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High-level Seminar on Innovation Policy and Environmental Challenges

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Minsk, "Victoria" Hotel, 59 Pobediteley ave., Conference room (2nd floor)

Draft Program

09.00 – 09.30 **Registration**

09.30 – 09.50 **Welcome and introduction**

Alexander Shumilin, Chairman, State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus
Jose Palacin, Chief, Innovative Policies Development Section, Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management Division, UN Economic Commission for Europe
Galina Volchuga, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus

Moderators:

09.50 – 10.20 **Innovation policy for green technologies - introduction**
Michiko Enomoto, Economic Affairs Officer, Secretary of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration, UN Economic Commission for Europe

10.20 – 10.50 **Eco-innovation approaches, experiences, what seems to work**
Asel Doranova, Researcher-Consultant on eco-innovations, environmental & energy policies, Technopolis Group, Belgium

10.50 – 11.20 **Coffee-break**

11.20 – 11.50 **Policy instruments to foster green technologies**
Jose Palacin, UNECE

11.50 – 12.40 **Case study and discussion: From technological innovative ideas to successful companies: supporting green technologies start-ups in Israel**
Klara Oren, Chief Executive Officer, L.N. Green Technologies Incubator Ltd., Israel

12.40 – 14.00 **Lunch Break**

14.00 – 14.30 **Innovation systems and policies in support of green technologies**
Michiko Enomoto, UNECE

14.30 – 15.00 **Business case for eco-innovation**
Asel Doranova**,** Technopolis Group

15.00 – 15.30 **Coffee Break**

15.30 – 16.00 **Status and trends of environmental legislation of the Republic of Belarus aimed at introducing the principles of green economy**
Irina Komosko**,** Head of Department, Department for Environment Management and Innovation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus

16.00 – 16.30 **Policy Options and Recommendations**
Jose Palacin, UNECE

16.30 **Conclusions and closure**

Presentations will be uploaded upon the completion of the workshop at the UNECE website http://www.unece.org/ceci/welcome.html and at the National Science portal, www.scienceportal.org.by.