.

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



Sincerely yours,

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