



Decisions of the SPECA Coordinating Committee

Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 15 December 2006

Decision I (SPECA/CC/Dec/2006/XII)

The Coordinating Committee endorses with satisfaction the Report on the Implementation of the SPECA Work Plan for 2005-2007 and the Progress Reports of the Project Working Groups. The Coordinating Committee agrees that within two months the SPECA member countries will present their views on possible additional activities within Project Working Groups to UNECE and UNESCAP for formulation of specific project proposals.

Decision II (SPECA/CC/Dec/2006/XIII)

The Coordinating Committee approves the recommendations by the Project Working Group on Water and Energy Resources on strengthening dam safety and invites the Governments of the SPECA member countries to undertake the required actions at the national and regional levels to facilitate the successful implementation of these recommendations. The Coordinating Committee decides to send the recommendations of the Project Working Group on Water and Energy Resources on co-chairmanship of Afghanistan to the Governing Council.

Decision III (SPECA/CC/Dec/2006/XIV)

The Coordinating Committee welcomes the Inaugural session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Trade and endorses its Work Plan as well as conclusions adopted at the session.

Decision IV (SPECA/CC/Dec/2006/XV)

Taking note of the emphasis of the International Economic Conference on Tajikistan in the Regional Context of Central Asia (Dushanbe, 2 – 4 April 2003) on the importance of the inflow of external resources – preferably in the form of foreign direct investment – for overcoming poverty and for rapid and sustained economic development in the SPECA region, the Coordinating Committee supports the proposal to devote the 2007 SPECA Economic Forum to the strengthening of trade and investment links between Central Asia and its main economic partners. Accordingly, it decides that the 2007 SPECA Economic Forum shall be composed of two meetings: the first - in May 2007 in Almaty (“Focus on Asia”) as part of the Asia-Pacific Business Forum, to be held in accordance with the UNESCAP established practice and subject to confirmation by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the second - in the fourth quarter of 2007 in Berlin (“Focus on Europe”) in the form of a Business and Investment Forum.

Decision V (SPECA/CC/Dec/2006/XVI)

The Coordinating Committee welcomes more active interest in the SPECA activities on the part of other organizations and institutions participating in the meeting: UNDP, ECO, EurAsEC, OSCE, ADB, ITC and IFAS. The Coordinating Committee takes note of the report on cooperation with partner organizations and requests UNECE and UNESCAP to intensify further their efforts to improve coordination and cooperation with partner organizations active in the SPECA region in order to strengthen synergies and complementarities of their activities in support of economic cooperation in the region. It takes note with satisfaction of progress made and supports the continuation of efforts to strengthen cooperation between SPECA and EurAsEC. It requests the country holding the chairmanship of SPECA to actively promote, on behalf of the Programme, better coordination and cooperation among international organizations, regional organizations and international financial institutions in the SPECA region during the meetings of their governing bodies. The Committee agrees that a mechanism of coordination and cooperation between SPECA and CAREC needs to be established as soon as possible.

Decision VI (SPECA/CC/Dec/2006/XVII)

The Coordinating Committee takes note of the report on the activities of the Partnership for Economics Education and Research Support (PEERS) and encourages the SPECA project Working Groups to take full use of analytical work by economic research institutes of the SPECA member countries undertaken with the support of PEERS.

Decision VII (SPECA/CC/Dec/2006/XVIII)

The Coordinating Committee decides that the next meeting of the SPECA Governing Council shall take place in Berlin, following immediately the second meeting of the 2007 SPECA Economic Forum under the chairmanship of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.