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**REPORT OF THE AD HOC PREPARATORY WORKING GROUP
OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ON ITS SIXTH MEETING**

Introduction

1. The sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials (WGSO) for the preparation of the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” (Belgrade Ministerial Conference), held in Belgrade from 10 to 12 October 2007, took place in Belgrade from 6 to 9 October 2007. This report has been prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson.

2. The meeting was attended by delegates from Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uzbekistan. Representatives of the European Commission also attended.

3. Representatives from the following organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system participated: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank.
4. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Task Force for the Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) countries (EAP Task Force) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLDS) and the Project Preparation Committee (PPC) also participated.
5. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: the Central and East European Working Group for the Enhancement of Biodiversity (CEEWEB), the European ECO-Forum, the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), the World Conservation Union (IUCN), and Youth and Environment Europe.
6. Also represented were the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC-CEE), the Regional Environmental Center for the Caucasus (REC-Caucasus), the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) and the Regional Environmental Center for the Russian Federation (REC-Russia).
7. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Aleksandar Vesic (Serbia).
8. Following the decisions at the fifth meeting of the WGSO, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chairperson and with input from the partners in the “Environment for Europe” process, had prepared or revised several documents to facilitate the WGSO work regarding the preparations for the Belgrade Ministerial Conference. All documents for the meeting are available on the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/env/efe/wgso/Belgrade/WGSOMeetings.htm>).

I. ADOPTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA

9. The Chairperson opened the meeting and the WGSO adopted the provisional agenda as set out in document ECE/CEP/AC.11/2007/27.

II. DOCUMENT ON DELIVERING ENERGY EFFICIENCY: DEVELOPMENTS AND PRIORITIES

10. The WGSO considered the document on Delivering energy efficiency: developments and priorities by the Energy Charter Secretariat (ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/28), revised in light of the comments received at the fifth meeting of the WGSO. The WGSO adopted it as a Category I document for submission to the Conference.

III. FINALIZATION OF THE DRAFT MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

11. The WGSO finalized the draft Ministerial Declaration and submitted it to the Conference for adoption (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2007/26/Rev.1).

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. No other business was brought to the attention of the WGSO.

V. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

13. The Chairperson thanked the WGSO for the constructive discussion and closed the meeting.
