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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REFORM

Note by the secretariat

The Work Plan on ECE Reform provides that the Commission will, at its 2009 session, review the reform of the ECE. The Commission may nevertheless wish to take stock of the implementation of the specific actions called for in the Work Plan at its current session:

- Discussion under this item will be supported by a note by the secretariat (E/ECE/1446)
- As indicated in E/ECE/1446, the Executive Committee periodically reviews the status of implementation of the reform - the attached table provides more detailed information on the current status.

Explanation of terms used in the “Status” column of the attached table:

Implemented: Task completed and no further action required

Implemented and ongoing: Action taken and, as it is of a recurrent nature, it will be repeated or continued

Being implemented: Work in progress, details provided in the “Action taken or to be taken” column

Not started: Self-explanatory - please refer to details in the “Action taken or to be taken” column.

Abbreviations

AETR	European Agreement Concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport	IMF	International Monetary Fund
Beijing+10	Beijing Platform for Action	IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
CAREC	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation	IRU	International Road Transport Union
CECI	Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration	ITC	Committee on Inland Transport
CEP	Committee on Environmental Policy	MCPFE	Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
CES	Conference of European Statisticians	MDG	Millennium Development Goals
CHLM	Committee on Housing and Land Management	MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States	NGO	Non-governmental organization
CPC	Committee for Programme and Coordination	NSO	National Statistical Office
CSE	Committee on Sustainable Energy	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
CT	Committee on Trade	OES	Office of the Executive Secretary, UNECE
CTimb	Committee on Timber	OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa	PAU	Population Activities Unit
ECI	Economic Cooperation and Integration	PPMEU	Programme Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization	PPR	Programme Performance Report
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council	REM	Real Estate Market Advisory Group
EE21	Energy Efficiency 21 Project	ROE	Regional Office for Europe
EECCA	Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia	SEE	South-eastern Europe
EERC	The Energy & Environmental Research Center	SPE	Society of Petroleum Engineers
EFC	FAO European Forestry Commission	SPECA	Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia
EHLM	Environment, Housing and Land Management Division	TCU	Technical Cooperation Unit
EO	Executive Office, Office of the Executive Secretary, UNECE	THE PEP	Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme
EPR	Environmental Performance Review	TIR	Transport International Router (International Road Transport)
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	TIRExB	TIR Executive Board
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	ToR	Terms of Reference
EurAsEC	Eurasian Economic Community	UN/CEFACT	United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business
Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Communities	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
EXCOM	Executive Committee	UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	UNF	UN Foundation
FFEM	Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial (French Global Environment Facility)	UNFF	United Nations Forum on Forests
GEF	Global Environment Facility	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
GEPW	Group of Experts on the Programme of Work	UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme	WHO	World Health Organization
IEA	International Energy Agency	WPLA	Working Party on Land Administration
IGU	International Gas Union		

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WP001	1. Based on the recommendations on the role, mandate and functions of the ECE reflected in the report on the state of the ECE, the Commission adopts the following decision:	-	-	-	-
-	I. MISSION STATEMENT				
WP002	2. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) as a multilateral platform facilitates greater economic integration and cooperation among its fifty-five Member States and promotes sustainable development and economic prosperity through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - policy dialogue, - negotiation of international legal instruments, - development of regulations and norms, - exchange and application of best practices as well as economic and technical expertise - technical cooperation for countries with economies in transition. 	-	-	-	-
WP003	3. The ECE contributes to enhancing the effectiveness of the UN through the regional implementation of outcomes of global UN Conferences and Summits.	-	-	-	-
-	II. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE				
WP004	4. The governance structure shall be reformed in order to enhance accountability, transparency and the horizontal coherence of the activities of the organization with a view to enabling the organization to better respond to the needs of its Member States.	Member states	Implemented	Governance structure reformed.	-
WP005	5. The existing Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of ECE will be amended accordingly.	Member states, Secretariat	Implemented	Adopted by Commission and ECOSOC.	E/RES/2006/38
-	II. A. The Commission				
WP006	6. The Commission is the highest decision-making body of the organization	-	-	-	-
WP007	7. It is responsible for taking strategic decisions on the ECE Programme of Work and the allocation of resources without prejudice to the competence of the Fifth Committee.	-	-	-	-
WP008	8. It also provides a forum for a policy dialogue at high level on economic development for the region.	-	-	-	-
WP009	9. The Commission meets once every two years in Geneva as of 2007, taking into account the provisions of rules 1 and 2 of the Rules of Procedure. The Commission at its 2009 session will review the reform of the ECE including the question of frequency of its sessions	Member states, Secretariat	Being implemented	First biennial session taking place in Geneva in April 2007. The Commission agenda in 2009 shall include a review of the reform implementation.	-
WP010	10. The Commission is chaired by the representative of the country elected by the Commission for the period of the biennium. The chair is assisted by 2 vice-chairs who will be representatives of 2 countries elected at the same session.	Member states	Implemented and ongoing	A Chair and two Vice-chairs were elected at the 2006 Annual Session of the Commission to serve for one year. The 2007 session will elect new a chair and two vice-chairs to serve for a two year period.	E/ECE/1444

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-	II. B. The Executive Committee				
WP011	11. The implementation of the overall guidance set by the Commission is entrusted to the Executive Committee	-	-	-	-
WP012	12. Representatives of all ECE Member States participate in the Executive Committee.	-	-	-	-
WP013	13. The chairs of the Sectoral Committees – or the vice-chairs – are regularly invited to the meetings of the Executive Committee.	EXCOM, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	As of end of February 2007, chairs and vice-chairs of all Sectoral Committees have met with EXCOM, mostly through back-to-back meetings with their annual sessions.	-
WP014	14. The Executive Secretary or his representative takes part in the meetings of the Executive Committee.	-	-	-	-
WP015	15. The Executive Committee is presided by a representative of the country which chairs the Commission. The Chairman of the Executive Committee is assisted by 2 vice chairs elected by the Executive Committee, for the period of one year, renewable	Member states	Implemented and ongoing	The Executive Committee is presided by Belgium which currently chairs the Commission. Two vice-chairs (Armenia and Switzerland) were elected at the meeting of EXCOM on 6 April 2006 to serve for one year. The next election will take place at the EXCOM meeting on 31 May 2007.	-
WP016	16. In between the biennial session of the Commission, the Executive Committee acts on behalf of the Commission and can seize itself of all matters related to ECE activities in conformity with the Terms of Reference.	-	-	-	-
WP017	17. In particular, the Executive Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prepares the sessions of the Commission, - reviews, evaluates and approves in due time the Programmes of work of the sectoral committees, including intersectoral activities and relations with other international organizations, based on the criteria which the Executive Committee shall define and which will include the coherence with the overall objective of the ECE, coordination with other subprogrammes and resource implications; - approves the set-up, renewal, discontinuance, terms of reference and work plans of groups under the Sectoral Committees, based on the criteria of their relevance to the subprogramme, resource implications, avoidance of duplication and overlap in the ECE activities; - examines with the chair and vice-chairs of the Sectoral Committees, their report on the implementation of their Programme of Work and other relevant issues; - ensures coherence between subprogrammes, inter alia by encouraging horizontal communication within the organization; - deals with all matters related to programme planning, administrative and budget issues, including extrabudgetary funding. 	Member states, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	EXCOM agreed on theme of 2007 Commission session and is discussing the draft programme of session. Actions in relation to these items have been undertaken in the framework of meetings between EXCOM and Sectoral Committees from June 2006 to February 2007. See also paragraph 26. These issues have been taken up during relevant agenda items at various EXCOM meetings, especially those during October - November 2006 in context of programme budget preparation and discussion. The Executive Secretary informs the EXCOM regularly concerning initiatives and work of ECE secretariat.	-

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WP018	18. The Ad Hoc Informal Sessions of the Commission, the Bureau of the Commission, the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work, and the Steering Committee are discontinued. The governance role formerly filled by these bodies shall be performed by the Executive Committee. The existing Monthly Briefings by the Secretariat will be replaced by a regular briefing which shall take place as a rule during the meetings of the Executive Committee.	Member states, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	The bodies referred to in this paragraph were disbanded. The EXCOM took over the governance role of these former bodies. Monthly briefings were replaced by regular briefings by the Executive Secretary during EXCOM meetings.	-
WP019	19. The Executive Committee meets when necessary.	-	-	-	-
WP020	20. All decisions are adopted in formal sessions. For formal sessions, interpretation shall be provided and documentation for decision shall be available in all ECE official languages. The Executive Committee can also meet in informal mode.	-	-	-	-
WP021	21. The Terms of Reference and the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee shall be adopted by the Commission.	Commission, Secretariat	Implemented	The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the EXCOM were adopted by the Commission in April 2006.	E/ECE/1444
-	II. C. The Sectoral Committees				
WP022	22. The reference to "Principal Subsidiary Bodies" is discontinued and replaced by "Sectoral Committees".	Member states, Secretariat	Implemented	-	-
WP023	23. Each subprogramme of the Programme of Work is attributed to a Sectoral Committee.	Member states, Secretariat	Implemented	-	-
WP024	24. Each Sectoral Committee is responsible for the preparation and implementation of its Programme of Work under the conditions defined by the Commission and the Executive Committee. The Terms of Reference of the Sectoral Committees shall be approved by the Commission.	Sectoral Committees, EXCOM, Commission, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	Relevant actions were being taken by all Sectoral Committees. The Programmes of Work were submitted to the EXCOM and approved during 2006 and early 2007. The Terms of Reference of Committees (if revised) have been submitted to the Commission session in April 2007 for approval.	E/ECE/1447
WP025	25. The Sectoral Committees are: - Committee on Environmental Policy - Committee on Inland Transport - Committee on Statistics, further referred to as "Conference of European Statisticians" - Committee on Sustainable Energy - Committee on Trade - Committee on Timber - Committee on Housing and Land Management - Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration	-	-	-	-

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WP026	26. All Committees shall review by the end of February 2007: - their subsidiary intergovernmental bodies in accordance with the Guidelines defined in E/ECE/1407/Add 1. These Guidelines shall be previously reviewed by Member States; with a view to rationalizing them, and submit proposals on possible streamlining to the Executive Committee.	Sectoral Committees	Implemented	Guidelines on Teams of Specialists were reviewed, revised and issued; new guidelines on Working Parties were issued. Sectoral Committees have reviewed their subsidiary bodies. Establishment and renewal of subsidiary groups, including their ToRs, have been submitted to and approved by EXCOM. Sectoral Committees regularly review their meeting schedules and meeting needs. Meetings are often organized back to back in order to economize the financial resources of participating countries, minimize travel of delegations and avoid overlap in substantive issues for discussion.	ECE/EX/1 and ECE/EX/2 ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2006/12; ECE/EX/2006/L.17
WP027	27. The Sectoral Committees report once a year and on request to the Executive Committee, through a meeting with their chair and vice-chairs.	Member states, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	All Sectoral Committees have reported to the EXCOM through back-to-back meetings with their Annual Sessions.	-
WP028	28. Sectoral committees will jointly prepare and submit proposals to the Executive Committee on issues and activities of common interest.	Member states, Secretariat	Being implemented	The Committee on Inland Transport and the Bureau of the CES agreed to jointly launch an external review of ECE data work in transport statistics.	-
-	II. D. The Secretariat				
WP029	29. The Secretariat services the intergovernmental structure entrusted with the implementation of the Programme of Work.	Secretariat	Implemented	-	-
-	III. PRIORITIES OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK				
WP030	30. In order to respond to the actual needs expressed by Member States, the Programme of Work will be restructured. Elements of the subprogrammes of work which are not mentioned below will be maintained. This reform will be implemented within existing budgetary resources.				

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-	<p>III. A. Environment Subprogramme</p>				
	<p>31. The Subprogramme shall increase its focus on:</p>				
	<p>– <i>Member States' implementation of their decisions and commonly agreed goals, including those made in the Environment for Europe process, the EECCA Strategy, and the ECE Environmental Conventions;</i></p>		Being implemented	<p>Implementation of decisions and goals is one of the themes for the Belgrade Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (October 2007). On that occasion participants will discuss the implementation of ECE Multilateral environmental agreements focussing on both the obligations arising from conventions and the incentives they provide for building capacity and sharing good practices, in particular in EECCA and SEE countries, and on how to overcome bottlenecks to implementation of environmental policies as highlighted by EPRs. Background documents that are being prepared will constitute a basis for Ministers to make policy recommendations for boosting the effective implementation of the conventions and for further improving environmental management. Concerning specific support to the EECCA countries, the regional adviser carries out projects and activities to support the wider application of ECE conventions and to reach new bilateral agreements, develop national programmes for policy implementation and improve national legislation through training and capacity building.</p>	
WP031	<p>– strengthening work on Environmental Performance Reviews and Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, which lays the necessary foundation for evaluating environmental protection and the implementation of these decisions.</p>	CEP, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	<p>Increased emphasis is put on the implementation of the EPR recommendations through launching events with the participation of major stakeholders. Furthermore delegates from reviewed countries wishing to undertake a second review present voluntary interim reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the first EPR on their countries at the Committee session and provide information on the preparation for second reviews. The Committee suggested that more of its time should be allocated to the peer reviews discussions, and therefore will discuss alternative ways to organize peer reviews at its sessions.</p> <p>The Committee will further strengthen the environmental monitoring and assessment pillar of the Committee's work programme, with a particular focus on the Working Group's capacity-building activities in EECCA. Furthermore it will provide a contribution to the Belgrade Conference to be decided in May 2007.</p>	
WP032	<p>32. Greater efforts shall be directed towards the implementation of the ECE environmental programme, notably through further capacity building and workshops at subregional levels.</p>	CEP, Secretariat	Being implemented	<p>Stronger emphasis has been put into the capacity building activities in support to the implementation of the ECE conventions and their protocols through specific projects, training sessions and workshops. To that end member States provide finance to the Conventions' Trust Funds earmarked for specific capacity-building activities.</p>	

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WP033	33. The Committee on Environmental Policy shall study ways and means to strengthen cooperation with UNEP and all other relevant UN institutions and international organizations in order to optimise the implementation of the Programme of Work in the region and submit proposals to the Executive Committee.	CEP, Secretariat	Being implemented	Annual coordination meetings take place between the EHLM and UNEP/ROE as well as coordination with all other relevant organizations and players within the "Environment for Europe" process.	-
WP034	34. The Committee on Environmental Policy shall, in cooperation with the Committee on Inland Transport and in consultation with WHO, strengthen activities relating to: - THE PEP, including sustainable financing and staffing for the clearing house; - environmental aspects of transportation, and submit proposals thereon to the Executive Committee.	CEP, Secretariat	Being implemented	The High Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment will take place in 2008; preparations are under way. The secretariat is seeking the required financial resources with the aim of strengthening member States' commitment to greater integration of transport, health and environmental policies at national level and also to reinforce the role of the Pan European Programme as a platform for promoting greater policy integration. It is envisaged to have a declaration adopted with recommendations on enhancing the role of THE PEP. Staffing for THE PEP Clearing House was strengthened by the Environment and Transport Divisions. The additional staff assist EECCA and SEE countries to provide substantive input for the Clearing House and to develop good practices for initial exchange of experience. A workshop on sustainable urban transport was held in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18-20 October 2006. Regular coordination meetings between the ECE Environment and Transport Divisions take place to better coordinate work in progress.	-
-	III. B. Transport Subprogramme				
WP035	35. The Committee on Inland Transport shall strengthen activities in the fields of border crossing and trade facilitation in cooperation with the Committee on Trade and submit proposals thereon to the Executive Committee.	ITC, Secretariat	Being implemented	A meeting of the Chairs of the two Committees is to be held on the occasion of the forthcoming ECE session.	-

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WP036	<p>36. The Committee on Inland Transport shall, in cooperation with the Committee on Environmental Policy and in consultation with WHO, strengthen activities relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - THE PEP, including sustainable financing and staffing for the clearing house; - environmental aspects of transportation; <p>and submit proposals thereon to the Executive Committee.</p>	ITC, Secretariat	<p>Being implemented</p> <p>Implemented</p> <p>Being implemented</p>	<p>The High Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment will take place in 2008; preparations are under way. The secretariat is seeking the required financial resources with the aim of strengthening member States' commitment to greater integration of transport, health and environmental policies at national level and also to reinforce the role of the Pan European Programme as a platform for promoting greater policy integration. It is envisaged to have a declaration adopted with recommendations on enhancing the role of THE PEP.</p> <p>Staffing for THE PEP Clearing House was strengthened by the Environment and Transport Divisions. The additional staff assist HECCA and SEE countries to provide substantive input for the Clearing House and to develop good practices for initial exchange of experience.</p> <p>A workshop on sustainable urban transport was held in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18-20 October 2006.</p> <p>Regular coordination meetings between the ECE Environment and Transport Divisions take place to better coordinate work in progress.</p>	-
WP037	<p>37. The Committee on Inland Transport shall submit proposals to the Executive Committee on ways and means of monitoring and strengthening the implementation of key ECE legal instruments on transport, including on road safety.</p>	ITC, Secretariat	Being implemented	<p>A proposal to strengthen the implementation of the Harmonization Convention was submitted to the EXCOM in May 2006. Subsequently, a survey was launched and a proposal requesting support for related capacity building activities was presented to OSCE. A ECE-OSCE-EurAsEC Seminar on implementation of the Harmonization Convention was held in Moscow on 17-18 October 2006. A joint ECE-OSCE Seminar on the same subject was held on 14-15 December 2006 in Belgrade. The ITC decided to modify its Programme of Work with the issuance of reports on the implementation of the AETR and of selected aspects of the Vienna Conventions and of the European Agreements supplementing them, in the biennium 2008-2009. The Executive Committee approved these changes.</p> <p>A project proposal on road safety to be implemented in collaboration with other UN Regional Commissions was submitted for funding through the UN Development Account.</p>	ECE/EX/2007/L.6
WP038	<p>38. The Committee on Inland Transport shall submit proposals to the Executive Committee on ways and means to strengthen Euro-Asia transport links.</p>	ITC, Secretariat	Being implemented	<p>A proposal seeking financial support for the Euro-Asian transport links was submitted to OSCE.</p> <p>In the context of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5), a workshop on Euro-Asian links was held in September 2006; a follow-up workshop is being planned for 2007.</p>	-

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WP039	<p>39. The Committee on Inland Transport shall submit proposals to the Executive Committee on ways and means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to strengthen the TIR Convention; - to improve transparency in managing the TIR Convention. 	ITC, Secretariat	Being implemented	<p>Proposals were submitted to the TIR Administrative Committee to strengthen the Convention. Work on computerization of the TIR procedure is under way. Regional and national seminars on TIR issues were held in Belgrade, Sofia, Ulaan Baatar, Tashkent and Khujand in 2006. A special seminar on approval of TIR vehicles is being planned for September 2007. The Committee on Inland Transport added to its programme of work two outputs: amendments to the TIR Convention and to the ECE-IRU Agreement on the financing of the TIRExB and the TIR secretariat, and a final project description of the computerization of the TIR procedure. The Executive Committee approved these changes.</p> <p>The secretariat, in cooperation with Contracting Parties and the European Commission, made proposals to the TIR Administrative Committee to address TIR management issues and has kept the Executive Committee informed.</p>	ECE/EX/2007/L6
-	III. C. Subprogramme on Statistics				
WP040	40. The coordination of international statistical work, the methodological work and technical cooperation activities shall be strengthened.	CES, Secretariat	Being implemented	<p>a) ECE Statistical Division received mandate from the CES to coordinate technical cooperation activities for statistics targeted at Central Asian countries; a report on donor activities has been presented to and approved by the CES Bureau</p> <p>b) methodological work: a P-4 post was redeployed from data work to methodological work (economic statistics) within the Statistical Division, and a secretary General Service (GS) post proposed for conversion into a P post for the biennium 2008/2009; furthermore, new activities have started on measuring sustainable development, harmonisation of short-term statistics and engendering national statistical systems;</p> <p>c) technical cooperation activities: new activities have started aimed at strengthening the statistical capacity of SPECA countries and at assisting selected SEE and CIS countries in strengthening statistics for designing and implementing gender policies and in using statistics to monitor progress towards the achievement of MDGs (UNDP funded - see paragraph 78).</p> <p>New project proposals have been prepared jointly with other organisations to support countries to improve migration statistics and to produce, disseminate and use statistics for monitoring development goals.</p>	<p>ECE Statistical Programme 2006 and 2007</p> <p>Documents for the 1st meeting of the SPECA Project Working Group on Statistics, project on gender statistics approved by the EXCOM, project proposals on migration statistics and MDG monitoring; report on donor activities for Central Asian countries</p>

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WP041	41. In order to provide Member States with user-oriented statistics, the Conference of European Statisticians shall submit proposals to the Executive Committee on the actual production of Member States statistics. The contents of the online database shall be reviewed and improved accordingly.	CES, Secretariat	Implemented	Four external experts, made available by NSOs, delivered an evaluation report of the content and user-friendliness of the ECE database in September 2006. The report was approved by the Bureau of the CES in October 2006. Some of the recommendations from this evaluation report were included in the Statistical Programme 2007 which was submitted to and approved by the EXCOM.	ECE/EX/2006/L.20
WP042	42. The functioning and accessibility of the online database shall be improved in order to facilitate the dissemination of statistics.	CES, Secretariat	Being implemented	The Russian language version of the online database has been prepared and the presentation of gender database is made more user-friendly. Recommendations of the external review team of statistical databases (see paragraph 41) are being implemented.	ECE Statistical Database List of actions agreed for the implementation of the evaluation report.
WP043	43. The publication of "Trends" is discontinued. The production of other publications shall be reviewed by the Conference of the European Statisticians which will submit proposals to the Executive Committee.	CES, Secretariat	Implemented	The publication "Trends in North America and Europe" has been discontinued. As regards other hard-copy publications, the CES Bureau has reviewed the programme as part of the annual statistical programmes.	
WP044	44. The resources allocated to the processing of data by this Subprogramme shall be reduced due to the overall reduction of activities in the field of economic analysis.	CES, Secretariat	Implemented	Two professional posts and three statistical assistants have been redeployed away from economic data work, three of them to tasks outside the subprogramme on statistics. As a result, half of the series of the macroeconomic database were discontinued.	Organisation chart of the Statistical division valid as from 1 April 2006
-	III. D. Subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration				
WP045	45. This Subprogramme will address key aspects of economic development and integration and focus mainly on countries with economies in transition in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deliver policy advice; - facilitate policy dialogue, and exchange of experience and best practices; - develop guidelines. 	CECI, Secretariat	Implemented	The Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (CECI) at its first session, 27-28 September 2006, adopted a Programme of Work that includes all the elements mentioned in paragraph 46	ECE/CECI/2006/6 Annex II

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WP046	<p>46. To this extent the Subprogramme will deal with:</p> <p>(a) Application of experience gained, lessons learned and best practices conducive to economic growth and innovative development. This work shall be demand driven, focused on specific topics and can be entrusted by the Committee to external experts and relevant organizations and institutions, in particular those from countries with economies in transition. The initial list to be considered by the Committee may include such issues as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Promoting effective public investment and regulatory policies; (ii) Strengthening the competitiveness of the economy through innovative development; (iii) Development of financial systems and services; (iv) Application and adaptation of economic analysis. <p>(b) Elaboration of recommendations aimed at creating policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic development, investment and innovation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Creation and development of enterprises and entrepreneurship; (ii) Promotion of knowledge-based economies and innovation; (iii) Promotion of an effective system of IPRs protection; (iv) Promotion of corporate governance, rule of law and public private partnerships through the improvement of transparency and investors confidence, including the establishment of guidelines hereto. <p>(c) The Sectoral Committee shall define the modalities of the integration of existing activities in the new Subprogramme with a view to continuing valuable work in the areas mentioned above, and report to the Executive Committee.</p>	CECI, Secretariat	Being implemented	<p>The implementation of the Programme of Work adopted by CECI is underway. First meetings of the Teams of Specialists on Intellectual Property and on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies were held in November 2006 and March 2007 respectively. The second meeting of the Team of Specialists on Intellectual Property and a meeting on commercialization and protection of IPRs are under preparation. Preparations are also underway for expert meetings on all other focus areas included in the CECI Programme of Work for 2007, along with preparation of comparative reviews and other mandated documents.</p>	ECE/CECI/2006/6 Annex II
WP047	<p>47. Networks of experts, advisers and decision-makers shall be set up in order to provide a platform for exchange of national policy experiences and development of standards and best models on these matters.</p>	CECI, Secretariat	Being implemented	<p>Networks of experts, advisers and decision-makers are being set up in all thematic areas of the CECI Programme of Work. The virtual Platform for Exchange of Information among experts was developed and is going through a pilot stage. Information on national experts has been requested and responses are awaited from some ECE member States.</p>	
WP048	<p>48. The activities of this Subprogramme shall be built inter alia on the results of the work carried out by other relevant organizations and institutions operating in this field, including UN agencies, with which synergies should be improved.</p>	CECI, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	<p>CECI took action to this effect in the context of the Programme of Work adopted in September 2006. An inter-agency meeting was organised on 29 September 2006 by the Secretariat to have a first discussion on possible areas of mutually beneficial cooperation. Efforts are underway to further involve representatives of relevant organisations in the Teams of Specialists and Networks of Experts.</p>	

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WP049	49. Based on the overall framework above, Member States shall approve the strategic framework no later than end of March 2006 and the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration shall submit proposals on its Terms of Reference and Programme of Work to the Executive Committee for approval as soon as possible, at the latest within one year from adoption of this decision.	CECI, Secretariat	Implemented	The strategic framework for this new subprogramme was agreed by the GEPW, then submitted to the CPC and later adopted by the General Assembly as part of the ECE Strategic Framework. CECI at its first session, 27-28 September 2006, adopted its Terms of Reference. EXCOM at its meeting in October 2006 approved CECI's programme of work and endorsed the ToR. The Terms of Reference have been submitted to the Commission session in April 2007 for adoption.	A/61/6 (prog. 16) ECE/CECI/2006/2; ECE/EX/2006/L.12
WP050	50. The Executive Committee will review the Subprogramme on Economic Cooperation and Integration no later than 3 years from the adoption of the present decision with a view to assessing if the level of resources is appropriate and optimizing the programme if necessary.	CECI, Secretariat	Not started	Review of the ECI Subprogramme will be on the agenda of EXCOM by the end of 2008, which is three years from the adoption of the ECE reform (December 2005). Work on this review will start later.	-
WP051	51. A Regional Adviser shall be allocated to this Subprogramme.	CECI, Secretariat	Implemented	Implemented by the Secretariat in the context of the reform-related redeployment of staff.	-
-	III. E. Subprogramme on Sustainable Energy				
WP052	52. The Committee on Sustainable Energy shall streamline its activities and improve cooperation with other relevant institutions, in particular the IEA and the Energy Charter. This cooperation could take the form of joint activities, MoU, participation of members of other relevant organizations in the activities of the Subprogramme and vice versa.	CSE, Secretariat	Being implemented	November 2006 Energy Committee meeting reviewed activities and cooperation with the 25 other relevant international organisations that attended the annual session. Mandates for the Committee, Working Party, Experts Groups and Projects were reviewed, amended as necessary and approved at Committee Session. Ad hoc Expert Groups, Projects and secretariat have formally cooperated with OPEC, IEA, Energy Charter, UNEP, GEF, EBRD, SPE, IGU. An MoU was signed between ECE and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE); the EE21 Project Plan provides for funding from UNEP/GEF; UNDP, UNF, FFEM and participation of EBRD.	Press Releases ECE/SED/06/P02 and ECE/IREDD/05/P10; EE21 Project Plan ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/ 2006/5
WP053	53. The Committee on Sustainable Energy shall strengthen activities in the fields of energy efficiency, cleaner energy production, energy security and diversification of energy sources, taking into account environmental concerns. Special attention should be given to cooperation with the Committee on Environmental Policy, the Committee on Inland Transport and the Committee on Timber.	CSE, Secretariat	Being implemented	Energy Efficiency 21 Project Steering Committee adopted a new Project Plan 2006-2009 with significant extrabudgetary funding. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (CMM) launched new activities on clean energy production during their meeting in January 2006. The Energy Security Forum prepared studies on global energy security risks and risk mitigation and made an input to the preparations of the 2006 G-8 Summit. The Committee on Sustainable Energy will contribute a report on energy efficiency policies to the Environment for Europe meeting in Belgrade 2007 organised by the Committee on Environmental Policy.	Report of the EE21 Steering Committee ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/ 2006/6; Report of the GE on CMM ENERGY/ GE.4/2006/2
-	III. F. Trade Subprogramme (Renamed as per paragraph 58)				
WP054	54. Activities in the field of Trade Facilitation shall continue and focus on supporting the development of standards carried out by the UNCEFACT.	CT, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	Trade Facilitation continues to be an important component of the Trade Subprogramme. An integrated strategy for trade facilitation and electronic business emphasizing the work on standards was approved by the May 2006 session of UN/CEFACT.	ECE/TRADE/CEFACT/2006/5

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WP055	55. The Committee on Trade shall review the programme on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies.	CT, Secretariat	Implemented	The Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policy undertook a strategic review of its work beginning in the autumn of 2005 and its work programme was approved by the Committee at its June 2006 session.	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2006/12
WP056	56. The activities in the field of agricultural quality standards shall be strengthened. Consultations shall be initiated with the OECD in order to concentrate the activities of the two organizations within the ECE.	CT, Secretariat	Being implemented	Consultations with the OECD and its member State delegations have begun. The transition process steps were approved by the Committee on Trade at its June 2006 session and a draft transition plan has been forwarded to the OECD for consideration by the relevant intergovernmental bodies there.	ECE/C/TRADE/2006/18/Add.1
WP057	57. The Sectoral Committee is renamed as: "Committee on Trade".	CT, Secretariat	Implemented	The Committee has been renamed.	ECE/TRADE/C/2006/10/Rev.1 E/ECE/1447
WP058	58. The Subprogramme is renamed as: "Trade Subprogramme"	CT, Secretariat	Implemented	The new name of the subprogramme is reflected in the Strategic Framework 2008-2009.	A/61/6 (prog. 16)
-	III. G. Timber and Forestry Subprogramme (Renamed as per paragraph 61)				
WP059	59. The Committee on Timber shall submit proposals to the Executive Committee on the development of increased cooperation between the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE) and ECE, and explore the possibility of a formal framework for this cooperation.	CTimb, Secretariat	Being implemented	The sixty-fourth session of the Committee in October 2006 informed the Executive Committee that it is working to intensify cooperation with MCPFE and to put it onto a more formal basis. The Bureau of the Timber Committee is also planning a joint meeting with the General Coordinating Committee of the MCPFE, in May 2007, to discuss closer cooperation.	ECE/TIM/2006/2 (paragraphs 15 and 16) ECE/EX/2006/L.11, Item 2
WP060	60. The Committee on Timber shall submit proposals to the Executive Committee on ways and means to strengthen its monitoring and analysis activities relating to forest policy and institutions.	CTimb, Secretariat	Implemented	The sixty-fourth session of the Committee, in October 2006 submitted the programme of work to the Executive Committee, reflecting the tasks of the new staff member appointed as a result of the ECE Reform process. It informed the Executive Committee that its work on monitoring and analysis of policies and institutions is being developed.	ECE/TIM/2006/7, Annex 4, submitted to EXCOM for the meeting with the bureau of the Timber Committee on 6 October 2006 (ECE/EX/2006/L.11, Item 2)
WP061	61. The Subprogramme is renamed "Subprogramme on timber and forestry".	CTimb, Secretariat	Implemented	The new name of the subprogramme is reflected in the Strategic Framework 2008-2009.	A/61/6 (prog. 16)
-	III. H. Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme (Renamed as per paragraph 65)				
WP062	62. The following programme elements are discontinued: - the development of Human Settlements Statistics; - major trends characterizing Human Settlements development.	CHLM, Secretariat	Implemented	These programme elements have been discontinued.	ECE/HBP/136

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WP063	63. The activities and related resources in the field of real estate (currently carried out under the Industrial Restructuring and Enterprise Development Subprogramme) shall be integrated in the Subprogramme. The Sectoral Committee shall submit proposals to the Executive Committee on the modalities of this integration.	CHLM, Secretariat	Being implemented	Activities in the field of real estate are covered in the revised ToR of the Working Party on Land Administration approved by the Committee on Housing and Land management in September 2006 and by EXCOM in November 2006. Two coordination meetings between the Committee on Housing and Land Management (CHLM), the Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA), real estate experts and the secretariat took place in November 2006 and March 2007. It was agreed that a Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM) to the WPLA should be established to provide additional expertise on real estate markets. Members of REM will be invited in their personal capacity, taking into account functional and geographical representation. REM reports to the WPLA and participates in Bureau meetings as observers. The activities of the advisory group are guided by the WPLA programme of work. A proposal for the establishment of REM and its ToR will be submitted to the EXCOM for approval, subsequent to its submission to the CHLM at its annual session in September and to the WPLA in November 2007. It is envisaged thereafter to invite experts to become members of REM and to discuss their activities in support of the WPLA programme of work.	
WP064	64. The activities and related resources in the field of Population (currently carried out under the Economic Analysis Subprogramme) shall be integrated in the Subprogramme.	CHLM, Secretariat	Implemented	Population activities have been integrated in the subprogramme, as reflected in Strategic Framework 2008-2009. Staff resources have been moved to the relevant Division.	A/61/6 (prog. 16)
WP065	65. The Subprogramme is renamed as: "Subprogramme on Housing, Land Management and Population".	CHLM, Secretariat	Implemented	The new name of the subprogramme is reflected in the Strategic Framework 2008-2009.	A/61/6 (prog. 16)
WP066	66. The Sectoral Committee is renamed as: "Committee on Housing and Land Management".	CHLM, Secretariat	Implemented	The Committee has been renamed.	ECE/HBP/136
WP067	67. The intergovernmental governance of the Population activities shall be assured by the Executive Committee.	EXCOM, Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	The EXCOM now acts as the governing body for population activities. It approved the Programme of Work of the Population Activities Unit (PAU) for 2007.	ECE/EX/2007/L.4
-	III. I. Economic Analysis and Industrial Restructuring and Enterprise Development Subprogrammes				
WP068	68. These Subprogrammes as well as the related intergovernmental structures will be discontinued.		Implemented	Subprogrammes discontinued.	
-	IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION				
WP069	69. Technical Cooperation forms an integral part of the ECE's activities. It has to focus on the countries with economies in transition and has to be demand driven.				

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WP070	70. The ECE's Technical Cooperation shall concentrate on the sectors where ECE has in-house expertise and comparative advantage over other organizations. It should be coherent with and support the implementation of the agreed work programmes.	Divisions, TCU	Implemented and ongoing	ECE technical cooperation activities are carried out in line with the governing principles outlined in the Technical Cooperation Strategy, and concentrate on the ECE priority areas of work where the Commission has in-house expertise and comparative advantage over other organizations. The coherence of ECE technical cooperation with the agreed work programmes is achieved through the implementation of ECE programme narratives and programmes of work of the sectoral committees, which are reviewed and evaluated by the Executive Committee.	-
WP071	71. The coordination of the ECE Technical Cooperation shall be ensured by the Technical Cooperation Unit reporting directly to the Executive Secretary with appropriate resources to carry out its functions.	TCU	Implemented and ongoing	The functions of the TCU, which emanate from the ECE Technical Cooperation Strategy include, among other responsibilities, the following: (i) to promote coordination of technical cooperation activities carried out by the ECE Divisions and Regional Advisers; (ii) to promote overall coordination of technical cooperation activities with other parts of the United Nations Secretariat and other regional and international organizations carrying out technical cooperation activities in the ECE region. The Technical Cooperation Unit is part of the Office of the Executive Secretary. As to resources to carry out its functions, the staffing of the Technical Cooperation Unit is comprised of one D-1, one P-3 and one G-6 post.	-
WP072	72. The intergovernmental governance of the Technical Cooperation shall be assured by the Executive Committee.	EXCOM	Implemented and ongoing	EXCOM now acts as the governing body for technical cooperation activities. The newly revised Technical Cooperation Strategy (see paragraph 73 below) clearly spells out the governance structure, including the role of the EXCOM, in relation to technical cooperation activities. In March 2007, the EXCOM reviewed the report on technical cooperation activities in 2006. It will, in future, regularly review the annual report on technical cooperation activities that was previously submitted to the annual session of the Commission. In addition, technical assistance extrabudgetary projects not already included in the programme budget are now systematically reviewed by the Executive Committee.	-
WP073	73. The impact of the Strategy on Technical Cooperation (E/ECE/14.11/Add.1) endorsed by the Commission at its annual session 2004 shall be assessed by the Executive Committee and the Strategy will be reviewed if necessary.	TCU, EXCOM	Implemented	On the basis of a secretariat note, the EXCOM assessed the impact of the 2004 Strategy on Technical Cooperation. It further endorsed a revised Technical Cooperation Strategy (to be adopted by the Commission in April 2007).	E/ECE/14.47/Add.2
WP074	74. Member States shall review, no later than 2 months after the adoption of this decision, the resource allocation among subprogrammes concerning the Regular Programme for technical cooperation (section 23) as foreseen by the decision related to this subject contained in document E/ECE/14.30/Add.1.	TCU, EXCOM	Implemented	The GEPU had an initial review in February 2006; Secretariat submitted a paper to EXCOM at its meeting in October 2006. EXCOM has agreed to the current allocation of regional advisers among subprogrammes.	-

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WP075	75. The use of ECE's regional advisers shall be strengthened by enabling their participation in capacity-building activities.	TCU, Divisions	Implemented	Regional Advisers participate actively in capacity-building activities aimed at promoting the implementation of ECE norms and standards. In many cases, they also act as project managers for capacity-building projects funded by the Development Account.	-
WP076	76. Evaluations of separate subprogrammes' technical cooperation activities shall be conducted on a regular basis. A common policy and practice for these evaluations shall be implemented.	TCU, PPMEU	Being implemented	Annual review of technical cooperation activities will take place at annual sessions of the Sectoral Committees. Evaluation of these activities will be undertaken once every two years within the framework of the biennial evaluation of all activities by the Sectoral Committees. Particular attention will be given to promoting a results based approach to monitoring and evaluation of technical cooperation and reporting on its outcomes to member States.	-
-	V. CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES				
-	V. A. Millennium Development Goals				
WP077	77. In order to contribute to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the ECE shall: - offer a platform for all stakeholders to share their information, views and experience, and for improving the coordination of these activities;	OES, Divisions	Being implemented	The ECE contributed to the implementation of the MDGs. It published in June 2006 a publication entitled "Millennium Development Goals – The way ahead: A Pan-European Perspective" which provides an overview of the major trends of the MDG indicators in the ECE region and develops an integrated policy framework defining major policy areas and policy options for achieving the MDGs. ECE also intends to organize a regional coordination meeting gathering the Heads of European Offices of UN agencies. One key issue to be discussed is the implementation of MDGs in the ECE region. A CD-ROM and a web-product with MDG indicators for CIS and SEE countries, jointly established with UNICEF and UNDP, has been released in 2006. A proposal prepared by the 3 organizations for a regularly updated database was endorsed by National Statistical Offices at a special meeting on 13 June 2006. Furthermore, an assessment of the capacity of CIS and SEE countries to produce MDG-relevant statistics as part of their regular production has been made; a first version of the findings is available. The CES Bureau meeting in October 2006 decided to focus on capacity building as a priority to enable countries to produce MDG data of sufficient quality.	ECE/INF/2005/15 ECE/CES/GE.31/2006/3 – Assessment of the capacity of CIS and SEE countries to produce MDG relevant statistics ECE/CES/GE.31/2006/4 – Proposal for a Joint Regional Initiative on Improved National Evidence-based Policy-making in CIS and SEE Countries for Achieving and Monitoring MDGs ECE/CES/BUR/2006/OCT/24 Report of the 19-20 October CES Bureau meeting

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WP078	78. The ECE shall cooperate with UNDP to this extent and within existing resources.	Secretariat	Implemented and ongoing	In 2005 a ECE-UNDP-UNICEF Task Force on MDG Statistics was created. Within this task force, the 3 organizations cooperated extensively in 2006 to implement regional programmes on MDG statistics: i) two Training Workshops on making the content, use and dissemination of MDG indicators known to users in ministries, NGOs and NSOs were organized in cooperation with UNDP and UNICEF in Georgia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in October 2006; one workshop is planned in Kazakhstan in May 2007 ii) two regional training workshops were organized in 2006 on the use of DevInfo software in developing MDG national databases, iii) the MDG electronic product referred to in paragraph 77 is the result of a joint activity of the three organisations, and the proposal for a regularly updated MDG database submitted to the CES Bureau was developed jointly.	ECE-UNICEF-UNDP project proposal

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-	V. B. Gender issues				
WP079	79. The ECE shall pay particular attention to the gender dimension of development, as a priority cross-cutting theme, by identifying good practice in further mainstreaming gender issues in its various subprogrammes and activities, taking into account the economic areas addressed by the regional Beijing+10 review. This should apply across both regular and operational activities.	OES, Divisions	Being implemented	<p>EXCOM took up the issue of gender mainstreaming at its meeting in September 2006. Among other things, it requested all Sectoral Committees, when reviewing their programme of work, to identify areas where gender mainstreaming is relevant. It also agreed to regularly include a gender perspective in the Commission sessions.</p> <p>The panel on Economics of Gender in the European economy will be part of the 60th Anniversary session of the Commission. Its conclusions will be reflected in the Declaration and the report from the session. The member countries will also discuss the proposal to organize a regional meeting in 2008-2009 to review progress in the area of women and economy under agenda item 3.</p> <p>Progress of the SPECA project working group on Gender and Economy was positively evaluated by the SPECA Governing Council. Its work programme for 2006 included 2 training workshops in support of women's entrepreneurship supported by the Government of Israel and launching of a Development Account project on MDG and equality of economic opportunities implemented by all Regional Commissions. In 2007 the first expert meeting will be held and two training workshops will be organized.</p> <p>Further work done to engender statistics in cooperation with UNDP, World Bank, FAO, and member countries (policy guidance and capacity building); ECE Gender database translated into Russian. ECE coordinating and implementing the World Bank funded project on "Capacity Building program on Engendering National Statistical Systems for a Knowledge-Based Policy Formulation in CIS and SEE countries" (2006-2009). "A Manual on engendering national statistical systems is being finalized.</p>	<p>Two informal documents on mainstreaming gender into ECE work were submitted to and discussed at EXCOM meetings in July and September 2006. Chairperson's conclusions: EXCOM meetings, 14 July 2006 and 29 September 2006.</p> <p>Issues calling for Action by the Commission E/ECE/1447.</p> <p>Progress report on SPECA Project Group on Gender and Economy, and final report from the SPECA Governing Council, Dushanbe, December 2006.</p> <p>Two training workshops were held in 2006: April and October, Haifa.</p> <p>Work session on gender statistics, September 2006 and other meetings and documents see: Statistical programme 2006 and 2007.</p>

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-	V. C. Private sector and NGOs				
WP080	80. The Sectoral Committees shall review and report to the Executive Committee on the involvement of the private sector and NGOs, in order to strengthen and further improve their relationship and to increase resources and expertise contributions with a view to optimizing the implementation of the Programme of Work.	Sectoral Committees, Divisions	Implemented and ongoing	Where relevant, Sectoral Committees have provided information on this subject to the EXCOM at the EXCOM-Sectoral Committee meetings. Efforts have been made to involve representatives of the private sector in the implementation of the CECI Programme of Work - in this context, a meeting with representatives of the private sector was held in London in March 2007 to encourage their further involvement in CECI work in the field of intellectual property.	-

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-	VI. RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS				
WP081	81. In order to increase the impact of its work, the ECE shall reinforce its cooperation with key international organizations and institutions in all relevant areas of its work.	OES, Divisions	Implemented and ongoing	<p>Cooperation and coordination with key organizations are ongoing. Some highlights: in housing and land management, cooperation with HABITAT on the implementation of the policy frameworks such as the ECE country profiles and the various ECE guidelines; in statistics, extensive collaboration in statistical methodologies, data collection and capacity building with OECD, Eurostat, IMF, World Bank, with 85% (2006) of meetings organised jointly with one or several partner organisations; in timber, the Committee on Timber at its 64th session welcomed the proposal to explore the possibilities of organizing a European Forest Week in 2008 back-to-back or in joint meetings of the Committee, the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), as a European regional contribution to the UNFF.</p> <p>A joint meetings calendar has been prepared between ECE, FAO and MCPFE together with the EU and is expected to contribute to the harmonization of the agendas and the further planning of joint and coordinated events.</p> <p>See also cooperation in specific sectors, paragraphs 33 and 86 (Environment), 48 (CECT), 52 (Energy), 56 (Trade), 59 (Timber).</p> <p>During the past year cooperation with the Secretariat of EurAsEC was significantly developed, in particular in trade facilitation, water and energy resources as well as support to SPECA. This included cooperation in organising workshops and capacity building activities. There are plans to strengthen and broaden such cooperation in the future. In addition an agreement was reached with the Secretariat of the Inter-parliamentary Assembly of EurAsEC under which ECE, when necessary will be invited to review and advise on whether draft legislation developed under the aegis of EurAsEC Inter-parliamentary Assembly complies with relevant ECE internationally agreed norms, standards, regulations and international legal instruments in such areas as trade, transport, environment and housing. An MoU on this matter was signed in January 2007 and its implementation has started.</p>	ECE/TIM/2006/8
WP082	82. In particular, regular consultation shall be fostered with other pan-European organizations.	OES, Divisions	Implemented and ongoing	<p>Statistics: regular cooperation with Eurostat in various areas of economic and social statistics. Timber: will continue to work closely with its long-term partner FAO, implementing a joint, integrated subprogramme, and with the MCPFE to foster sustainable forest management in the pan-European region. This cooperation, in the past mainly in the area of forest resources will be intensified in the context of the strengthening of forest policies and institutions. See also paragraph 86 on cooperation with OSCE.</p>	

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WP083	83. In addition to the specific cooperations identified under the different subprogrammes, the cooperation with UNDP should be strengthened. The secretariat shall explore ways and means to improve the synergy between the organization and UNDP.	OES, Divisions	Being implemented	<p>ECE is working with UNDP in different areas: in environment, within the Environment Performance Review programme; in housing and land management UNDP is instrumental in carrying out the country profile reviews; in statistics, ECE is implementing projects with UNDP funding and collaboration: (i) engendering national statistical systems, (ii) capacity building for MDG monitoring.</p> <p>UNDP is also involved in the SPECA programme.</p> <p>When possible, meetings of ECE senior management are arranged with new Resident Coordinators in ECE countries to brief them about ECE work.</p> <p>A draft Umbrella Agreement between UNDP and the five Regional Commissions has been prepared, whereby the parties would work together to more effectively utilize their resources in terms of knowledge and expertise in a coordinated manner. Consultations are ongoing on the draft and the Agreement is expected to be signed later this year.</p>	
WP084	84. The ECE shall seek to reinforce partnerships with other UN regional commissions, in particular ESCAP, ECA and ESCWA. The Secretariat shall assess possibilities to strengthen SPECA.	OES, Divisions	Implemented and ongoing	<p>The structural/governance reform of SPECA has been successfully completed: the Governing Council and the Coordinating Committee provide regular guidance to the six Project Working Groups (Trade; Transport; Water and Energy; Statistics; ICT for Development; and Gender and Economy). The establishment of the seventh Project Working Group (Economic Cooperation and Integration) is being discussed. The SPECA Economic Forum offers an opportunity for policy-makers of SPECA member States to discuss strategic issues of regional economic cooperation with the involvement of the business and research communities and major economic partners of the region. The Partnership for Economics Education and Research Support - jointly established with UNDP, OSCE and EERC - supports projects in the SPECA framework by applied economic research. Several meetings to improve coordination and cooperation with major partners (EU, the CAREC Group, EurAsEc, ECO) took place in 2006 and will continue in 2007.</p> <p>Transport Division's cooperation with Regional Commissions has significantly increased on interregional transport links and on road traffic safety. A number of projects are being proposed for 2008-2009 that will be funded under the Development Account and will involve joint implementation with other Regional Commissions, including ESCAP, ECA and ESCWA.</p> <p>Meetings between Chiefs of Programme Planning take place annually for exchange of best practices on PPME.</p>	

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WP085	85. The Secretariat will keep the Member States informed of these proceedings through the Executive Committee.	OES, Divisions	Implemented and ongoing	Item on relations with other organizations was included in EXCOM meeting in July 2006 and the secretariat will regularly inform EXCOM of developments.	-
WP086	86. The implementation of the MoU with OSCE is entrusted to the Office of the Executive Secretary and the Executive Committee shall monitor this implementation.	OES, EXCOM	Implemented and ongoing	The Executive Secretary monitors the implementation of the MoU. For the review of the Implementation of OSCE Commitments in the Economic and Environmental Dimension: a comprehensive report in the area of transport was prepared and presented to the 14th OSCE Economic Forum, Prague, May 2006; and a similar report in the area of the environment is under preparation for presentation at the 15th OSCE Economic Forum, Prague, May 2007. As a follow up to the 2006 Economic Forum, the ECE jointly with the OSCE Secretariat have organized capacity building seminars concerning one of the international transport conventions for CIS and SEE countries (October and December 2006). This cooperative arrangement may be continued in 2007 focusing on the accession to and implementation of ECE transport conventions as well as environmental conventions.	-
WP087	87. After consultations with other organizations and upon recommendation of the secretariat, the Executive Committee will decide on the opportunity of ECE's engagement in the development of an Early Warning Mechanism.	OES, EXCOM	Not started		-
-	VII. MANAGEMENT				
-	VII. A. Coordination tasks				
WP088	88. The Office of the Executive Secretary is entrusted with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the follow-up of the implementation of horizontal and sectoral issues coming from the relevant multilateral commitments such as those made at the General Assembly, the ECOSOC and UN Global Conferences and Summits, as well as the provision of inputs required by these global bodies and by the Secretary-General; - the coordination of intersectoral and cross-sectoral activities; - the coordination of ECE inputs to the monitoring of implementation of OSCE commitments in the economic and environmental fields; - reporting to the Executive Committee on progress in the implementation of any follow-up of agreed measures. 	OES	Implemented and ongoing	OES generally oversees and coordinates activities in follow up to global conferences and summits e.g. Regional implementation forum on sustainable development. Proposals on gender mainstreaming, as a horizontal and cross-sectoral issue, have been submitted to and supported by the EXCOM. OES oversees all intersectoral and cross-sectoral activities Reports on the reviews of commitments of OSCE prepared under supervision of Executive Secretary. See also paragraph 86. Reports on the status of implementation of the Work Plan on ECE Reform are prepared and submitted periodically to EXCOM.	-
-	VII. B. Programme Planning and Budget				
WP089	89. The ECE shall strengthen its programme planning, monitoring and evaluation (PPME) resources and improve the training of its managers in the application of the pertinent skills.	OES, PPMEU	Implemented	One professional and one GS post have been redeployed, in accordance with the ECE reform, to PPMEU. A training workshop on evaluation for key staff was organized in collaboration with the Office for Internal Oversight Services in January 2007.	-

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WP090	90. A dedicated unit for planning, monitoring and evaluation shall be established and attached to the Office of the Executive Secretary in order to secure the continuous involvement of senior management.	OES	Implemented	The Unit has been established within the OES.	-
WP091	91. To facilitate the assessment of programme performance: - the Strategic Framework (biennial programme plan) will be consolidated with the programme budget narratives in order to emphasize the linkage between expected accomplishments and outputs financed by the regular budget and extrabudgetary funds. - in its reporting to the Executive Committee the Secretariat shall provide, in a user-friendly format, complete information about the allocation of resources from the regular budget and of extrabudgetary resources to the subprogrammes and programme items within their respective programmes of work.	OES, PPMEU OES, EO	Implemented and ongoing Being implemented	The logical framework for each subprogramme in the programme budget narratives 2008-09 is now identical to the biennial programme plan for 2008-09. Further possibility to improve the linkage between expected accomplishments and outputs will be explored. The EXCOM has received information on allocation of resources (both regular and extrabudgetary) for 2006-07 by subprogramme. Information on staff resource allocation was also provided by programme items (major cluster of activities).	-
WP092	92. The Sectoral Committees together with the Secretariat will take into account the results of the assessment and evaluations when preparing the strategic frameworks for their respective subprogrammes and subsequently the programme narratives.	Sectoral Committees, Divisions, OES	Being implemented	Sectoral Committees are informed of the Programme Performance Report (PPR) and of the evaluations carried out in their sectors. A guide on biennial evaluation has been submitted to the EXCOM. The implementation of this guide has been requested by the EXCOM and is expected to lead to regular assessments and evaluations that would feed into the preparation of strategic frameworks and programme narratives.	-
WP093	93. The Secretariat shall provide information to the Executive Committee on cost implications for any programmatic changes proposed for the next biennium during the preparatory process of the programme budget.	OES, EO, Divisions	Implemented and ongoing	There is no programmatic change so far following the reform with cost implications. The Executive Committee will be informed of cost implications of any programmatic changes that may arise in the future.	-
WP094	94. Any change in resources (both regular and extrabudgetary) materializing after the adoption of the programme budget by the General Assembly shall be presented to the Executive Committee for approval.	OES, EO, Divisions	Implemented and ongoing	The EXCOM is regularly informed of new extrabudgetary (XB) projects bringing in new resources. The secretariat will inform the EXCOM of changes to the regular budget, if any.	-
-	VII. C. Monitoring and evaluation, including reporting on Performance				
WP095	95. The Sectoral Committees shall provide complete information concerning the allocation of resources according to programme items within the programme of work of their respective subprogrammes.	Sectoral Committees, Divisions	Being implemented	Sectoral Committees have provided this information to the EXCOM regarding 2006-2007 in the framework of the discussion on the proposed programme budget 2008-09.	-
WP096	96. The Executive Committee shall examine the advisability to develop "downstream" indicators with the Secretariat to better reflect actual accomplishments of the ECE, in particular relating to the use and relevance of ECE soft legislation tools, norms and standards.	EXCOM, OES	Implemented	The issue of downstream indicators has been addressed in an integrated manner in the guide on biennial evaluation.	-

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WP097	97. The ECE shall develop and streamline its evaluation functions and practices in conformity with the relevant decision of the Commission (document E/ECE/1415/Add.1) and in compliance with the instructions of the Office for Internal Oversight Services. This also applies to technical cooperation activities.	OES	Being implemented	Guide on biennial evaluation is ready, the implementation of which is expected to result in an improved and more harmonized approach to evaluations.	-
-	VII. D. Human Resources				
WP098	98. The Executive Secretary shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve communication, coordination and cooperation across the divisions and subprogrammes; - promote, through human resources management, staff mobility and skill enhancement to ensure that staff members periodically change divisions and subprogrammes, and encourage staff members to gain experience in other UN and international organizations, as well as in the field. 	OES	Implemented and ongoing	Directors meetings chaired by the Executive Secretary regularly discuss sectoral and cross-cutting issues, including areas of cooperation among Divisions. Town Hall meetings also take place regularly to share information with and obtain feedback from staff on various issues. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ECE continues to circulate Internal Temporary Vacancy Notices (ITVN) within ECE for temporary filling to encourage staff mobility and skill enhancement 2. ECE has put in place a Voluntary Lateral Reassignment Programme (VLRP) for P and G staff 3. Interested staff members are permitted to go on secondment with other UN agencies under mutually agreed conditions. 	-
WP099	99. The Secretariat shall provide systematic PPME training to its Programme managers, in particular in cooperation with the Management Consulting unit of the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services. Priority will be given to such training in the training budget allocated to the ECE.	OES, PPMEU	Implemented and ongoing	A training workshop on evaluation organized with the Office for Internal Oversight Services was held on 16-18 January 2007. More training will be organized on related subjects at appropriate times in the future.	-
WP100	100. The Secretariat shall analyse the merits of using the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) for the implementation of its extrabudgetary projects and present suggestions to the Executive Committee.	OES, EO	Implemented	The Controller has not approved a blanket authorization for ECE to contract with UNOPS. However, when it would appear to ECE to be advantageous, ECE will seek the Controller's approval for the use of UNOPS for a specific project, providing the necessary justification.	-
-	VII. E. Public Relations, Communication and Corporate Image				
WP101	101. To improve its own corporate image and to attract more attention to its achievements, the Secretariat shall enhance its communications, public relations and contacts with the media, making more and better targeted materials and publications available on the Internet in all ECE official languages and producing appropriate printed materials in quantities that correspond to actual demand.	OES, Information Unit	Being implemented	Subject was taken up at the EXCOM meeting in May 2006. Member States have been invited to assist the secretariat in promoting the visibility of ECE. An informal group of mission representatives met in September 2006 and will meet again after the 60th Anniversary Session of the ECE.	-
WP102	102. To improve its communication with Member States the Secretariat shall update, in consultation with Member States, the lists of its contacts in government agencies and among governmental experts and address its communications at the appropriate level and through transparent channels.	OES, Divisions	Implemented and ongoing	Contacts database is regularly updated. Lists of participants to ECE meetings are regularly sent to missions.	-

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-	VIII. RESOURCES				
WP103	103. The redeployment shall be implemented within existing resources.	OES	Implemented	-	-
WP104	104. The abolition of the Subprogrammes on Economic Analysis (excluding Population Activities Unit) and Industrial Restructuring and Enterprise Development will free: - 1 D and 12 Ps from Economic Analysis - 4 Ps from Industrial Restructuring and Enterprise Development - 2 Ps from Statistics (due to reduction of activities related to economic analysis) Total: 1 D and 18 P posts	OES	Implemented	-	-
	105. These posts are redeployed to strengthen other subprogrammes/entities as follows:	OES	Implemented		
	Subprogramme / Entity	Number of Posts	Justification		
	Environment	2 P	Paragraphs 31-32, 34 and 53		
	Transport	2 P	Paragraphs 35-39 and 53		
	Statistics	1 P	Paragraphs 40-42 and 77		
WP105	Economic cooperation and integration	1 D, 8 P	Paragraphs 45-51		
	Sustainable Energy	1 P	Paragraphs 53		
	Trade Development	1 P	Paragraphs 35 and 56,		
	Timber	1 P	Paragraphs 53, 59 and 60		
	Office of the Executive Secretary and information activities	2 P	Paragraphs 86, 89-94, 97, 101		
	Total	1 D, 18 P			