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Decision on matters relating to the

Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships

Decision approving the establishment of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships to replace the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships

Background

1. At its tenth session (Geneva, 23–25 May 2016), the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP) recommended the establishment of a “Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships” in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to replace the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS-PPP). The recommendation to transform the TOS-PPP into a Working Party on PPPs was initiated by the TOS-PPP in the light of the need for reliable and ongoing development and maintenance of PPP standards (Decision 2016 – 5b.2, ECE/CECI/2016/2).

2. The Executive Committee is invited to approve the establishment of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships, to replace the TOS-PPP, and its terms of reference as adopted by the CICPPP and as contained in document ECE/CECI/2016/6, Annex. In order to ensure a smooth transition, the TOS-PPP shall hold its final session in October 2016 and it shall cease to exist the day before the first session of the Working Party takes place in 2017.

Draft Decision

3. The Executive Committee hereby approves the establishment of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships and its terms of reference, as contained in document ECE/CECI/2016/6, Annex, to replace the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships as of its first session to be held in 2017.

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