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I. Attendance

1. The Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration held its sixth session on 30 November - 2 December 2011. Representatives of the following countries participated in the session: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America and Uzbekistan.

2. The European Union was also represented.

3. In attendance were representatives from the following United Nations organizations and specialized agencies: International Trade Center (ITC), United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

4. The following intergovernmental organizations also participated: Commonwealth of Independent States, Eurasian Development Bank, Eurasian Economic Community

(EurAsEC), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and World Trade Organization (WTO).

5. Representatives from the following non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, experts and private sector entities took part in the session: Triple Helix Research Group Inc. (Belgium), Public Services International (France), Georgian Technical University (Georgia), Fraunhofer Center for Central and Eastern Europe (Germany), Pöyry Infra GmbH (Germany), Logotech S.A. (Greece), Buffa, Bortolotti and Mathis (Italy), Wissema Consulting Ltd. (Netherlands), Marketing Research Foundation (Russian Federation), "SKOLKOVO" Foundation (Russian Federation), Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises (Russian Federation), EcoLomics International (Switzerland), International Institute for Sustainable Development (Switzerland), International Road Federation (Switzerland), Swiss-Ghana Project on SPP (Switzerland), University of Geneva (Switzerland), Dobrov Center for S&T Potential and Science History Studies (STEPS Center), National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Ukraine), EPAM Systems Ukraine (Ukraine), Kiev Taras Shevchenko National University (Ukraine), Pakhareenko and Partners (Ukraine), Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (Ukraine), Global Anti-Counterfeiting Network (United Kingdom), Louis Berger UK (United Kingdom), The UK Science Park Association (United Kingdom), University College London (United Kingdom) and Columbia University (United States of America).

II. Adoption of the agenda (Agenda item 1)

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth session (ECE/CECI/2011/1).

6. The Committee adopted the provisional agenda as proposed by the secretariat.

III. Substantive Segment Part 1: Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan (Agenda item 2(a))

Documentation: Conference Room Paper "Main conclusions and recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan".

7. The Chairman introduced the Substantive Segment of the sixth session of CECI, dedicated to the Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan undertaken by the UNECE secretariat at the request of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The project was implemented by a group of international and national experts, in close cooperation with the national authorities, under the methodological guidance of the UNECE secretariat.

8. The Deputy Chairman of the National Innovation Fund, Republic of Kazakhstan, welcomed the session, thanked the authors of the Innovation Performance Review and expressed hope that the conclusions and recommendations of the Review would contribute to significantly improving the regulatory and institutional framework for innovation in Kazakhstan.

9. A representative of the Eurasian Development Bank expressed satisfaction with the outcomes of the Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan and noted that the Eurasian Development Bank would be interested to consider funding similar projects in other countries within its region of operation.

10. Several delegations shared their appreciation of the results of this project and commended the secretariat for undertaking it.

IV. Substantive Segment Part 2: UNECE Public-Private Partnership Initiative (Agenda item 2(b))

Documentation: Conference Room Paper "Scope and development of the UNECE Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Initiative".

11. The Committee discussed progress in developing the UNECE PPP Toolkit and in creating the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence. It also considered proposals from countries to host national PPP Specialist and Training Centres in the UNECE region and worldwide. Several delegations voiced their support for the UNECE PPP Initiative and the establishment of the above-mentioned centres of excellence and emphasized the importance of adequate financing of this endeavour.

12. The Committee welcomed the recent joint mission to Japan by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and the UNECE, which investigated the role of PPPs in reconstruction and risk mitigation of the tsunami-hit areas, and thanked the Toyo University of Japan for its support to this project.

V. Review of the implementation of the programme of work since the fifth session and review of the work of subsidiary bodies after the 2005 ECE reform (Agenda item 3)

13. The decisions on agenda item 3 are presented under agenda item 7.

14. The secretariat briefed the session on important recent developments related to the 2011-2012 Review of the 2005 ECE Reform, including the modalities of the Review, as agreed by the UNECE Executive Committee. The session was informed that due to limits on the volume of parliamentary documentation some of the documents planned for the session (in particular, the reports reviewing the work performed by the Teams of Specialists and under the subprogramme as a whole) were not accepted for submission. These documents will be submitted at the upcoming annual sessions of the Teams.

A. Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (Agenda item 3(a))

Documentation: Report of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP) on its fourth session (ECE/CECI/ICP/2011/2).

Policy options to foster the financing and development of clean technologies (ECE/CECI/2011/3).

Report on the International Conference "Promoting Eco-Innovation: Policies and Opportunities", Tel Aviv, Israel, 11-13 July 2011 (ECE/CECI/CONF.10/2).

15. Several delegations thanked the secretariat for the excellent work accomplished under this thematic area, including the preparation of innovation performance reviews. They also invited the secretariat to expand the outreach of the Team in transition economies and broaden the dissemination of its outputs.

16. The delegations of Azerbaijan and Moldova expressed their interest and invited the secretariat to consider undertaking innovation performance reviews for their countries. The delegation of Moldova also asked the TOS-ICP to assist the country in developing a teaching course on innovation to be used by several higher-education institutions.

17. The Committee took note of the results of the work of the Team of Specialists and the progress achieved in its programme implementation.

B. Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property (Agenda item 3(b))

Documentation: Report on the fifth session of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property (ECE/CECI/IP/2011/2).

Good practices and policy recommendations on raising awareness of the role of IPRs in innovation and the damages of IPR infringements (ECE/CECI/2011/8).

Report of a Subregional conference on the commercialization and enforcement of IP, Belgrade, 11-13 April 2011 (ECE/CECI/CONF.11/2).

18. The secretariat briefed the Committee on the progress of its consultations with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) requested by the Executive Committee with a view to eliminating duplication, and enhancing the efficiency of work. The report on the results of these consultations will be made available to member States before the end of the year after its approval by the senior management of WIPO and UNECE.

19. A representative of the World Intellectual Property Organisation noted that the respective mandates of UNECE and WIPO were complementary and called on better coordination of their joint capacity-building activities.

20. The Committee took note of the results of the work of the Team of Specialists and the progress achieved in its programme implementation.

C. Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (Agenda item 3(c))

Documentation: Report of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS-PPP) on its third session (ECE/CECI/PPP/2011/2).

21. Several delegations voiced their support of the work being undertaken in this area. The delegation of Moldova thanked the TOS-PPP for conducting a PPP readiness assessment in Moldova. The delegation of Azerbaijan informed the session that its country was considering to establish a PPP Specialist Centre on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Baku within the framework of the UNECE PPP Initiative.

22. The Committee took note of the results of the work under this thematic area and the progress achieved in programme implementation.

D. Other focus areas (Agenda item 3(d))

Documentation: Policy options to foster the financing and development of clean technologies (ECE /CECI/2011/3).

23. The Committee took note of the results of the work under the other thematic areas (financing innovative development and entrepreneurship and enterprise development) and the progress achieved in programme implementation.

E. Capacity-building activities (Agenda item 3(e))

Documentation: Report on capacity-building activities (ECE /CECI/2011/4).

24. The Committee took note of the results of the capacity-building work and the progress achieved in this area.

VI. Biennial performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2010-2011 and review of the work under the subprogramme after the 2005 ECE reform (Agenda item 4)

Documentation: Performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2010-2011 (ECE/CECI/2011/6).

25. The secretariat briefed the session on the preparations, jointly undertaken with the CECI Bureau, for the review of the subprogramme within the framework of the 2011-2012 Review of the 2005 ECE Reform. In this context, the Chairman highlighted his presentation "The UNECE Subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration, 2006-2011: Achievements and Challenges" prepared for the forthcoming session of the Executive Committee.

26. The secretariat presented the major results of the biennial performance evaluation of the subprogramme during 2010-2011, as well as the results of the survey of stakeholders on the effectiveness of the Committee's work.

27. Several delegations expressed their gratitude to the Committee for the outputs produced by its networks of experts, which are used extensively to assist countries in dealing with current technological challenges.

28. The decisions on agenda item 4 are presented under agenda item 7.

VII. Programme of work, biennial evaluation plan and publication plan for 2012-2013 (Agenda item 5)

Documentation: Draft programme of work for 2012-2013 (ECE/CECI/2011/5), Biennial evaluation plan for 2012-2013 (ECE/CECI/2011/12), Publication plan for 2012-2013 (ECE/CECI/2011/13).

29. The secretariat presented the draft programme of work, biennial evaluation plan and publication plan for 2012-2013.

30. The secretariat reminded the Committee that the Programme of Work in 2011 was approved by the fifth session of CECI for one year in order to align the programming cycle with the UN biennial programming and budgeting cycle.

31. The draft Programme of Work for 2012-2013 is presented in a new format, in line with the recommendations of the Executive Committee. It is results-based and broken down into clusters of activities with specified expected outcomes, whereby four of its thematic areas (innovation and competitiveness policies; entrepreneurship and enterprise development; financing innovative development and intellectual property for knowledge-based development) are integrated into one broad cluster "promoting innovation and knowledge-based development". The new clustering approach enables a more flexible use of resources, permitting not to drop completely subprogramme elements incorporated in the cluster, even if the budget is reduced.

32. The secretariat also informed the Committee that in accordance with the modalities of the 2011-2012 Review of the 2005 ECE Reform, the programmes of work of sectoral committees will be submitted for approval to the Executive Committee in the last quarter of 2012.

33. The Committee took note of the position of the United Kingdom delegation that in order to raise the efficiency of work and improve its outreach the secretariat should undertake a gradual transition to paperless dissemination of outputs using modern methods of dissemination (through Internet and social networks). Other delegates noted that due regard should be taken of the interests of countries having so far a limited access to the Internet.

34. Replying to a request of the Russian Federation, the secretariat agreed to try to bring forward the release of the "Comparative Review of PPP-related Legislation" (item 134 of publication plan) scheduled for mid 2013. This publication would also contain a glossary of terms on PPPs.

35. The decisions on agenda item 5 are presented under agenda item 7.

VIII. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the discussion during the substantive segment (Agenda item 6)

36. The discussion of the Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan (Substantive Segment, Part 1) and UNECE PPP Initiative (Substantive Segment, Part 2) highlighted a number of key policy issues and conclusions. The Chairman presented the following summary of discussion organized under the Substantive Segment (Items 2(a) and 2(b) of the agenda).

A. Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan

37. Innovation is recognised by the authorities of Kazakhstan as essential to support economic diversification and sustainable economic growth. As a result, innovation issues have received an increased policy attention. Substantial efforts have been made to develop the legal and institutional framework to promote innovation. New initiatives continue to emerge to address relevant policy issues.

38. The dominant role of natural resources in the economy creates a challenging environment for innovation, which requires determined and sustained policy efforts to overcome the weak incentives for innovation that result from this pattern of specialization.

39. Proper evaluation of the impact and usefulness of policies is important for the effective design of future policy interventions. All government support programmes in Kazakhstan include evaluation and control mechanisms but it is important that these procedures take into account the specificities of innovation and are properly implemented.

40. There was an agreement among participants on the importance of human capital development and the availability of specific skills for innovation. The Bolashak programme, which gives opportunities to study abroad, was commended. The capacity of domestic universities and other knowledge organizations to generate new ideas and transform them into commercial proposals should be strengthened further.

41. A vibrant entrepreneurial sector is essential for an innovative economy. SMEs, in particular, are a source of economic dynamism. Participants agreed that public support to innovative SMEs should be made more effective.

42. It was recognised that industry-science linkages remained weak in Kazakhstan, despite ongoing policy efforts. The authorities plan to launch new initiatives, including technology platforms and the creation of a network of offices for technology commercialization. Stronger attention to intellectual property issues would facilitate these linkages.

43. Kazakhstan has started to develop integrated programmes that link the provision of financial resources to other instruments aiming at increasing the managerial and innovative capacities of beneficiaries. This approach was recognised as fruitful and should be continued.

44. The possibilities offered by international relations and increased regional integration to foster innovation should be exploited fully, including through the development of appropriate strategies. The Eurasian Economic Community and other regional integration structures offer opportunities for cooperation that can foster innovation.

B. UNECE PPP Initiative: PPP Toolkit and International PPP Centre of Excellence

45. The forthcoming event “PPP Days 2012” was recognized as a good example of collaboration between the UNECE, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Member States were strongly urged to take full advantage of this opportunity to participate in the premier PPP event in the global PPP calendar to be held in Geneva on 21-24 February 2012.

46. Two components of the UNECE PPP Toolkit for capacity-building and training - the readiness assessment reviews and the good governance guidebook - were highlighted as practical tools that would improve the enabling environment for PPP in countries, and would build the capacity of governments to undertake projects.

47. The creation of the UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence in Geneva with its affiliated specialist and training centres is an important step in providing governments of member States with innovative PPP delivery options, advice and support, so as to assist the development of local PPP capabilities that deliver economic and social infrastructures for the benefit of their citizens. Major progress was being made in the Russian Federation with the establishment of the PPP Regional Training Centre in Moscow for the CIS, while the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan has announced its decision to host the PPP Specialist Centre on Information and Communication Technology. Progress with respect to the Specialist Centre on Water Management in the Netherlands, the Specialist Centre in Aruba devoted to PPP in small islands states, the Specialist Centre on Health in the Philippines, and the Specialist Centre on Schools in Germany was also reported.

48. The role of PPP in disaster recovery in Japan demonstrated the use of UNECE expertise beyond the UNECE region, and its ability to mobilise private sector expertise and contributions to an area of huge concern to all countries. Overall, when compared to traditional public procurement, the PPP model constitutes a comprehensive way that ensures that the rebuilding is economically efficient and sustainable. This activity is undertaken in cooperation with UNISDR and the Toyo University. The latter renewed its commitment for a financial contribution to the UNECE PPP Initiative for the second consecutive year.

IX. Adoption of conclusions and decisions (Agenda item 7)

A. Draft conclusions and decisions under item 2 of the agenda

49. The Committee noted with satisfaction the completion of the “Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan”, and thanked the participants for the insightful reports presented to the first part of the Substantive Segment of the CECI session. It thanked the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for its excellent cooperation with the secretariat

in implementing this project and expressed its appreciation to the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies and the secretariat for their contributions to the Review.

50. The Committee took note of the main conclusions and draft recommendations of the Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan. It invited the secretariat to take into account the views and proposals put forward during the debate when preparing the Review for publication. The Committee proposed to the secretariat to consider, in consultations with the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, possible joint follow-up steps to facilitate the implementation of recommendations contained in the Review.

51. The Committee welcomed the interest expressed by the Government of Ukraine in an Innovation Performance Review to be undertaken in 2012 and expressed appreciation to the Eurasian Development Bank for its continued support to this important CECI activity.

52. The Committee took note of important recent developments under the UNECE Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Initiative as presented and discussed during the second part of the Substantive Segment.

53. The Committee noted with satisfaction the cooperation between UNECE/CECI and Vnesheconombank (VEB) – the Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs of the Russian Federation, including the declared intention of VEB to support financially the UNECE PPP Initiative over a period of three years. It welcomed the efforts to establish the VEB Regional Training Centre for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) within the framework of the UNECE PPP Initiative, noting that the training centre would provide PPP training to government officials and students from the CIS.

54. The Committee welcomed the new policy advisory service developed by the Team of Specialists on PPP to assess the readiness of countries to make use of the PPP model and noted with satisfaction the first practical experiences in this area.

55. The Committee also welcomed the hosting by the UNECE of the premier global PPP conference "PPP Days 2012" in Geneva from 21 to 24 February 2012 back-to-back with the fourth session of the Team of Specialists on PPP. It took note of the fact that this unique event, to be co-hosted by the UNECE, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank with the support of the Economic Cooperation and Development Division of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of the Swiss Confederation (SECO) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), would contribute to further expanding the global outreach of the UNECE PPP activities.

B. Draft conclusions and decisions under item 3 of the agenda

56. Having examined the status of programme implementation, the Committee noted with satisfaction that the main objectives and outputs envisaged in the CECI programme of work for 2010-2011 had been successfully achieved. The Committee invited its Teams of Specialists and networks of experts to take into account the issues and proposals made during the deliberations at the session in their future work, aligning them with the outcomes and conclusions of the ongoing 2011-2012 Review of the 2005 ECE Reform.

57. The Committee noted with satisfaction the quality and relevance of the applied policy-oriented documents prepared for the sixth session of CECI, in particular, "Policy options to foster the financing and development of clean technologies" (ECE/CECI/2011/3) and "Good practices and policy recommendations on raising awareness of the role of IPRs in innovation and the damages of IPR infringements" (ECE/CECI/2011/8). It took note of CECI publications that came out of print in 2011. It thanked the respective Teams of Specialists and networks of experts for their contribution to the preparation of these

documents and invited the secretariat to broadly disseminate them among CECI stakeholders, and make use of their conclusions in capacity-building activities and policy advisory work.

58. The Committee welcomed the positive results of capacity-building activities undertaken after the fifth session, in particular, field-based events organized in the member States (ECE/CECI/2011/4), and encouraged Governments of member States to fully use the potential of its Teams of Specialists and networks of experts in the relevant thematic areas.

59. The Committee thanked the donors which made voluntary contributions during the period 2010-2011, in particular the Governments of the Russian Federation, Israel and Finland, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the Eurasian Development Bank, the Toyo University of Japan, the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF - a member of the World Bank group) and Dolby Laboratories. It emphasized the importance of these financial and in-kind contributions for the success of its capacity-building activities and policy advisory services and for extending their outreach.

60. The Committee noted with satisfaction the work carried out by its Teams of Specialists. It emphasized the role of the Teams as important pillars of CECI activities and expressed gratitude to the Teams, their Bureaus and members for their fruitful contribution to the work under the subprogramme. The Committee also took note of the position of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) that "... the relevant existing subsidiary bodies should continue to function until the end of the review process and do not need further approval for their extension from EXCOM" (EXCOM Informal document No. 2011/21).

C. Draft conclusions and decisions under item 4 of the agenda

61. The Committee took note of the information communicated by the Chairman on the preparation for the review of the subprogramme in the context of the ongoing 2011-2012 Review of the 2005 ECE Reform and the work carried out by the secretariat under the guidance of the CECI Bureau to this effect.

62. The Committee noted the Biennial performance evaluation of the subprogramme for 2010-2011 (ECE/CECI/2011/6) and thanked its members, Teams of Specialists and networks of experts for their inputs to this exercise. It agreed that the outcome of this evaluation contributed to the discussion on the future priorities of its work and asked the secretariat to further study the feedback from stakeholders and practically implement the proposals aimed at raising the efficiency and outreach of its activities.

D. Draft conclusions and decisions under item 5 of the agenda

63. The Committee adopted its programme of work for 2012-2013 as contained in the document ECE/CECI/2011/5, biennial evaluation plan for 2012-2013 (ECE/CECI/2011/12) and publication plan for 2012-2013 (ECE/CECI/2011/13). It invited the secretariat, in consultations with the Bureau, to incorporate in the final version of the programme of work proposals put forward by member States during the deliberations, within the available resources for programme implementation.

64. The Committee took note of the position of EXCOM that "... all 2012-2013 programmes of work of Sectoral Committees will be submitted for formal approval by EXCOM in the last quarter of 2012, with the understanding that work can continue in relation to activities planned to take place in 2012 in accordance with the programme budget" (EXCOM/CONCLU/43).

X. Other business (Agenda item 8)

65. In response to a proposal by a delegation that the Committee should establish rules and procedures for the preparation of the CECI sessions, the Committee agreed that this issue would be examined by the Bureau in consultation with the secretariat. The position of the Bureau on this issue would be communicated to the next CECI session.

A. Dates of the next session

66. The Committee decided that its seventh session would take place in Geneva on 5 - 7 December 2012 (Wednesday to Friday).

Annex

Programme of work of the Subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration in 2012 - 2013¹

Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

Cluster 1. Formulation of policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in the UNECE region.

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased knowledge of good practices and policies targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities leading to the formulation of related CECI policy recommendations

1. Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

1.1 Seventh annual session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI) (5-7 December 2012) (6).

Documentation (5):

Annotated provisional agenda

Capacity-building report

Synopses of good practices, policy recommendations and guidelines

Report of the session of the CECI

1.2 Eighth annual session of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI) (2013) (6).

Documentation (5):

Annotated provisional agenda

Capacity-building report

Draft programme of work for 2014-2015

Synopsis of good practices, policy recommendations and guidelines

Report of the session of the CECI

¹ The programme of work is structured in accordance with the Programme Budget Narrative 2012-2013 (General Assembly document A/66/6 (Sect. 20)) and reflects in parentheses the number of outputs to be delivered in each category, including outputs which are additional to the ones included in the Budget Narrative.

1.3 Fifth session of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (12-13 April 2012) (4).

Documentation (2):

Annotated provisional agenda

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists

1.4 Sixth session of the Team of Specialists of Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (2013) (4, 2 of which additional).

Documentation (2):

Annotated provisional agenda

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists

1.5 Sixth session of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property (20-21 June 2012) (4).

Documentation (2):

Annotated provisional agenda

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists

1.6 Seventh session of the Team of Specialists of Intellectual Property (2013) (4, of which 2 additional).

Documentation (2):

Annotated provisional agenda

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists

1.7 Other expert group meetings (including meetings on entrepreneurship and enterprise development, financing innovative development and other aspects of economic cooperation and integration) (12).

These will be organized as a series of policy-oriented international conferences under the common theme "Policies for Innovation and Knowledge-based Development in the 21st Century".

Proposed topics of individual conferences include:

- Innovation in the public sector
- The territorial dimensions of the knowledge economy and the related policy options to boost competitiveness
- Promoting competition as a driver of innovation, with particular consideration of intellectual property aspects
- The role of trademarks and copyright in innovation and economic growth
- The gender dimension of innovative entrepreneurship, with particular consideration to financing
- Regulatory and institutional obstacles to entrepreneurship in emerging market economies of the UNECE region

Documentation (for each conference) (8, of which 4 additional):

Synopsis of Good Practices and Policy Recommendations

Report of the Conference

(b) *Publications and other information material (9)*

- 1.8 Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan.
- 1.9 Innovation Performance Review of Ukraine (subject to availability of extrabudgetary funding).
- 1.10 Innovation Performance Review of a country with economy in transition (subject to expression of interest by a requesting country and availability of extrabudgetary funding).
- 1.11 Guidebook on Innovation in the Public Sector.
- 1.12 Publication under the series "Policies for Innovation and Knowledge-based Development in the 21st Century" (2012).
- 1.13 Publication under the series "Policies for Innovation and Knowledge-based Development in the 21st Century" (2013).
- 1.14 *Fostering Innovative Entrepreneurship: Challenges and Policy Options* (2012) summarizing major findings and recommendations to governments from a series of events organized by the secretariat in 2008 - 2011.
- 1.15 Policy briefs on selected topics related to the knowledge-based economy, building on the outcomes of meetings (electronic format).
- 1.16 Regular newsletter on innovation-related issues, presenting the activities of the subprogramme and open to external contributions.

Cluster 2. Formulation of policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful public-private partnerships (PPPs).

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased knowledge of good practices and policies targeting a legal and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs leading to the formulation of related CECI policy recommendations

1. Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

2.1 Fourth session of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (21-24 February 2012) (4).

Documentation (2):

Annotated provisional agenda

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists

2.2 Fifth session of the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (2013) (4, of which 2 additional).

Documentation (2):

Annotated provisional agenda

Report of the session of the Team of Specialists

(b) *Publications and other information material*

- 2.3 Publication under the series "UNECE PPP Toolkit" (2012).
- 2.4 Publication under the series " UNECE PPP Toolkit " (2013).
- 2.5 Revised and updated edition of the UNECE Guidebook on Promoting Good Governance in Public-Private Partnerships.
- 2.6 Good Practice Guide on Procurement in Public-Private Partnerships.
- 2.7 Draft PPP Model Law for CIS countries (in cooperation with EBRD and the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly).
- 2.8 Policy briefs on selected topics related to the negotiation and implementation of PPPs, building on the outcomes of meetings (electronic format).
- 2.9 Regular newsletter on PPP-related issues, presenting the activities of the subprogramme and open to external contributions.

Cluster 3. Implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in the UNECE region.

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Enhanced implementation of CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities

1. Outputs/activities

(c) *Technical cooperation (6, of which 2 additional)*

The following policy advisory seminars are envisaged:

- 3.1 Policy advisory project Innovation Performance Review of Ukraine (subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funding).
- 3.2 Policy advisory project Innovation Performance Review of a country with economy with transition (subject to expression of interest by a requesting country and availability of extrabudgetary funding).
- 3.3 Field-based policy advisory workshop to present and discuss the main findings and conclusions of the Innovation Performance Review of Kazakhstan.
- 3.4 Field-based policy advisory workshop to present and discuss the main findings and conclusions of Innovation Performance Review of Ukraine (subject to the availability of extra-budgetary funding).
- 3.5 Policy advisory workshops and missions in countries with economies in transition on matters related to innovation and knowledge-based development, subject to the demand of requesting countries.

Cluster 4. Implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs.

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Enhanced implementation of CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a legal and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs

1. Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation (6 additional)

4.1 International conference on the promotion and dissemination of innovative solutions in the area of Public-Private Partnerships - "PPP Days 2012", 21-24 February 2012.

(b) Publications and other information material (1)

4.2 Reports on national readiness assessments in the area of PPPs undertaken in countries with economies in transition.

(c) Technical cooperation (6, of which 2 additional)

The following policy advisory seminars are envisaged:

4.3 National readiness assessments in the area of PPPs in countries with economies in transition (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding).

4.4 National policy advisory workshops in countries with economies in transition on the results of their respective national readiness assessment undertaken in the area of PPPs (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding).

4.5 Delivery of demand-driven field-based policy advisory services in the area of PPPs (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding).

Cluster 5. Building national capacity to adapt, adopt and implement CECI policy recommendations and good practices on innovative, knowledge-based development in ECE member States.

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities

1. Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

5.1 Fifth session of SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development (2012) (1 additional).

Documentation (2 additional):

Annotated provisional agenda

Report of the session

5.2 Sixth session of SPECA Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development (2013) (1 additional)..

Documentation (2 additional):

Annotated provisional agenda

Report of the session

(b) *Publications and other information (4)*

5.3 Training materials and toolkits on policies to promote innovative, knowledge-based development.

5.4 Training materials and modules under the UNDA project "Building the capacity of SPECA member countries to adopt and apply innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth".

(c) *Technical cooperation (9)*

The following capacity-building and training courses are envisaged (8, of which 2 additional):

5.5 Ongoing series of integrated/cross-cutting or thematic subregional capacity-building and knowledge sharing conferences and workshops on policies for promoting innovative, knowledge-based development (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding).

5.6 Implementation of the UNDA project "Building the capacity of SPECA member countries to adopt and apply innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth" (jointly with Environment Division).

5.7 Subregional capacity-building meeting on innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth (jointly with Environment Division).

5.8 National capacity-building seminars on innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth in SPECA member countries (jointly with Environment Division).

5.9 Seminar and study tour for government officials from countries with economies in transition on the role of institutional support in the development of innovative entrepreneurship (subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funding).

Cluster 6. Building national capacity to adapt, adopt and implement CECI policy recommendations and good practices targeting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs.

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Strengthened national capacity in countries with economies in transition to promote good practices and implement CECI policy recommendations targeting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to successful PPPs

1. Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation (4 additional)

6.1 Fourth meeting of the Expert Group on Public-Private Partnerships for CIS Countries (2012).

6.2 Fifth meeting of the Expert Group on Public-Private Partnerships for CIS Countries (2013).

(b) Publications and other information material (1)

6.3 Development of training materials in the area of PPPs based on the UNECE PPP Toolkit.

(c) Technical cooperation (6, of which 4 additional)

The following capacity-building and training courses are envisaged:

6.4 Subregional and national capacity-building and knowledge sharing conferences and workshops on policies for promoting efficient PPPs (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding).

6.5 Contribution to the implementation of the UNDA project "Building the capacity of SPECA member countries to adopt and apply innovative clean technologies for climate change adaptation and sustainable knowledge-driven growth" (jointly with Environment Division).

6.6 Awareness raising activities and familiarisation visits to promote the further development of PPPs in countries with economies in transition (subject to demand from member States and the availability of extrabudgetary funding).