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Programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for the bienniums 2012–2013 and 2014–2015

Note by the secretariat

Summary

The Committee on Environmental Policy's activities are guided by the goals set out in the document on future strategic directions for the environment adopted by the Committee in 2003 (CEP/2004/2) and by the workplan on ECE reform adopted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) in 2005 (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1). In 2007, ECE adopted the revised terms of reference for the Committee (see E/ECE/1447/Add.1).

In addition, the reform plan of the "Environment for Europe" (EfE) process adopted by the Committee, and subsequently endorsed by ECE in 2009, mandated the Committee to act as the convening body for the preparatory processes for the EfE Ministerial Conferences (ECE/CEP/S/152 and Corr.1, annex I).

The present document sets out the programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for the biennium 2012–2013 and provides an evaluation plan for performance in that biennium, as well as the strategic framework for the biennium 2014–2015. The document was prepared by the secretariat, taking into account a new template for the programme of work established by the Executive Committee of ECE.

The Committee on Environmental Policy will be invited to consider the document for adoption at its eighteenth session. Subsequently, the programme of work will be submitted to the ECE Executive Committee for approval.

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Introduction

1. The present document sets out the programme of work of the Environment subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2012–2013.¹ The Committee on Environmental Policy (“the Committee”) is invited to consider the programme and subsequently adopt it at its eighteenth session. It will then be submitted to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The Committee will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.
3. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as used by the Committee for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance. The correlation between the ECE Strategic Framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation for 2012–2013 is shown in annex II to the present document.
4. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the ECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013 and are complemented by additional items to reflect the more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities have been clearly indicated as “additional”.
5. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.
6. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented in annex II to this document in order to facilitate the task of the Committee to assess whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.
7. Annex I to the present document lists the ECE overall legislative mandates and those specific to the subprogramme. Annex III presents the Strategic Framework 2014–2015.
8. The Committee on Environmental Policy approved the list of environmental publications for 2012–2013 at its special session in May 2011 (as contained in Information Paper No. 5/Rev.1).²
9. The governing bodies of the ECE multilateral environmental agreements, as well as of the ECE Strategy for Education Sustainable Development and of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), guide the activities under these respective areas of work in the Environment subprogramme. These activities are reflected in the programme of work developed and adopted under each of these governing bodies.

¹ The present document was prepared in accordance to a new template approved by the ECE Executive Committee on 30 March 2010 (Informal document No. 2010/5). The information presented therein is in line with the information included in the United Nations Integrated Monitoring and Documentation Information System (IMDIS).

² See document available from the ECE website (http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/cep/CEP-ss_May2011/InformalDocs/ECEenvPublications_IP.5_rev.1.pdf).

10. In this context, it should be noted that the information presented in section II was forecasted in July 2010 with a view to being presented by the Secretary-General to the United Nations General Assembly for approval in due time before the commencement of the 2012–2013 biennium. Therefore, many of these activities need to be adjusted and relevant revisions are indicated in footnotes throughout section II. For each of the ECE multilateral environmental agreements, as well as for THE PEP and the education for sustainable development (ESD) processes, the relevant governing body is responsible for such adjustments, whereas the Committee on Environmental Policy is responsible for adjusting all other activities.

11. The review of programme performance in the biennium 2010–2011, including the accomplishments and indicators of achievements together with baseline and target data against which performance was measured for that biennium, is presented in a separate document (E/CEP/2012/4).

12. The activities carried out by the Environment subprogramme related to the Environment and Health Process and to the Environment and Security Initiative are not reflected in this document, given that the ECE is neither the lead organization nor provides the secretariat for them.³

I. Objective and strategy

13. The objective of the subprogramme is to safeguard the environment and health, improve environmental management throughout the region and further promote integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies.

14. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment Division. In line with its objective, the subprogramme will emphasize a country needs-based approach in carrying out its activities. It will focus on building the capacity of the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe in environmental policy and management, including for the effective implementation of environmental legislation.

15. The subprogramme will continue to conduct environmental performance reviews and assist reviewed countries to implement the recommendations of their national environmental performance reviews. Furthermore, it will monitor the impact of such recommendations on policy formulation and implementation. The subprogramme will also assist to build capacity for environmental observation and reporting, which will contribute to providing timely and accurate environmental data to improve monitoring and assessment in these countries. The ECE guidelines on the application of environmental indicators will be further promoted for use in member States for environmental monitoring and assessment.

16. While taking into account the Millennium Development Goals, the subprogramme will further promote the implementation of sustainable development in the ECE region and the outcomes of regional environment and sustainable development conferences, in particular outcomes of the Seventh Efe Ministerial Conference (Astana, 2011).

17. Actions will be taken to further integrate the environment into other sectoral policies through intersectoral programmes and projects, including ESD, transport, health and environment, as well as water and health. Particular attention will be given to activities in the emerging field of green economy. It will also improve cross-border environmental

³ These activities are included under the lead organizations.

security in cooperation with the other regional organizations involved. Cross-sectoral work will also include the promotion of synergies and cooperation between the ECE legally binding instruments.

18. Emphasis will be placed on supporting the implementation of regional and subregional agreements and action programmes, as well as multi-stakeholder processes and partnerships resulting from, inter alia, the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20 Conference) and from the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, in particular by providing regional contributions to the programme cycle of the Commission.

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

Cluster 1 Environmental monitoring and assessment

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
Development of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) across the region and promotion of indicator-based assessments	Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

- 1.1 Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators (16 half days).⁴
- 1.2 Steering Group on Environmental Assessments (6 half days).⁵
- 1.3 Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (6 half days).⁶
- 1.4 Reports of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators (16).⁷
- 1.5 Reports of the Steering Group on Environmental Assessments (8).⁸
- 1.6 Reports of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (10).

(b) *Publications and other information material*

- 1.7 Guidelines on environmental monitoring and indicators (2).

⁴ The current estimate is 20 half days, in accordance with the revised terms of reference for the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators for 2011–2012 (ECE/CEP/161, annex II).

⁵ This activity should be terminated.

⁶ Twelve half days.

⁷ Eight reports.

⁸ This activity should be terminated.

(c) Technical cooperation

- 1.8 Workshops on environmental monitoring and indicators (2).⁹
- 1.9 Capacity-building activities of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (1).

Cluster 2**Follow-up to the “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference**

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
Carrying out a mid-term review to assess progress of the implementation of the outcomes of the EfE Conferences and provide renewed impetus to the process	Successful implementation of the reform of the EfE process

Outputs/activities*(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

- 2.1 Annual session of the Committee on Environmental Policy, including the follow-up to the Seventh EfE Ministerial Conference (Astana, September 2011), as it relates to the mandate of the Committee on Environmental Policy (20 half days).¹⁰
- 2.2 Bureau of the Committee on Environmental Policy (5 half days).¹¹
- 2.3 Report of the meetings of the Bureau of the Committee on Environmental Policy (1).¹²
- 2.4 Reports as follow-up to the Seventh EfE Ministerial Conference (2).
- 2.5 Reports of the Committee on Environmental Policy (3).

(b) Publications and other information material

- 2.6 Annual sets of press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2).¹³
- 2.7 Maintenance of website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2).¹⁴

⁹ This activity should be terminated.

¹⁰ Sixteen half days (i.e. two four-day meetings).

¹¹ Including an eventual meeting of the Extended Bureau of the Committee on Environmental Policy.

¹² The report of an eventual meeting of the Extended Bureau of the Committee on Environmental Policy.

¹³ Two sets of press releases were forecasted (one set per year) covering the activities of the entire subprogramme.

¹⁴ Includes maintenance of the website (one per year) for the activities of the entire subprogramme.

Cluster 3

Follow-up to World Summit on Sustainable Development

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
Organization of the fifth Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development, pending the outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference	Successful review of progress in the implementation of the WSSD outcomes and Agenda 21 within the biennial implementation cycle of the Commission for Sustainable Development

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 3.1 Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development (4 half days).
 - 3.2 Documents for the Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development (3).
 - 3.3 Reports of the Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development (2).

Cluster 4

Education for sustainable development

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
Practical promotion of educator competences as well as positioning technical and vocational education and training, so as to meet the existing and future green skills needs	Enhanced implementation of the ECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development at national level

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 4.1 Bureau of the Steering Committee on ESD (4 half days).¹⁵
 - 4.2 Steering Committee on ESD (8 half days).
 - 4.3 Reports of the Steering Committee on ESD (2).
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 4.4 Learning for the future: competences in ESD (1).
- (c) *Technical cooperation*
- 4.5 Subregional workshops on ESD (4 additional).¹⁶

¹⁵ Two one-day meetings (one or both of these meetings might be conducted via e-mail consultations and teleconferences, as appropriate).

Cluster 5

Transport, health and environment¹⁷

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Enhanced integration between transport, health and environment policies through exchanging experience, good practice and capacity-building, with a special focus on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 5.1 Annual session of THE PEP Steering Committee in 2012–2013 (6 half days).
 - 5.2 Reports of the annual session of the THE PEP Steering Committee (2).
 - 5.3 Reports requested by the THE PEP Steering Committee (7).
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 5.4 Manual for development of National Environment, Transport and Health Action Plans (1).
- (c) *Technical cooperation*
- 5.5 Workshops on integrated policy approaches to sustainable transport under THE PEP (4).¹⁸
 - 5.6 Capacity-building on policies and measures to support safe and healthy walking and cycling in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe under THE PEP (1).

¹⁶ In accordance with the workplan for the implementation of phase III (2011–2015) of the ECE Strategy for ESD (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2011/4), adopted by the Steering Committee on ESD, a series of four subregional workshops will be conducted.

¹⁷ Please note that, in accordance with the template from the Executive Committee, the description of the cluster is optional. Therefore, to avoid repetition for those clusters where the expected accomplishments provide a sufficient description, no cluster description has been provided.

¹⁸ Three instead of four workshops are planned to be organized in the biennium 2012–2013.

Cluster 6

Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased ratification and strengthened implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention) and its three most recent protocols (the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs) and the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol)) by ECE member States, in particular countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 6.1 Annual session of the Executive Body for the Convention (14 half days).¹⁹
 - 6.2 Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) (12 half days).
 - 6.3 Working Group on Effects (12 half days).²⁰
 - 6.4 Working Group on Strategies and Review (20 half days).
 - 6.5 Reports of the Executive Body (2).
 - 6.6 Reports of the EMEP Steering Group (2).
 - 6.7 Reports of the Working Group on Effects (2).
 - 6.8 Reports of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (2).
 - 6.9 Reports under the Air Convention (20).
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 6.10 Air Pollution Studies Series (1).
- (c) *Technical cooperation*
- 6.11 Workshops on the implementation of the protocols to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (7).

¹⁹ The Executive Body in December 2011 decided to hold an additional session in 2012 resulting in 26 half days (ECE/EB.AIR/109 and Add.1 and 2).

²⁰ In 2012, a two-day session is planned to allow for a back-to-back meeting with the EMEP Steering Body, resulting in 10 half days.

Cluster 7

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased ratification and strengthened implementation of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Protocol on PRTRs)

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*²¹
- 7.1 Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention (48 half days).²²
 - 7.2 Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (10 half days).
 - 7.3 Working Group on PRTRs (8 half days).²³
 - 7.4 Reports of the Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention (8).
 - 7.5 Reports of the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (2).
 - 7.6 Reports of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs (2).²⁴
 - 7.7 Reports under the Aarhus Convention (8).²⁵
 - 7.8 Reports under the Protocol on PRTRs (6).
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 7.9 Good practices on public participation in environmental decision-making (1).

²¹ Following entry into force of the Protocol on PRTRs (8 October 2009), a Compliance Committee under the PRTR Protocol has also been established by the Protocol's Meeting of the Parties at its first session (20–22 April 2010). As a result, an additional eight half days need to be calculated in order to cover the meetings of the PRTR Compliance Committee in 2012 and 2013. In addition, following decisions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention at its fourth session (29 June–1 July 2011), three task forces (i.e., the Task Force on Access to Information, the Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making and the Task Force on Access to Justice) have been established under the Convention's work programme for 2012–2014. As a result, an additional 26 half days need to be calculated in order to cover the meetings of the Task Forces in 2012 and 2013.

²² Eight meetings of the Aarhus Convention's Compliance Committee are envisaged for the biennium 2012–2013 each lasting eight half days. Therefore the anticipated total number of half days should be increased to 64.

²³ Following entry into force of the Protocol, the Working Group on PRTRs, which was operational until the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs, has been abolished and the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs has been set up.

²⁴ As the prior body was replaced by the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs, all documents, as needed, will have to be renamed accordingly in IMDIS.

²⁵ These reports include all other official documents produced under the Convention.

7.10 Reprint of Aarhus Convention text incorporating genetically modified organisms amendment once it enters into force (1).

7.11 Booklet on the Aarhus Convention (1).

7.12 Aarhus Convention Implementation Guide (1 additional).

(c) *Technical cooperation*

7.12 Workshops promoting implementation of the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs (4).

1.13 Advisory missions (2 additional).

Cluster 8

Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased ratification and strengthened implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA)

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

8.1 Implementation Committee of the Espoo Convention (20 half days).²⁶

8.2 Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment to the Espoo Convention (12 half days).²⁷

8.3 Working Group on SEA to the Protocol on SEA (12 half days).²⁸

8.4 Reports of the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention (4).²⁹

²⁶ The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, together with the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, decided to increase the number of sessions of the Implementation Committee to eight in the current intersessional period, 2011–2014 (ECE/MP.EIA/15, decisions V/10 and I/10), with six sessions likely in the biennium 2012–2013. The Committee has also decided to lengthen at least one session in the biennium because of the increased workload following three submissions by Parties in 2011. As a result, 38 half days are now forecast in the biennium.

²⁷ The above-mentioned governing bodies decided not to establish a Working Group on Strategic Environmental Assessment, but instead to discontinue the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and to establish the joint Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2, decisions I/5 and V/5). The new Working Group is expected to meet on three occasions in the biennium 2012–2013 (ECE/MP.EIA/15, decisions V/10 and I/10). As a result, 22 half days are now forecast in the biennium.

²⁸ Terminated as explained above.

²⁹ To be revised to six as explained above.

8.5 Reports of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (3).

8.6 Reports of the Working Group on SEA (3).³⁰

8.7 Reports under the Espoo Convention (10).

(b) *Publications and other information material*

8.8 Espoo Convention: legal text (1).

8.9 Espoo Convention: practical guidelines (1).

8.10 Espoo Convention: review of implementation (1).

(c) *Technical cooperation*

8.11 Subregional workshops promoting implementation of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA (4).³¹

Cluster 9

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Increased ratification and strengthened implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and the Protocol on Water and Health

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*³²

9.1 Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health (12 half days).³³

9.2 Legal Board of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (6 half days).³⁴

9.3 Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, sixth session in 2012 (6 half days).

9.4 Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (8 half days).

9.5 Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (8 half days)

³⁰ Terminated as explained above.

³¹ Revised by the above-mentioned governing bodies to approximately six in the biennium (ECE/MP.EIA/15, decisions V/10 and I/10).

³² Some of the estimated outputs/activities might need to be revised in accordance with the decisions of the sixth session of Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention in November 2012.

³³ Two one-and-a-half-day meetings per year. This might need to be revised should the workload of the Compliance Committee vary notably from the previous biennium,

³⁴ This figure will need to be revised, as in 2012 two two-day meetings of the Legal Board are already planned. Moreover, it remains to be seen what the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention will decide at its sixth session in November 2012 about the future mandate of the Legal Board.

- 9.6 Working Group on Water and Health (8 half days).
- 9.7 Report of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (1).
- 9.8 Reports under the Water Convention (8).
- 9.9 Reports under the Protocol on Water and Health (10).
- 9.10 Reports of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (2).
- 9.11 Reports of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (2).
- 9.12 Reports of the Working Group on Water and Health (2).

(b) *Publications and other information material*

- 9.13 Capacity for Water Cooperation Series (2).³⁵
- 9.14 Water Series (2).
- 9.15 Access to information and public participation under the Protocol on Water and Health (1).
- 9.15 Cooperation on transboundary groundwaters under the Water Convention (1).
- 9.16 Good practices on equitable access to water (1).
- 9.17 Guidelines for water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events (1).³⁶
- 9.18 Guidelines on setting targets, evaluating progress and reporting under the Protocol (1).
- 9.19 Reprint of the text of the Water Convention (1).
- 9.20 Small-scale water supplies and sanitation (1).³⁷
- 9.21 Transboundary water cooperation in Central Asia (1).
- 9.22 Water and health situation in the pan-European region (1).
- 9.23 Booklets on the Protocol on Water and Health (2).
- 9.24 Booklets on the Water Convention (2).
- 9.25 Guide for ratifying and implementing the Water Convention (1).
- 9.26 Guidance on water and adaptation to climate change (1).³⁸

(c) *Technical cooperation*

- 9.25 Workshops on management of transboundary waters (2).
- 9.26 Workshops on water and health (2).
- 9.27 Central Asia Regional Water Information Base (phase II) (1).³⁹

³⁵ Whether both these publications will be produced will depend on the decision by the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (November 2012) on the continuation of the Capacity for Water Cooperation project.

³⁶ This publication was already published by WHO/Europe (in 2011).

³⁷ This publication was already published by WHO/Europe (in 2010).

³⁸ This publication was already published by ECE in 2009 and reprinted in 2010 (ECE/MP.WAT/30). No further reprinting is required.

³⁹ The implementation of this technical cooperation project will depend on the decision of the donor on the continuation of the funding.

Cluster 10

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Strengthened implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention)

Outputs/activities

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 10.1 Consultation for points of contact (3 half days).
 - 10.2 Joint expert group on water and industrial accidents (4 half days).
 - 10.3 Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention (6 half days).
 - 10.4 Working Group on Implementation (8 half days).
 - 10.5 Working Group on the Development of the Industrial Accidents Convention (2 half days).
 - 10.6 Report of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention (1).
 - 10.7 Report on the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention (1).
 - 10.8 Reports under the Industrial Accidents Convention (10).
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 10.9 Checklist on contingency planning under the Industrial Accidents Convention (1).
 - 10.10 Checklist on preventive measures under the Industrial Accidents Convention (1).
 - 10.4 Guidelines on benchmarks for implementing the Industrial Accidents Convention (1).
- (c) *Technical cooperation*
- 10.5 Workshops on the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention (5).

Cluster 11 Environmental Performance Reviews

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
	Improved environmental performance in countries with economies in transition

Outputs/activities

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

11.1 Expert Group on Environmental Performance Review (10 half days).

11.2 Reports related to the Environmental Performance Reviews (3).

(b) *Publications and other information material*

11.3 Environmental Performance Reviews of specific member countries (4).

(c) *Technical cooperation*

11.4 Advisory services to countries with economies in transition related to Environmental Performance Reviews (3).

11.5 Launch events of Environmental Performance Reviews (4).

Annex I

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
61/16	Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council
61/210	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
62/208	Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
63/281	Climate change and its possible security implications
64/141	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
64/210	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
64/217	Women in development
64/236	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

2. Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
1997/224	Declaration on the Strengthening of Economic Cooperation in Europe and Plan of Action
1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
2006/14	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2009/12	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2009/28	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development adopted at the high-level segment of the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council
2009/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16

3. Decisions of the Economic Commission for Europe

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
E/ECE/1434/Rev.1	Work Plan on ECE Reform
A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe

B. Legislative mandates specific to the Environment subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
58/217	International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005–2015
58/219	United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2003/61	Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development
2009/28	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development adopted at the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2008

3. Decisions of the "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conferences and other processes

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
ECE/CEP/94/Rev.1	Kyiv Ministerial Declaration, 2003
ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/8	Belgrade Ministerial Declaration "Building Bridges to the Future", 2007

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
ECE/CEP/S/152 and Corr.1, annex I E/ECE/1453, chapter IV	Reform Plan of the “Environment for Europe” process adopted by the Committee on Environmental Policy and endorsed by the Economic Commission for Europe at its sixty-third session, 2009
ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1	Astana Ministerial Declaration “Save water, grow green!”, 2011
ECE/AC.21/2002/8	Declaration on the establishment of a Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) adopted by the Second High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, 2002
CEP/AC.13/2005/3/Rev.1	UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development adopted by the High-Level Meeting of Environment and Education Ministries, 2005
CEP/AC.13/2005/4/Rev.1	Vilnius Framework for the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development adopted by the High-Level Meeting of Environment and Education Ministries, 2005
ECE/AC.21/2009/2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its third session (includes the Amsterdam Declaration and work plan 2009–2014), 2009

4. Latest decisions of the Governing Bodies of the ECE multilateral environmental agreements contained in the Meeting of the Parties/Conference of the Parties reports

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
ECE/EB.AIR/109 and addenda	Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-ninth session
ECE/EB.AIR/106 and addenda	Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-eighth session
ECE/EB.AIR/99 and addenda	Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-seventh session
ECE/EB.AIR/96 and addenda	Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-sixth session
ECE/EB.AIR/91 and addenda	Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-fifth session
ECE/EB.AIR/89 and addenda	Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-fourth session
ECE/MP.PRTR/2010/2 and Add.1	Report of the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
ECE/MP.PP/2011/2 and addenda	Report of the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention
ECE/MP.EIA/15	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context on its fifth session
ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/2	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment on its first session
ECE/CP.TEIA/222	Report of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents ⁴⁰
ECE/MP.WAT/29 and addenda	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes on its fifth session
ECE/MP.WH/4 and addenda	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health on its second session

⁴⁰ The Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting adopted the 2011–2012 workplan. At the seventh meeting, scheduled for November 2012, the implementation of the 2011–2012 workplan is to be reviewed and the 2013–2014 workplan is to be adopted.

Annex II

Plan for the evaluation of performance of the Environment subprogramme in the biennium 2012–2013

1. The Environment subprogramme has three overarching/aggregated clusters of activities/expected accomplishments in the Strategic Framework for 2012–2013 on the implementation of which it will report to the General Assembly of the United Nations.
2. The activities in the Environment subprogramme for the biennium 2012–2013 are grouped into 11 clusters, on the implementation of which the subprogramme will report to the ECE Executive Committee.
3. The table below presents expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the biennium 2012–2013 per each of the 11 clusters. The left column contains the three overarching/aggregated clusters as included in the Strategic Framework 2012–2013 that was approved by the General Assembly. The middle column contains the 11 clusters of activities. The right column presents the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement as well as performance measures for each of the 11 clusters.

Expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement 2012–2013

<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Strategic Framework 2012–2013</i>	<i>Cluster of activities</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012–2013</i>
EA (a) Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe	1. Environmental monitoring and assessment	EA 1. Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe
IA (a) Increased number of countries applying the environmental indicators as defined in the ECE guidelines for the application of environmental indicators		IA 1. Increased number of countries applying the environmental indicators as defined in the ECE guidelines for the application of environmental indicators.
<i>Performance measures:</i>		<i>Performance measures:</i>
2008–2009: 6 countries		2008–2009: 6 countries
2010–2011: 11 countries		2010–2011: 11 countries
Target 2012–2013: 14 countries		Target 2012–2013: 14 countries

<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Strategic Framework 2012–2013</i>	<i>Cluster of activities</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012–2013</i>
<p>EA (b) Strengthened implementation of ECE regional environmental commitments by member States</p> <p>IA (b) Increased number of national reports received from countries indicating progress in implementing legally binding instruments</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: 140 national reports</p> <p>2010–2011: 150 national reports</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: 160 national reports</p>	<p>2. Follow-up to the Seventh EfE Ministerial Conference</p>	<p>EA 2. Successful implementation of the reform of the EfE process</p> <p>IA 2. Consensus reached by member States on the mid-term review</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: Consensus was reached on the Reform Plan of the EfE process</p> <p>2010–2011: Consensus was reached on the organization and outcomes of the Seventh EfE Ministerial Conference (Astana, September 2011)</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: Consensus to be reached on the mid-term review</p>
	<p>3. Follow-up to World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)</p>	<p>EA 3. Successful review of progress in the implementation of the WSSD outcomes and Agenda 21 within the biennial Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) implementation cycle</p> <p>IA 3. Consensus reached by member States on key challenges to be addressed as they relate to the themes of the CSD cycle</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: Consensus was reached at the Third Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development, January 2008</p> <p>2010–2011: Consensus was reached at the Fourth Regional Preparatory Meeting on Sustainable Development, December 2011</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: Consensus to be reached at the Fifth Regional Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Development in 2012</p>
	<p>4. Education for sustainable development</p>	<p>EA 4. Enhanced implementation of the ESD Strategy on the national level</p> <p>IA 4. Successful measures to implement ESD Strategy at the national level, assessed through the reporting by member States</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: Not applicable</p> <p>2010–2011: 36 countries</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: 40 countries</p>

<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Strategic Framework 2012–2013</i>	<i>Cluster of activities</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012–2013</i>
	5. Transport, health and environment	<p>EA 5. Enhanced integration between transport, health and environment policies through exchanging experiences, good practice and capacity-building with a special focus on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe.</p> <p>IA 5. Number of member States, international governmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) engaged in meetings of THE PEP Steering Committee and relevant workshops undertaken in this framework</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: Participation of 30 countries and 10 IGOs and NGOs per meeting in 3 substantive meetings, including 1 high-level meeting, 1 capacity-building workshop and 1 session of THE PEP Steering Committee</p> <p>2010–2011: Participation of 69 countries and 28 IGOs and NGOs in 5 substantive meetings, including 3 capacity-building workshops (<i>estaffete</i> to disseminate best practice) and 2 sessions of THE PEP Steering Committee</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: Participation of 60 countries and 20 IGOs and NGOs in 5 substantive meetings, including 3 capacity-building workshops and 2 sessions of THE PEP Steering Committee</p>

Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Strategic Framework 2012–2013

Cluster of activities

Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012–2013

6. Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention)

EA 6. Increased ratification and strengthened implementation of the Air Convention and its three most recent protocols (Protocol on Heavy Metals, Protocol on POPs and Gothenburg Protocol) by ECE members States, in particular countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe

IA 6. Indicators of progress in implementing the Convention and its three most recent Protocols through:

(a) Number of reviews of strategies and policies by Parties to the Convention for the abatement of air pollution;

(b) Intensity of capacity development in non-Parties to the Air Convention (average participant-days per non-Party);^a

(c) Number of ratifications of the three most recent protocols to the Convention;

(d) Number of training sessions targeting implementation of the Convention and its protocols in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe.

Performance measures:

2008–2009: (a) 34; (b) 159; (c) 84; (d) 3

2010–2011: (a) 35; (b) 220; (c) 87; (d) 6

Target 2012–2013: (a) 38; (b) 220; (c) 90; (d) 6

7. Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)

EA 7. Increased ratification and strengthened implementation of the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs

IA 7. Increased number of countries working to improve implementation of the Convention and its Protocol on PRTRs through:

(a) Intensity of capacity development for non-Parties to the Aarhus Convention (average participant-days per non-Party);

(b) Intensity of capacity development for non-Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs (average participant-days per non-Party);

(c) Number of ratifications of the Aarhus Convention;

(d) Number of ratifications of the Protocol on PRTRs;

(e) Number of countries submitting National Implementation Reports to the Meeting of the Parties

Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Strategic Framework 2012–2013

Cluster of activities

Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012–2013

		<p>to the Convention, indicating progress in implementing key obligations;</p> <p>(f) Number of countries submitting National Implementation Reports to the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on PRTRs, indicating progress in implementing key obligations.</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: (a) 6; (b) 3; (c) 43; (d) 23; (e) 41; (f) N/A</p> <p>2010–2011: (a) 8; (b) 4; (c) 45; (d) 27; (e) 41; (f) N/A</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: (a) 8; (b) 4; (c) 45; (d) 28; (e) 43; (f) 18</p>
8. Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)	EA 8. Increased ratification and strengthened implementation of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA IA 8. Increased number of countries working to improve implementation of the Convention and its Protocol on SEA through:	<p>(a) Number of countries contributing to subregional cooperation under the Convention;</p> <p>(b) Number of Parties reporting on their implementation of the Convention;</p> <p>(c) Intensity of capacity development in non-Parties to the Espoo Convention (average participant-days per non-Party);</p> <p>(d) Intensity of capacity development in non-Parties to the Convention's Protocol on SEA (average participant-days per non-Party);</p> <p>(e) Number of ratifications to the Protocol on SEA.</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: (a) 23; (b) 38; (c) 8; (d) 9; (e) 12</p> <p>2010–2011: (a) 28; (b) 42; (c) 31; (d) 9; (e) 23</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: (a) 29; (b) 44; (c) 32; (d) 10; (e) 27</p>

<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Strategic Framework 2012–2013</i>	<i>Cluster of activities</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012–2013</i>
	9. Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention)	<p>EA 9. Increased ratification and strengthened implementation of the Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health</p> <p>IA 9. Increased number of countries indicating progress in implementing the Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health through:</p> <p>(a) Intensity of capacity development in non-Parties to the Water Convention (average participant-days per non-Party);</p> <p>(b) Intensity of capacity development in non-Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (average participant-days per non-Party);</p> <p>(c) Number of ratifications to the Protocol on Water and Health.</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: (a) 10; (b) 8; (c) 24</p> <p>2010–2011: (a) 50; (b) 20; (c) 25</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: (a) 45; (b) 18; (c) 26</p>
	10. Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention)	<p>EA 10. Strengthened implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention</p> <p>IA 10. Increased number of reports from countries indicating progress in implementing the Convention in five key areas:</p> <p>(a) Intensity of capacity development in non-Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention (average participant-days per non-Party);</p> <p>(b) Intensity of capacity development in Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention (average participant-days per Party);</p> <p>(c) Identification of hazardous activities through training sessions;</p> <p>(d) Prevention — application and strengthening of preventive measures for hazardous activities through capacity-building sessions;</p> <p>(e) Notification of industrial accidents using the Industrial Accidents Notification System implemented through training sessions.</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2008–2009: (a) 21; (b) 30; (c) 35; (d) 35; (e) 24</p> <p>2010–2011: (a) 31; (b) 23; (c) 40; (d) 40; (e) 40</p> <p>Target 2012–2013: (a) 35; (b) 17; (c) 43; (d) 40; (e) 40</p>

<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Strategic Framework 2012–2013</i>	<i>Cluster of activities</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments (EA) and indicators of achievement (IA) of the Biennial Evaluation 2012–2013</i>
EA (c) Improved environmental performance in countries with economies in transition IA (c)(i) Increased number of countries showing progress in environmental performance as measured by a set of indicators developed for Environmental Performance Reviews <i>Performance measures:</i> 2008–2009: 10 countries 2010–2011: 15 countries Target 2012–2013: 18 countries IA (c) (ii) Increased number of recommendations which have contributed to policy formulation and implementation, as reported by the reviewed countries <i>Performance measures:</i> 2008–2009: 255 recommendations 2010–2011: 385 recommendations (actual: 460) Target 2012–2013: 420 recommendations (revised target: 677)	11. Environmental Performance Reviews	EA 11. Improved environmental performance in countries with economies in transition IA 11. (i) Increased number of countries with improved environmental performance <i>Performance measures:</i> 2008–2009: 10 countries 2010–2011: 15 countries Target 2012–2013: 18 countries (ii) Number of recommendations implemented by the reviewed countries, and contributed to policy formulation <i>Performance measures:</i> 2008–2009: 255 recommendations 2010–2011: 460 recommendations Target 2012–2013: 677 recommendations

^a Indicator measuring the intensity of capacity development in non-Parties for selected ECE MEAs, as adopted by the Committee on Environmental Policy. For details please refer to the section VI of document ECE/CEP/2010/1, and the annex I to Information Paper No. 4/Rev.1 (http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/cep/ExtBureau16-17Mar2010/ProgrammePerformance_Info4_Rev.1.pdf) for the meeting of the Extended Bureau of the Committee on Environmental Policy (Geneva, 16–17 March 2010).

Annex III

Strategic Framework 2014–2015

Objective of the Organization: To safeguard the environment and health, improve environmental management throughout the region and further promote integration of environmental policies into sectoral policies and of environmental concerns into the economy.

<i>Expected accomplishments of the secretariat</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
(a) Improved response to environmental challenges in the ECE region from the subprogramme's constituencies	<p>(a) (i) Number of regional and subregional measures in response to existing and emerging environmental challenges from the subprogramme's constituencies</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2010–2011: Not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2012–2013: 2 measures</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: 4 measures</p> <p>(ii) Number of requests to which response from the subprogramme's constituencies, was provided in the form of technical assistance and/or advisory services</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2010–2011: Not applicable</p> <p>Estimate 2012–2013: 2 requests</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: 4 requests</p>
(b) Strengthened implementation of ECE regional environmental commitments by member States	<p>(b) Increased number of national reports received from countries indicating progress in implementing legally binding instruments</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2010–2011: 150 national reports</p> <p>Estimate 2012–2013: 160 national reports</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: 170 national reports</p>
(c) Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe	<p>(c) Increased number of countries applying environmental indicators as defined in the ECE guidelines for the application of environmental indicators</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2010–2011: 11 countries</p> <p>Estimate 2012–2013: 14 countries</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: 17 countries</p>
(d) Improved environmental governance and performance in countries with economies in transition	<p>(d) Increased number of countries showing progress in environmental governance and performance</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>2010–2011: 15 countries</p> <p>Estimate 2012–2013: 18 countries</p> <p>Target 2014–2015: 23 countries</p>

Strategy

1. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment Division. In line with its objective, the subprogramme will emphasize a country needs-based approach in carrying out its activities. It will focus on building the capacity of the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe in environmental policy and management, including for the effective implementation of environmental legislation.
 2. The subprogramme will continue to conduct Environmental Performance Reviews and assist reviewed countries to implement the recommendations of their national Environmental Performance Reviews. Furthermore, it will monitor the impact of such recommendations on policy formulation and implementation. The subprogramme will also assist in building capacity for environmental observation and reporting, which will contribute to providing timely and accurate environmental data to improve monitoring and assessment in these countries. The ECE guidelines on the application of environmental indicators will be further promoted for use in member States for environmental monitoring and assessment.
 3. While taking into account the Millennium Development Goals, the subprogramme will further promote the implementation of sustainable development in the ECE region and the outcomes of regional environment and sustainable development conferences, in particular the outcomes of the Seventh EfE Ministerial Conference held in Astana in 2011.
 4. Actions will be taken to further integrate environment into other sectoral policies through intersectoral programmes and projects, including ESD; transport, health and environment; and water and health. Particular attention will be given to activities in the emerging field of green economy. It will also improve cross-border environmental security in cooperation with the other regional organizations. Cross-sectoral work will also include the promotion of synergies and cooperation between the ECE legally binding instruments.
 5. Emphasis will be placed on supporting the implementation of regional and subregional agreements and action programmes, as well as multi-stakeholder processes and partnerships resulting from, inter alia, the WSSD, the Rio+20 Conference and from the work of the CSD, in particular by providing regional contributions to the programme cycle of the Commission.
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