

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 14: Summarising and presenting the accounts**

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1. Sections B and C describe the derivation of the most common macro-economic aggregates.

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2. Section D mentions the need to present the accounts in time series format.

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3. Section E describes the place of volume measures in the accounts.

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4. Sections F to I describe briefly other possible dimensions to the accounts.

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I propose that you add here an additional paragraph on "statistical discrepancies". something like:
"The goods and services accounts and the integrated economic accounts are ideally fully consistent and coherent (at current prices). However, many countries are led to use additional entries called "statistical discrepancies". These entries originate from the use of different sources to estimate different parts of these accounts. The most common "statistical discrepancy" is between the amount of net lending/borrowing appearing in the financial accounts and the amount of net lending borrowing appearing in the capital account. The first is based on statistics from financial institutions, while the second is based on statistics from corporations. Some countries also show statistical discrepancies between the two or the three approaches of GDP.

5. Section J describes alternative presentations of the accounts.

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