

Annex
**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SECTORAL INITIATIVE ON EARTH-
MOVING MACHINERY**

I. Objectives of the Sectoral Initiative on “Earth-Moving Machinery”

1. The specific purpose of the Sector Project is to develop common regulatory objectives (CROs) for the regulation of placing Earth-Moving Machinery on the market. The CROs shall include verification of the technical requirements to address safety risks of Earth-Moving Machinery and the related conformity assessment procedures. The aim is to eliminate barriers to trade of products in this sector.
2. Earth-Moving Machinery must have a high level of safety in order to protect workers and the environment from safety risks.
3. The group of the Sector Project will work closely with the Ad Hoc Team of Specialists on STandardization And Regulatory Techniques (START) Team. The START Team will provide the Sector Project, when required, with assistance and guidance on policy matters for its work according to the “International Model for technical harmonization based on good regulatory practice for the preparation, adoption and application of technical regulations via the use of international standards”.

II. Composition of the Sector Project: Membership and participation in its meetings

4. The Sector Project offers a platform for regulators of the participating countries to give them the possibility to discuss their concerns and approaches with experts of the producing industries and the different users of Earth-Moving Machinery.
5. It reaches out to experts and representatives not only from countries in the UNECE region but also from other interested United Nations Member States. It works with international organizations, as well as representatives of the private sector and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), particularly the International Standardization Organization.
6. The UNECE secretariat will provide, within available resources, the necessary support and guidance to the Task Force and its teams.

III. Reporting

7. The Sector Project shall report to the Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (WP.6) and frequently inform the START Team of its work.
8. The terms of reference and duration of work of the Sector Project will be reviewed regularly by the Working Party in accordance with UNECE rules and procedures, and will be submitted for decision to WP.6.
