Decision 1 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/1)

The Governing Council notes with satisfaction the outcomes of the SPECA Economic Forum “Inclusive and sustainable development through regional cooperation”, held in Almaty on 19-21 November 2013. It acknowledges the importance of strengthened regional cooperation for the full implementation of the outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference. It supports the inclusion of development priorities of SPECA countries into the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The Governing Council approves the Joint Statement of the 2013 SPECA Economic Forum.

Decision 2 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/2)

The Governing Council approves the Progress Reports and notes with appreciation the work carried out by the SPECA Project Working Groups since its last session. It expresses satisfaction with the broad scope of activities and the stability of extrabudgetary funding received by SPECA projects.

Decision 3 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/3)


Decision 4 (SPECA/GC/DEC/2013/4)

The Governing Council approves the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Project Working Group on Trade. It expresses its hope that the ToR will contribute to the continued effective management and highly professional activities of the PWG.

Decision 5 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/5)

The Governing Council expresses its gratitude for the report on the consultations of the Executive Secretaries of the UNECE and ESCAP with the Governments of SPECA countries on the “Proposals on further strengthening SPECA”. It approves the “Proposals” and calls upon the two Regional Commissions to actively support their implementation by SPECA countries.
Decision 6 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/6)

The Governing Council approves the Terms of Reference of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia. It expresses its conviction that the Terms of Reference will provide a solid basis for the effective governance and implementation of the Programme.

Decision 7 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/7)

The Governing Council notes with satisfaction the report on the work of the Joint ESCAP/UNECE SPECA Office. It encourages further strengthening the role of the Office in project implementation within the SPECA framework.

Decision 8 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/8)

The Governing Council notes with satisfaction the report on cooperation between SPECA and regional organizations and institutions. It supports the further strengthening of coordination and cooperation with partner organizations and donors in strategic areas of regional cooperation.

Decision 9 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/9)

The Governing Council expresses its sincere gratitude to Kazakhstan for its active work as the Chair country of SPECA between 2012 and 2013.

Decision 10 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/10)

The Governing Council welcomes the offer by the Government of Afghanistan to assume the Chairmanship of SPECA starting 23 November 2013. It elects Afghanistan as the Chair country of SPECA for the period of 2013 and 2014.

Decision 11 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/11)

The Governing Council takes note with appreciation the offer by the Government of Turkmenistan to provide assistance to the Afghan Chairmanship of SPECA.

Decision 12 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/12)

The date and venue of the 2014 SPECA Economic Forum and the ninth session of the Governing Council will be decided by consultations through diplomatic channels.

Decision 13 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/13)

The Governing Council expresses its sincere gratitude to the Government of Kazakhstan for the excellent organization and hospitality offered to the participants of the 2013 SPECA Economic Forum and the eighth session of the SPECA Governing Council.

Decision 14 (SPECA/GC/Dec/2013/14)

The Governing Council expresses its deep appreciation to the secretariats of UNECE and ESCAP and their Executive Secretaries for their efforts to organize these important annual events and also expresses its special appreciation for their active work aimed at strengthening SPECA and their
continued support to Programme implementation. The Governing Council also expresses its best wishes to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP in connection with her transfer to another job.