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GOODS AND SERVICES, INCOME, FINANCIAL FLOWS, STOCKS, BETWEEN  
AFFILIATES) AS AN APPENDIX TO THE *BALANCE OF PAYMENTS MANUAL***

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**Bring together all direct investment-related issues (transactions in goods and services, income, financial flows, stocks, between affiliates) as an appendix to the *Balance of Payments Manual***

The structure of the *BPM5* and standard components is built around separate economic processes and phenomena, bringing together all the financial transactions, all the assets, etc. This presentation is useful in showing direct investment in the context of other international accounts phenomena (e.g., direct investment assets compared to total assets or to other types of investment).

However, as a consequence, the standard presentation portrays direct investment in a fragmentary way. For some users, it may also be useful to bring together the different aspects of direct investment all in one place. For example, it may be of interest to examine the transactions during the period in relation to the stock, or income in relation to positions to calculate rates of return. In addition, the goods and services flows between affiliated enterprises, as shown in FATS, could also be shown in that context. Such a presentation was suggested in the *Annotated Outline* (page 176) as a possible topic of an appendix in the new manual.

This suggestion would merely be a presentational change—it would rearrange existing data to emphasize some interrelationships. It would not require any additional data. It is not intended to replace the standard presentation, nor to be part of the standard presentation, but rather the new manual would simply flag the possibility to statistical compilers. Some countries may already have such a presentation in specific direct investment publications.

A possible structure would be:

#### **DIRECT INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS, POSITIONS, AND OTHER FLOWS**

Goods and service flows between affiliated enterprises

Income

Financial transactions

Assets and liabilities

Other changes (exchange rate, revaluation, other)

Other possible data outside BOP/IIP standard items:

Kind of economic activity data; data by partner; rates of return; employment; sales, output, and value added; approvals/permits

#### **IV. Points for discussion**

1. *Do DITEG members think that this supplementary presentation should be raised in an appendix to the new manual?*
2. *If so, do DITEG members have suggestions as to the content of such a presentation?*

#### **References**

*BPM5 Standard Components Tables 7 and 8*

*Annotated Outline page 176*

*Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services, Chapter 4*