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**Programme of work of the Environment subprogramme:**

**programme of work and the list of publications of**

**the Environment subprogramme for 2016–2017**

Programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2016–2017

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| *Summary* |
| The activity of the Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) is guided by the goals set out in the document on future strategic directions for the environment (CEP/2004/2, sect. IV) adopted in 2003 and by the workplan on the reform of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1) adopted in 2005, as well as in accordance with the outcomes of the review of the 2005 ECE reform (E/ECE/1464, annex III) concluded in 2013. In 2007 ECE adopted the revised terms of reference for CEP (E/ECE/1447/Add.1) as a result of the reform process.  In addition, the reform plan of the Environment for Europe (EfE) process (ECE/CEP/S/152 and Corr.1, annex I), adopted by CEP in 2009 and subsequently endorsed by ECE, mandated CEP to act as the convening body for the preparatory processes for the EfE ministerial conferences.  The present document sets out the programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for the biennium 2016–2017. It is based on the strategic framework for the period 2016–2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 17)) and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 20)). 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. |
| CEP will be invited to consider the document for adoption at its twenty-first session. Subsequently, the programme of work will be submitted to the ECE Executive Committee for approval. |

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Environment subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2016–2017. The Committee on Environmental Policy (“the Committee”) is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Executive Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in the Integrated Monitoring and Document Information System (IMDIS) used by the Secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme. The results of the implementation of the programme of work will be submitted to the Committee in the programme performance report for the biennium 2016–2017.[[2]](#footnote-3)

2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management approach, which establishes a logical relationship between the hierarchical results (outputs – outcomes – impact) known as the “results chain”, the resources (human and financial) known as “inputs” and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) that can prevent achievement of the objective.

3. The outputs/activities in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2016–2017. They fall into the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) other substantive activities; and (c) technical cooperation, including advisory services, training courses, seminars, workshops and field projects.[[3]](#footnote-4)

4. The outcomes/expected accomplishments, with corresponding indicators of achievement and performance measures, are presented in annex I in the form of a logical framework.

5. The details of the proposed publications are provided in annex II. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific to the subprogramme are listed in annex III.

I. Objective, strategy and external factors

6. The objective of the subprogramme is to improve environmental governance and performance throughout the region for safeguarding the environment and health.

7. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment Division. Using a country needs-based approach, it will focus on strengthening the capacity of the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in environmental policymaking and management, including for the effective implementation of environmental legislation.

8. The subprogramme will promote environmental governance in the region and cross-border cooperation between countries, and it will further strengthen integration of environmental concerns into sectoral policies through the implementation of ECE policy tools, education for sustainable development, transport, health and environment, the ECE multilateral environmental agreements and the sharing of information (e.g., Shared Environmental Information System), experiences and good practices in the ECE region. Cross-sectoral work will also include the promotion of synergies between the ECE legal instruments. In addition, the subprogramme will work with interested non-ECE countries, in particular those interested in joining multilateral environmental agreements that have recently been opened to global accession.

9. The subprogramme will continue to conduct environmental performance reviews, assisting countries in the implementation of the recommendations from their national reviews and monitoring the impact of the recommendations on policy formulation and implementation. It will also strengthen countries’ capacity to provide timely and accurate environmental data, thus contributing to improved environmental monitoring and reporting. The subprogramme will further promote the use by member States of the ECE guidelines for environmental monitoring and assessment.

10. Other activities will include the promotion of sustainable development in the region, as well as the implementation of the outcomes of the regional and global summits and conferences on environment and sustainable development, in particular the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the post-2015 development agenda.

11. The external factors of the subprogramme comprise the assumption that, at the country level, there is: (a) political will and sufficient capacity to integrate environmental concerns in policy formulation and to implement national legislation taking into account the ECE multilateral environmental agreements; (b) sufficient awareness of environmental issues and active support of the public in the implementation of national and regional policies; and (c) no critical impact on resource availability owing to global, regional or national economic developments.

II. Outputs/activities to be delivered during the biennium   
2016–2017

A. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies

(i) Committee on Environmental Policy

a. Substantive servicing of meetings

12. Annual sessions of the Committee on Environmental Policy (14); special sessions of the Committee (6); meetings of the Bureau of the Committee (3); Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (8); Bureau of the Steering Committee (4); Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (8); Expert Group on Environmental Performance Review (12); Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators (10); Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (5).

b. Parliamentary documentation

13. Reports of the Committee on Environmental Policy (4); set of documents for the Committee (approximately 20 documents) (1); set of documents under the Environment for Europe process (approximately 10 documents) (1); report of the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (including addenda) (1); set of documents for the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (approximately 10 documents) (1); reports of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (2); set of documents for the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (approximately 10 documents) (1); reports of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (2); documents for the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (4); reports of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators (4); documents for the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators (6).

(ii) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health

a. Substantive servicing of meetings

14. Legal Board under the Water Convention (6); Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (8); Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Water (8); Implementation Committee under the Water Convention (16); Bureau of the Water Convention (6); Task Force under the Water Convention (6);[[4]](#footnote-5) Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (6); Working Group on Water and Health (8); Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health (12); Bureau of the Protocol on Water and Health (6); Task Force under the Protocol on Water and Health (4).[[5]](#footnote-6)

b. Parliamentary documentation

15. Reports of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (2); set of documents under the Water Convention (approximately 24 documents) (1); reports of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment of Transboundary Water (2); report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (including addenda) (1); reports of the Working Group on Water and Health (2); reports of the Implementation Committee under the Water Convention (4); reports of the Legal Board under the Water Convention (2); set of documents under the Protocol on Water and Health (approximately 24 documents) (1); reports of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health (4).

(iii) Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

a. Substantive servicing of meetings

16. Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (5); Working Group on Implementation (10); Working Group on Development of the Convention (8);[[6]](#footnote-7) consultation meeting for points of contact under the Convention (3);[[7]](#footnote-8) joint expert group on water and industrial accidents (4); Bureau of the Convention (8).

b. Parliamentary documentation

17. Report of the Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (including addenda) (1); set of documents under the Industrial Accidents Convention (approximately 13 documents) (1); report on the implementation of the Convention (1); report of the Working Group on Development of the Convention (2); set of documents for the Working Group on Development of the Convention (approximately 10 documents) (1).

(iv) Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention)

a. Substantive servicing of meetings

18. Executive Body for the Air Convention (14); joint meeting of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects (16); Working Group on Strategies and Review (12); Implementation Committee (24).

b. Parliamentary documentation

19. Reports of the Executive Body for the Air Convention (including addenda) (2); set of documents under the Air Convention (approximately 40 documents) (1); reports of the joint meeting of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects (2); reports of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (2).

(v) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment

a. Substantive servicing of meetings

20. Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention (4); Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (4); Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (36); Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (12);[[8]](#footnote-9) Bureau of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (6).

b. Parliamentary documentation

21. Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention and Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (including addenda) (1); set of documents under the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (approximately 32 documents) (1); reports of the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (6); report of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment (2).

(vi) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) and Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers

a. Substantive servicing of meetings

22. Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (6); Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (6); Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (12); Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (12); Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention (70); Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (8); Task Force on Access to Information under the Aarhus Convention (12); Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making under the Aarhus Convention (12); Task Force on Access to Justice under the Aarhus Convention (12); Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (8); Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (8).

b. Parliamentary documentation

23. Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (including addenda) (1); set of documents under the Aarhus Convention (approximately 45 documents) (1); set of documents related to compliance matters under the Aarhus Convention (approximately 20 documents) (1); report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (including addenda) (1); set of documents under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (approximately 20 documents) (1); set of documents related to compliance matters under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (approximately 5 documents) (1); reports of the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (2); reports of the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (2); set of reports of the Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention (approximately 70 reports) (1); set of reports of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (approximately 15 reports) (1).

(vii) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Steering Committee

a. Substantive servicing of meetings

24. Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (3).

b. Parliamentary documentation

25. Report of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (1); documents for the Steering Committee of the Programme (6).

B. Other substantive activities

(i) Recurrent publications

26. Integrated Water Resources Management in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia: European Union Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues progress report (Water Series) (1); 20 years of achievements of the Water Convention (Water Series) (1).

(ii) Non-recurrent publications

27. Environmental performance review of specific member country (4); key achievements and challenges in implementing access to information under the Aarhus Convention (1); assessment of technical provisions of the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (1); reprint of the Aarhus Convention (1); case studies on the identification, assessment and communication of the benefits of transboundary water cooperation (1); guidance on measures to reduce the gaps in access to water and sanitation (1); guidelines on the Setting of Targets, Evaluation of Progress and Reporting (2nd edition) (1); UNECE Environmental Indicators (1); The Shared Environmental Information System in the pan-European region (1); guidance on the implementation of the Espoo Convention (1); guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries (1); review of Implementation of the Espoo Convention (2013–2015) (1); implementation of the Paris Declaration of the fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (1); Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European partnerships (1); review of Implementation of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo Convention (2013–2015) (1); Reissue of the Industrial Accidents Convention (1); guidance on the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention (1); guidance on land-use planning and siting with regard to hazard installations and environmental impact (1).

(iii) Press releases, press conferences

28. Annual set of press releases to be issued on the occasion of significant events and the issuance of publications (2).

(iv) Technical material

29. Maintenance of a website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2).

C. Technical cooperation

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops

30. Subregional workshops promoting implementation of the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (3); workshops promoting the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (2); workshops on the management of transboundary waters (12); workshops on water and health (6); workshops on the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention (7); workshops on the implementation of the Air Convention (3); workshops on integrated policy approaches to sustainable transport under the Transport, Health and Environmental Pan-European Programme (4); workshops on environmental monitoring and indicators (4); workshops on the implementation of the Strategy for ESD (4).

(ii) Field projects

31. Capacity-building on policies and measures to support safe and healthy walking and cycling in Environment Strategy for Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia under the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (1).

Annex I

The expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures for 2016–2017

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| *Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat* | *Indicators of achievement* |
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| *(a) Improved response to environmental challenges by ECE constituencies* | *(a) Number of new measures taken by ECE constituencies in response to existing and emerging environmental challenges*  *Performance measures*  2012–2013: n.a.  Estimate 2014–2015: n.a.  Target 2016–2017: 2 |
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| *(b) Strengthened implementation of ECE multilateral environmental commitments and increased geographical coverage* | *(b) (i) Increased percentage of Contracting Parties reporting on the implementation of ECE multilateral environmental agreements*  *Performance measures*  2012–2013: n.a.  Estimate 2014–2015: n.a.  Target 2016–2017: 85 |
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|  | *(ii) Increased number of Contracting Parties to the ECE multilateral environmental agreements*  *Performance measures*  2012–2013: n.a.  Estimate 2014–2015: n.a.  Target 2016–2017: 310 |
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| *(c) Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia* | *(c) Increased percentage of implementation of ECE recommendations on environmental monitoring by member States*  *Performance measures*  2012–2013: n.a.  Estimate 2014–2015: n.a.  Target 2016–2017: 50 |
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| *(d) Improved environmental performance of interested countries* | *(d) Percentage of environmental performance review recommendations implemented by countries reviewed during a biennium*  *Performance measures*  2012–2013: n.a.  Estimate 2014–2015: n.a.  Target 2016–2017: 65 |
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Annex II

Details of proposed publications for 2016–2017

A. Recurrent publications

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| *Item no.* | *Title* | *Mandate* | *Print and/or electronic* | *Size* | *No. of pages* | *Original language(s)* | *Translated language(s)* | *No. of copies and language(s)* |
| 1 | Integrated Water Resources Management in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia: European Union Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues progress report | Report of the teleconference meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, held on 21 November 2014 (BUREAU/2014/11, para 8., available at [www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2014/WAT/11Nov\_21\_Geneva\_Teleconference/report\_bureau\_Nov2014.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2014/WAT/11Nov_21_Geneva_Teleconference/report_bureau_Nov2014.pdf) ) | Print and electronic |  | 33 | E |  | 200E, 400R |
| 2 | 20 years of achievements of the Water Convention | Report of the teleconference meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, held on 21 November 2014 (BUREAU/2014/11, para 8., available at [www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2014/WAT/11Nov\_21\_Geneva\_Teleconference/report\_bureau\_Nov2014.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2014/WAT/11Nov_21_Geneva_Teleconference/report_bureau_Nov2014.pdf) ) | Print and electronic |  | 30 | E |  | 500E, 200F, 200R, 200S, 200A  (A and S will be treated by DMS on extrabudgetary basis) |

B. Non-recurrent publications

| *Item no.* | *Title* | *Mandate* | *Print and/or electronic* | *Size* | *No. of pages* | *Original language(s) a* | *Translated language(s) a* | *No. of copies and language(s) a* |
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| 1 | Environmental performance review of specific member country | ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1 (para. 13); ECE/CEP/S/2011/2 (para 72–73 and 84(v)). | Print and electronic |  | 393 | E | R | 800E, 500R  (Translated into R only if it is an official language in the reviewed country) |
| 2 | Environmental performance review of specific member country | ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1 (para. 13); ECE/CEP/S/2011/2 (para 72–73 and 84(v)). | Print and electronic |  | 393 | E | R | 800E, 500R  (Translated into R only if it is an official language in the reviewed country) |
| 3 | Environmental performance review of specific member country | ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1 (para. 13); ECE/CEP/S/2011/2 (para 72–73 and 84(v)). | Print and electronic |  | 393 | E, R |  | 800E, 500R  (Translated into R only if it is an official language in the reviewed country) |
| 4 | Environmental performance review of specific member country | ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1 (para. 13); ECE/CEP/S/2011/2 (para 72–73 and 84(v)). | Print and electronic |  | 393 | E, R |  | 800E, 500R  (Translated into R only if it is an official language in the reviewed country) |
| 5 | Key achievements and challenges in implementing access to information under the Aarhus Convention | ECE/MP.PP/2014/2, para. 38 | Print and electronic |  | 60 | E | F, R | 2000E, 1500F, 2000R, |
| 6 | Assessment of technical provisions of the Protocol on PRTRs | ECE/MP.PRTR/2014/4, para. 18(h) and ECE/MP.PRTR/2014/4/Add.1, Annex Work Programme for 2015–2017, Activity G | Print and electronic |  | 50 | E, F, R | Limited text (e.g., foreword, dis­claimer) will need to be translated from E to F and R | 2000E, 1500F, 2000R, |
| 7 | Reprint of the Aarhus Convention (once GMO amendment enters into force) | ECE/MP.PP/2014/2, para. 22 | Print and electronic |  | 33 | E, F, R | C, S, A | 5000E/F/ R, 1500C, 1500S, 2000A. |
| 8 | Case studies on the identification, assessment and communication of the benefits of transboundary water cooperation | Report of the teleconference meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, held on 21 November 2014 (BUREAU/2014/11, para 8. available at www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2014/WAT/11Nov\_21\_Geneva\_Teleconference/report\_bureau\_Nov2014.pdf ) | Print and electronic |  | 50 | E | F, R, S, A | 1200E, 400F, 200R, 400S, 400A. |
| 9 | Guidance on measures to reduce the gaps in access to water and sanitation | ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/ 2014/2-EUDCE/1408105/1.10/2014/WGWH/06, Decision on agenda item 13 | Print and electronic |  | 60 | E | F, R | 1000E, 300F, 800R |
| 10 | Guidelines on the Setting of Targets, Evaluation of Progress and Reporting (2nd edition) | ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/ 2014/2-EUDCE/1408105/1.10/2014/WGWH/06, Decision on agenda item 13 | Print and electronic |  | 70 | E | F, R | 1000E, 300F, 800R |
| 11 | ECE Environmental Indicators | ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1 (para. 14); ECE/CEP/2012/2 (paras. 48–49 and 92(m) – (n) and annex IV) | Print and electronic |  | 120 | E, R |  | 500E, 300R |
| 12 | The Shared Environmental Information System in the pan-European region | ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1 (para. 14); ECE/CEP/2012/2 (paras. 48–49 and 92(m) – (n) and annex IV); ECE/CEP/2013/2 (paras. 38–39 and 116 (g)(v)) | Print and electronic |  | 100 | E, R |  | 500E, 300R |
| 13 | Guidance on the implementation of the Espoo Convention | ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.3-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/ Add.3, para. 6, in conjunction with annex I to the decision | Print and electronic |  | 50 | E,F, R |  | 1500E, 500F, 1000R |
| 14 | Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for Central Asian Countries | ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.3 - ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/ Add.3, para. 6 | Print and electronic |  | 50 | E | R | 200E, 500R |
| 15 | Review of Implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (2013–2015) | ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.1 - ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/ Add.1, para. 2 | Electronic |  | 25 | E, F, R |  |  |
| 16 | Review of Implementation of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (2013–2015) | ECE/MP.EIA/20/Add.2­-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4/ Add.2, para. 2 | Electronic |  | 30 | E, F, R |  |  |
| 17 | Implementation of the Paris Declaration of the 4th High Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment | ECE/AC.21/SC/2014/7-EUDCE1408105/1.6/ SC12/7 | Print and electronic |  | 25 | E | F, R | 1500E, 500F, 500R |
| 18 | THE PEP Partnerships | ECE/AC.21/SC/2014/7-EUDCE1408105/1.6/ SC12/7 | Print and electronic |  | 30 | E | F, R | 1500E, 500F, 500R |
| 19 | Reissue the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents | Mandate provided by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (ECE/CP.TEIA/30, para 38, 3–5 December 2014) | Print and electronic |  | 130 | E, F, R |  | 1000E, 200F, 500R |
| 20 | Guidance on the implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents | Mandate to be provided by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (November 2016, tbc) | Print and electronic |  | 200 | E | F, R | 500E, 100F, 300R |
| 21 | Guidance on land-use planning and siting with regard to hazard installations and environmental impact | Mandate provided by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (ECE/CP.TEIA/30, paras 45 and 88, 3–5 December 2014) | Print and electronic |  | 200 | E | F, R | 500E, 100F, 300R |

a A=Arabic, C=Chinese, E=English, F=French, R=Russian and S=Spanish.

Annex III

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

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| *Resolution No.* | *Title* |
| [55/2](http://undocs.org/A/RES/55/2) | United Nations Millennium Declaration |
| [57/144](http://undocs.org/A/RES/57/144) | Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit |
| [57/253](http://undocs.org/A/RES/57/253) | World Summit on Sustainable Development |
| [57/270](http://undocs.org/A/RES/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 |
| [60/248](http://undocs.org/A/RES/60/248) | Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 |
| [65/185](http://undocs.org/A/RES/65/185) | Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly |
| [68/222](http://undocs.org/A/RES/68/222) | Development cooperation with middle-income countries |
| [66/288](http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/288) | The future we want |
| [67/10](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/10) | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community |
| [67/13](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/13) | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization |
| [67/14](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/14) | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization |
| [67/15](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/15) | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization |
| [67/83](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/83) | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe |
| [67/148](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/148) | 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 |
| [68/204](http://undocs.org/A/RES/68/204) | Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development |
| [68/212](http://undocs.org/A/RES/68/212) | Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind |
| [68/225](http://undocs.org/A/RES/68/225) | Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation |
| [67/226](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/226) | Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| [68/230](http://undocs.org/A/RES/68/230) | South-South cooperation |
| [67/264](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/264) | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation |
| [67/290](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/290) | Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development |
| [68/6](http://undocs.org/A/RES/68/6) | Outcome document of the Special Event to follow up on efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals |

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

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| *Resolution No.* | *Title* |
| 2006/38 | Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission |
| 2012/30 | Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution [61/16](http://undocs.org/A/RES/61/16) |
| 2013/1 | Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe |
| 2013/16 | Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system |

3. Others

Economic and Social Council decision

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| *Resolution No.* | *Title* |
| 2011/247 | Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-fourth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-fifth session |

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

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| *Document symbol* | *Title* |
| ECE/AC.21/ 2002/8 | Declaration on the establishment of a Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) adopted at the Second High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment |
| A (64) | The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe |

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

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| *Resolution No.* | *Title* |
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| [47/193](http://undocs.org/A/RES/47/193) | Observance of World Day for Water |
| [58/217](http://undocs.org/A/RES/58/217) | International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005–2015 |
| [58/219](http://undocs.org/A/RES/58/219) | United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, 2005–2014 |
| [64/292](http://undocs.org/A/RES/64/292) | The human right to water and sanitation |
| [68/157](http://undocs.org/A/RES/68/157) | The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation |
| [67/291](http://undocs.org/A/RES/67/291) | Sanitation for All |

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

| *Resolution No.* | *Title* |
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| 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. Others

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| *Document symbol* | *Title* |
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| CEP/AC.13/2005/3/Rev.1 | ECE Strategy for Education on Sustainable Development adopted by the High-Level meeting of Environment and Education Ministries, 2005 |
| ECE/BELGRA DE.CONF/2007/4/ Add.1 | Statement on Education for Sustainable Development by the Ministers of Education and of the Environment of the ECE region adopted at the Sixth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2007 |
| ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/8 | Ministerial Declaration “Building Bridges to the Future”, 2007 |
| ECE/AC.21/2009/2 | Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its third session, 2009 |
| ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/ Add.1 | Ministerial Declaration “Save water, grow green!”, 2011 |

Recent decisions of the Governing Bodies of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements of the Economic Commission for Europe

| *Document symbol* | *Title* |
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| ECE/EB.AIR/113 and Add.1 | Report of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long -range Transboundary Air Pollution on its thirty-first 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 |
| 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/24 | Report of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents |
| ECE/MP.WAT/37 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 sixth 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 |

1. \* This document was not formally edited. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The activities under the ECE multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), as well as of the ECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (Strategy for ESD) and the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), are conducted under the authority of respective governing bodies in those areas of work of the subprogramme. These activities are reflected in the programmes of work developed and adopted by the respective governing bodies. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. In this context, it should be noted that the information presented in section II of the present document was forecasted in 2014 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 2016–2017 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 MEAs, as well as for THE PEP and the education for sustainable development (ESD) processes, the relevant governing body is responsible for such adjustments, whereas CEP is responsible for adjusting all other activities. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. The draft programme of work for 2016–2018, which the Convention’s Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management endorsed at its tenth meeting and submitted for adoption to the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2015/L.1), extends the mandate of the Task Force on Water and Climate Change and entrusts it with several policy and technical activities that will require the holding of 8 sessions. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The Protocol’s Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting, at its eight meeting on 2 July 2015, decided to develop a collection of good practices to be submitted to the Protocol’s Meeting of the Parties in 2016. Such decision is expected to be endorsed by the Working Group on Water and Health at its eight meeting (21–22 October 2015, see agenda ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2015/1). This will increase the number of sessions to be held in the biennium to 8. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. The number of meetings of the Working Group on Development held in the biennium will depend on the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. The consultation of the points of contacts may be carried out through an online consultation, in which case the number of sessions held in the biennium would be reduced. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. The Working Group decided to extend its meetings with thematic workshops (ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2015/2, para. 34). This will increase the number of sessions held in the biennium to 18. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)