

**Group of Experts on the Impact of Globalisation  
on National Accounts (GGNA)**

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Template for the chapters of the final report of the WGGNA\*

1. Introduction: short presentation of the issue; which key measures are affected, what could be the size of the distortion, etc.
2. Background:
  - description of the phenomenon, development of the phenomenon/issue over time; with which activities it is associated;
  - definitions in existing international standards and literature; terms used; clarification of the terminology used;
  - (Other relevant issues, if any, that the author may wish to raise).
3. Statistical treatment recommended in international standards:
  - Overview of the existing international statistical guidelines for national accounts on the issue (and balance of payments); evolution of these guidelines;
  - New recommendations in revised international guidelines for national accounting and balance of payments (if applicable);
  - Are international guidelines clear and unambiguous; do they require further clarification and elaboration? How do international guidelines align with each other and with existing standards for source statistics;
  - Description of research carried out in this area: key topic papers, any investigation carried out on a continuous basis by international organisations, any existing working groups, committees, etc. who are working in this area;
  - (Other relevant issues, if any, that the author may wish to raise).
4. Measurement problems:
  - Measurement problems and inconsistencies related to the existing and new standards;
  - Identification of gaps in the statistical systems: data capture in surveys, adequacy of computing procedures and assumptions used, etc.;
  - Description of biases caused throughout the whole system of accounts;
  - (Other relevant issues, if any, that the author may wish to raise).
5. Proposals for operational treatment in the accounts;
  - Possibilities to use existing basic data and requirements for new data collections;
  - Changes in processing of the data, compilation process, underlying assumptions, etc.;
  - Description of the experience of the countries dealing with the issue;

- Impact of the new treatment on the accounts: which indicators/accounts will be affected, estimate of the impact;
- Provision of numerical examples to illustrate the proposed treatment.

6. Recommended future work on the issue

7. References

\* Authors may skip some of the bullet points if they are not relevant for the concrete problem area or add additional point. When issue papers are submitted for discussion, authors should also include key questions to WGGNA members. These questions may refer to any of the above points.