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CENTRAL ASIA (SPECA)**

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Thirteenth session of the SPECA Governing Council
Almaty, Kazakhstan, 21 September 2018

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session.
11.00-11.45

(a) Opening addresses.

(b) Adoption of the agenda.

Documentation:

Annotated provisional agenda (SPECA/GC/13/1)

The Governing Council may wish to consider the adoption of its agenda as contained in the annotated provisional agenda.

2. Outcome of the 2018 SPECA Economic Forum.
11.45-12.00

Documentation:

Recommendations of the 2018 SPECA Economic Forum
(SPECA/GC/13/INF/1)

Under the theme "Twenty years of SPECA: A new stage in regional cooperation for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", the 2018 SPECA Economic Forum will consider progress in transport, trade, energy and information and communication technology, through regional cooperation over the past two decades; structural economic transformation undertaken to ensure realization of benefits resulting from such cooperation; and recommend measures to further enable regional economic integration and cooperation for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals in the seven landlocked SPECA participating countries.

The Governing Council may wish to consider the adoption of the recommendations of the 2018 SPECA Economic Forum.

**3. Activities of the SPECA Thematic Working Groups since the twelfth session of the Governing Council.
12.00-13.00**

Documentation:

- Progress reports on the activities of the SPECA Thematic Working Groups (SPECA/GC/13/2)
- Report of the Working Group on Knowledge-based Development, Baku, 4-5 July 2018 (SPECA/GC/13/3)
- Report of the Working Group on Sustainable Transport, Transit and Connectivity, Astana, 27-28 August 2018 (SPECA/GC/13/4)
- Roadmap for Elaborating a SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development (SPECA/GC/13/INF/2)
- Draft Outline of a SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development (SPECA/GC/13/INF/3)

The Governing Council may wish to take note of the progress made in the implementation of the activities of the SPECA Thematic Working Groups since the twelfth session of the Governing Council and provide guidance for the effective implementation of its remaining activities in 2018-2019.

Recommendation 8 of the 2017 SPECA Economic Forum, Dushanbe, 5 and 6 December 2017 called for the development of an innovation strategy to promote sustainable development in the SPECA region by the SPECA Working Group on Knowledge-based Development for consideration and adoption by the Governing Council. Decision 2 of the twelfth session of the SPECA Governing Council adopted the conclusions and recommendations of the 2017 SPECA Economic Forum and underscored the importance of elaborating an innovation strategy for the SPECA region to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Governing Council may wish to consider the draft Outline of a SPECA Innovation Strategy for Sustainable Development developed in line with this earlier decision for adoption.

Lunch 13.00-14.00

**4. Evaluation of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia.
14.00-15.00**

Documentation:

- Report of the expert group meeting on SPECA (SPECA/GC/13/5)
- Draft Terms of reference of SPECA (SPECA/GC/13/INF/4)
- Evaluation of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA/GC/13/INF/5)

Decision 7 of the SPECA Governing Council, twelfth session, called for the submission of the final SPECA evaluation report to an expert group meeting to be organized in preparation for the twentieth anniversary of SPECA and consideration of operationalization of its recommendations by the Governing Council at its thirteenth session, so that SPECA serves as the mechanism for cooperation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Governing Council may wish to consider how the recommendations of the expert group meeting on SPECA, held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 11 and 12 June 2018 will be operationalized, through adoption of the recommendations and revision to the updated Terms of reference of SPECA.

**5. Election of the next Chair country of SPECA.
15.00-15.15**

Documentation:

Letter from H.E. Mr Atageldi Haljanov, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva to Ms Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe dated 9 February 2018 (SPECA/GC/13/INF/6)

Letter from Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Subregional Office for North and Central Asia of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) dated 12 September 2018 (SPECA/GC/13/INF/7)

**6. Date, venue and theme of the 2019 SPECA Economic Forum and fourteenth session of the SPECA Governing Council.
15.15-15.25**

**7. Other matters.
15.25-15.35**

**8. Adoption of decisions.
15.35-16.00**

**9. Closing of the session.
16.00-16.30**

Coffee Break 16.30-17.00