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UNECE TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2006: AN OVERVIEW

The note contains an overview of the UNECE 2006 technical cooperation activities, including the work done by UNECE Regional Advisers, and UNECE's cooperation with sub-regional country groupings and initiatives, as well as with other United Nations agencies and regional organizations.

INTRODUCTION

1. Technical cooperation forms an integral part of UNECE's activities as emphasized in the Work Plan on ECE Reform (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1). In 2006, UNECE technical assistance continued to be guided by the governing principles, approved by its member States. In particular, it was demand driven, linked to UNECE's normative work and focused on the countries with economies in transition, concentrating on those sectors where UNECE has in-house expertise and comparative advantage over other organizations. The UNECE technical cooperation activities were planned and implemented taking into account the need to maximize their impact on the national capacity of targeted countries.
2. In 2006, the demand for UNECE technical assistance services continued to be strong. To a significant extent, it was stimulated by current development and policy challenges of consolidation in the areas of institutional frameworks, market infrastructure and competitiveness faced by many of the countries with economies in transition in the ECE region. In response to this demand, and in line with the reform, the UNECE strengthened the intergovernmental governance in the field of technical cooperation. In particular, technical cooperation activities will be reviewed annually by Sectoral Committees, and evaluation of these activities will be undertaken once every two years in the framework of the biennial evaluation of all activities by the Sectoral Committees. Particular attention is given to promoting a results-based approach to monitoring and evaluation of technical cooperation activities and reporting on its outcomes to member States. The UNECE Executive Committee assures the overall intergovernmental governance for technical cooperation activities.
3. During the period under review, UNECE technical cooperation activities had the following main objectives:
 - (i) to promote knowledge of internationally recognised standards/best practices in areas of its competence in countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-East Europe, and improve their national capacities to implement ECE legally binding instruments and other regional standards;
 - (ii) to assist with the formation of institutional frameworks in support of subregional and regional integration in areas relevant to UNECE's programme of work;
 - (iii) to strengthen the ability of countries with economies in transition to formulate and implement policies aimed at the achievement of internationally agreed development goals in the ECE region; and
 - (iv) to assist countries with economies in transition in elaborating and implementing multisectoral and/or subregional technical assistance programmes/projects in the areas

relevant to UNECE's programme of work, focusing on those activities related to resolving transboundary problems.

4. With a view to increasing the effectiveness of its technical assistance services, the UNECE continued to undertake efforts aimed at strengthening cooperation with other organizations and institutions involved in technical cooperation activities in the UNECE region, in particular UNDP, UNEP, European Commission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), World Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Asian Development Bank, EurAsEC, as well as with the business and academic communities and non-governmental organisations. Technical cooperation with subregional organisations and initiatives, such as the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, SECI/Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe, Eurasian Economic Community, and CIS continued to deepen in the areas of transport, trade facilitation, statistics, environment and sustainable energy. Partnership with other UN regional commissions was particularly active in the framework of the implementation of technical cooperation projects financed from the UN Development Account. The UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia has been another example of joint efforts, undertaken by the UNECE in cooperation with the UN Economic Commission for Asia and Pacific. The main principles underpinning the cooperation with other partners included the need to avoid potential duplication of activities, ensure effective allocation of resources, and promote complementarity of efforts and a more rational division of responsibilities.
5. The main categories of technical assistance services employed by the UNECE in 2006 were advisory services, capacity-building workshops, seminars, study tours and technical cooperation projects. The main sources of funding were the resources made available for UNECE from the UN Regular Budget (mainly the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation and the UN Development Account), and extra-budgetary resources, as well as various ad hoc and in-kind contributions.
6. On the whole, during the period under review, the UNECE Divisions and Regional Advisers carried out 153 advisory missions and organised 55 capacity building workshops/training activities in response to requests from member States. A number of technical assistance projects were being implemented by the UNECE in 2006 in those areas where it has mandate, in-house expertise and competence, in particular: 9 projects funded from the UN Development Account, of which 3 were led by the UNECE and 2 newly launched; projects/activities funded from extra-budgetary resources contributed to more than 40 UNECE General and Local Technical Cooperation Trust Funds.
7. Although it may now be premature to assess the overall impact of UNECE 2006 technical assistance, it should be noted that technical cooperation activities undertaken in 2005-2006 contributed to a number of new ratifications of and accessions to ECE legally binding instruments in the fields of environment and transport during the period under review. Two new environment performance reviews, as well as three new country housing profiles and land administration reviews were carried out in 2006. National reporting shows significant progress made in 2006 by member States in implementing both ECE legally binding instruments and "soft laws", in particular recommendations resulting from environment performance reviews, statistical standards, guidelines on housing policies, recommendations on land administration, guidelines for energy efficiency, and standards and recommendations for trade facilitation and electronic business. As many as 230 transport infrastructure projects along the Euro-Asian transport routes with a total value of US \$ 42 billion were evaluated and prioritized. Advisory services in the field of energy completed in 2006 assisted national government agencies in the formulation and/or implementation of sustainable energy projects

for a total value of US\$ 32 million in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation and Ukraine. Technical cooperation services delivered in 2006 will also contribute to strengthening of the impact of ECE technical assistance in 2007-2009.

8. This report contains an overview of the UNECE 2006 technical cooperation activities, including the work of the UNECE Regional Advisers, technical assistance projects carried out under local and general trust funds, UNECE cooperation with sub-regional country groupings and initiatives, as well as with other United Nations agencies and regional organisations. Annexes I and II to the report contain the list of regional advisory activities carried out in 2006, and provide financial data on the expenditures under general and local technical cooperation trust funds.

I. TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF THE UNECE REGIONAL ADVISERS

9. In 2006, the activities of the Regional Adviser on **Sustainable Energy** were concentrated on the development and implementation of the following capacity building and energy efficiency projects:

- Energy Efficiency 21;
- Developing Capacities and Removing Barriers to Financing Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation in Selected Countries of Southeast and East Europe, as well as CIS countries;
- Regional (inter-state) Programme of Rational and Efficient Use of Fuel and Energy Resources in CIS countries;
- Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia (UN Development Account (UNDA) project jointly implemented with the Regional Adviser on Environment);
- Biomass Energy for Heating and Hot Water Supply in Belarus;
- Removing Barriers to Energy Efficiency Improvements in the State Sector in Belarus;
- Improvement of Energy Efficiency in Public Sector (Schools and Hospitals) of Belarus;
- Support and Development of Renewable Sources of Energy (Biomass) in Ukraine;
- Russian Renewable Energy Program;
- Wide Utilisation of New Energy Efficient Technology "FISONIC" in Municipal Heat and Hot Water Supply Systems in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and Ukraine.

Advisory services were also provided on the preparation and conducting the SPECA Project Working Group session on Rational and Efficient Use of Water and Energy Resources in Central Asia, on the development of renewable sources of energy in Belarus and Ukraine, and on realisation of the concept of the energy service company in Belarus, as well as on the development of the Energy and Water Efficiency Demonstration Zones in Kazakhstan and Ukraine with a view to transforming them into energy service companies.

10. The activities of the Regional Adviser on **Economic Cooperation and Integration** were focused on the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA). His central task was to facilitate the full implementation of the SPECA reform, undertaken upon the initiative of the UN Secretary General and approved during the International Conference on Strengthening Sub-regional Economic Cooperation in Central Asia and the Future Role of SPECA (Astana, May 2005). He actively participated in the preparation and provided advisory services during the first meeting of the newly established Governing Council and SPECA Economic Forum in June 2006 in Baku. Local researchers supported by the newly established SPECA Network of Economic Research Institutes (SNERI) provided valuable input into the work of the Forum entitled: "The Energy Dividend: Spreading the Growth Impulse for Prosperity and Stability in the SPECA Region". The Regional Adviser organised an inter-

agency coordination meeting on supporting economic research in Central Asia (Almaty, April 2006) where UNDP, OSCE, the Economics Education and Research Consortium and the UNECE decided to merge their activities into a common coordination framework, the Partnership for Economics Education and Research Support (PEERS). The Regional Adviser participated in the presentation of PEERS in the Economic and Environmental Sub-committee of OSCE Permanent Council where extra-budgetary funding was sought for the first projects in this framework. At the OECD-OSCE organized meeting on Investment and Development in Central Asia and the Black Sea Regions, the Regional Adviser promoted an agreement with the hosts on coordination and cooperation between SPECA and the evolving initiative on an Investment Compact for this region. At the International Roundtable on Coherence and Coordination of Multilateral Development Cooperation in Central Asia in Berlin, the Regional Adviser was involved in discussion with the incoming German EU Presidency on how SPECA could contribute to the achievement of the overall objectives of the new Central Asia Strategy of the European Union. He provided advisory services during the second session of the SPECA Coordinating Committee held in December in Dushanbe.

11. Most of the activities of the Regional Adviser on **Environment** were focused on the development and implementation of water-related projects and activities, advising on the topical issues of national environmental policies and sub-regional cooperation, as well as supporting the implementation of the UNECE environment conventions. In particular, the activities were concentrated on the implementation of the following projects:

- Establishment of a Bilateral Kazakh-Kyrgyz Water Commission on the Rivers Chu and Talas;
- Central Asian Regional Water Information Base;
- Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia (UNDA project jointly implemented with the Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy);
- Dam Safety in Central Asia;
- Transboundary Cooperation and Sustainable Management of the Dniester River;
- Modernization of governance systems in the fields of health, water and waste management in the South Caucasus;
- Capacity for Water Cooperation (a series of workshops on transboundary water cooperation for countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA));
- Application of the UNECE Environmental Impact Assessment Convention in Central Asia; and
- participation in the Environmental Performance Review of Ukraine.

A new project on the implementation of National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management within the framework of the EU Water Initiative was developed during the year as was a project aiming to develop transboundary water cooperation in South-East Europe. Most of the projects were planned and implemented in collaboration with other partners such as UNESCAP, UNEP and OSCE. The Regional Adviser was also engaged in and advised on the development of national environmental policies and sub-regional cooperation, and on the development of the Environmental Strategy for the Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia regions, the EU Water Initiative and the Central Asian Initiative for Sustainable Development.

12. Most of the activities of the Regional Adviser on **Statistics** were focused on promoting statistical capacity building in Central Asia. A substantial part of these activities were carried out in the framework of the StatCapCA project financed from the UN Development Account. According to the project work plan, seven Training Workshops and three meetings of SPECA Project Working Group (PWG) on Statistics will be arranged in 2006-2008. The Regional Adviser provided advisory services and made presentations during the following activities,

carried out in the framework of this project: the first meeting of the PWG on Statistics (Paris, June 2006); the first Training Workshop focused on Managing Population and Housing Censuses of the 2010 Census Round (Baku, October 2006), organized in cooperation with UNFPA, UNESCAP, and the UN Statistical Division; the second Training Workshop focused on disability statistics and organized in cooperation with UNESCAP, the World Bank, and the National Centre for Health Statistics (Bishkek, December 2006). Advisory services were provided during a High Level Forum on Strategic Planning in Statistics for Central Asian countries, jointly organized by Paris21, UNESCAP and UNECE (Bishkek, May 2006). Another part of Regional Adviser's activities was focused on assisting in the implementation of policies aimed at the achievement of internationally agreed development goals. The Regional Adviser provided advisory services and made presentations during the following activities: two national Training Workshops on Millennium Development Goals (Tbilisi, 3-6 October, and Bitola, 16-20 October), organized by UNECE and financed jointly by UNICEF and UNDP; Workshop on the Challenges in the Monitoring of MDG in countries of Southeast Europe and CIS (Paris, June 2006). Advisory services in the form of lecturing and presentations were provided during the two Workshops (Tallinn, May 2006, and Neum, June 2006), focused on capacity building in the field of dissemination of statistical information and serving the needs of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the three Baltic countries and those of Southeast Europe respectively. Advisory services were also provided to the NSO of Ukraine at and after an International Conference on Strengthening the Capacity of the National Statistical System (Kiev, November 2006).

13. The activities of the Regional Adviser on **Trade Facilitation** concentrated on providing advisory services to the transition economies of: (a) South-East Europe (SEE): within the SECI/Stability Pact framework, namely, support for the network of trade facilitation bodies (SECIPRO); organization of a Regional Conference and a possible follow up initiative on data requirement harmonization aimed at building corridors for trade information exchange (Ohrid, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, December 2006); contributions with policy papers and projects within the Working Group on Trade Liberalization and Facilitation; promotion of the implementation of Recommendation 33 (Single Window) and other trade facilitation recommendations of UN/CEFACT; and support for the e-Southeast Europe Initiative (eSEE) of the Stability Pact for SEE; (b) Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia: organisation of a seminar for WTO negotiators on trade facilitation (Chisinau, June 2006) and promotion of UNECE and UN/CEFACT standards for trade facilitation and electronic business; organization of the UNECE-EurAsEC Conference on Trade Facilitation (Moscow, October 2006) on the implementation of trade and transport facilitation measures, trade data requirement harmonization, and integrated border management in EurAsEC countries; (c) Central Asian countries through providing support in the framework of the SPECA programme (notably a project on trade facilitation financed by the UN Development Account, and activities of the SPECA Working Group on Trade). Assistance was also provided at the seminars (Geneva, May and October 2006) focused on trade facilitation and electronic business, organized for several countries with economies in transition in the framework of a technical cooperation project, managed by the Regional Adviser.

14. The activities of the Regional Adviser on **Transport** were concentrated on providing advisory services to strengthen capacity of countries with economies in transition to implement ECE legal instrument on transport, facilitate international transport in the ECE region and promote intercountry cooperation towards the development of pan-European transport networks and Euro-Asian transport links. In particular, advisory services were provided under the SPECA project on Development of Transport Infrastructure and Border-Crossing Facilitation; Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) projects and the implementation of their Master Plan; the UNDA project on Capacity

Building in Developing Interregional Land and Land-Cum-Sea Transport Linkages and its UNECE-UNESCAP joint project component on developing Euro-Asian transport links; and other projects. Assistance was provided with the EU funding to experts from the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus to facilitate their participation in the meetings of the Inland Transport Committee and selected subsidiary bodies. Advisory services aimed at promoting the UNECE legal instruments in the field of transport and intercountry cooperation for the coordinated development of transport networks were provided in the framework of capacity building workshops/seminars, in particular: national capacity building workshops on facilitation of international transport along the Euro-Asian transport links (Baku and Tbilisi, May 2006 and Bishkek, December 2006); during the 4th expert group meeting on developing Euro-Asian transport links (Thessaloniki, November 2006); in the framework of the 14th OSCE Economic Forum (Vienna- January and Prague-May 2006) and the Economic and Environmental Sub-Committees of the OSCE Permanent Council (Vienna, July and October 2006); the OSCE/UN-OHRLS expert workshop on the specific problems of landlocked countries regarding transit and transport (Vienna, December 2006); the EC Pan-European Corridors and Areas coordination group (Brussels, March 2006); the High Level Meeting on the 150 years jubilee of the First International Commission for the Navigation of the Danube (Budapest, July 2006); the 11th session of the SPECA Project Working Group on transport and border crossing (Almaty, March 2006); the 6th International Conference “TRANSEURASIA” (Astana, September 2006); and the Meetings of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC member States and the BSEC Transport Working Group (Bucharest, March 2006, and Sochi, September 2006).

15. The sectoral structure of expenditures under Section 22 (Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation) of the Regular Budget in 2006 is set out in Table 1 below, with figures for 2004-2005 also provided for comparison.

Table 1. Sectoral structure of expenditures of the resources available from the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation for Regional Advisory activities

Sub-programme	2004-2005 ¹		2005 ²		2006 ³	
	US\$	%	US\$	%	US\$	%
Environment	390,132	14	207,928	14	217,101	18
Transport	425,595	15	211,840	14	158,916	13
Statistics	431,925	15	247,283	16	181,906	15
Sustainable energy	429,749	15	223,062	15	244,502	21
Trade development	490,281 ⁴	17	149,308	10	153,167	13
Economic cooperation and integration	--	--	--	--	226,976	19
Industrial restructuring and enterprise development	573,858 ⁵	20	382,006 ⁵	25	--	--
Management of technical cooperation activities	105,702 ⁶	4	91,539 ⁶	6	7,748	1
Total	2,847,242	100	1,512,966	100	1,190,316	100

¹ Actual expenditures in 2004-2005

² Actual expenditures in January-December 2005

³ Actual expenditures in January-December 2006

⁴ Includes activities of the Regional Adviser on Development and Policy Issues in 2004

⁵ Includes activities of the Regional Adviser on Development and Policy Issues in 2005 and of the Regional Adviser on Entrepreneurship and SMEs in 2005 (6 months)

⁶ Includes SPECA-related activities

16. Details on the advisory missions and capacity building workshops/training activities undertaken by the Regional Advisers in 2006 are presented in Annex I. In addition to the

resources available under the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation, part of their missions was carried out under extra-budgetary funds. It should be noted that, in most cases, the advisory services provided in a beneficiary country applied also to a number of other countries participating in a particular multi-country and/or sub-regional project or activity.

II. TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT

17. During the period under review, the UNECE was involved in the implementation of the following nine projects financed from UNDA, of which three projects were led by the UNECE:
- (a) Capacity-building in support of trade integration, with emphasis on integrated trade, information flow management and trade facilitation in Central Asia (UNECE, in joint collaboration with UNESCAP and UNCTAD; 2006-2007; project budget - \$385,000);
 - (b) Strengthening the statistical capacity of Central Asian countries to monitor progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (UNECE, in joint collaboration with UNDESA and UNESCAP; 2006-2007; \$385,000);
 - (c) Capacity-building for air quality management and the application of clean coal combustion technologies in Central Asia (UNECE, in joint collaboration with UNESCAP and UNEP; 2004-2007; \$680,000);
 - (d) Capacity-building in developing interregional land and land-cum-sea transport linkages (UNESCWA, UNECE, UNESCAP, UNECLAC, and UNECA; 2002-2007; \$1,250,000);
 - (e) Capacity-building for sustainable utilization, management and protection of internationally shared groundwater in the Mediterranean region (UNESCWA, in joint collaboration with UNECA, UNECE, UNESCO and UNDESA; 2004-2007; \$360,000);
 - (f) Interregional cooperation to strengthen social inclusion, gender equality and health promotion in the Millennium Development Goal process (UNESCAP, in joint collaboration with UNECLAC, UNESCWA, UNECE and UNECA; \$855,000; 2006-2008);
 - (g) Knowledge networks through information and communication technology access points for disadvantaged communities (UNESCWA, in joint collaboration with UNESCAP, UNECLAC, UNECE and UNECA; 2006-2009; \$970,000);
 - (h) Public-Private Partnership Alliance programme for capacity-building in infrastructure development and provision of basic services (UNESCAP, in joint collaboration with UNECA and UNECE; 2006-2009; \$615,000); and
 - (i) Interregional partnership for promoting trade as an engine of growth through knowledge management and information and communications technologies (ECLAC, in joint collaboration with ECE and other regional commissions; 2004-2007; \$920,000).

18. These joint projects, focused on capacity building in the areas of trade facilitation and integration, environment protection, clean energy, development of interregional transport linkages, statistics etc., helped to promote more systemic approaches to resolving specific development problems of beneficiary countries and strengthened complementarity of action among the UN regional commissions. Three more project proposals, where the UNECE is the lead entity, will be considered by the General Assembly for financing under the sixth tranche of the UN Development Account (2008-2009).

III. TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS UNDER THE GENERAL AND LOCAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION TRUST FUNDS, AND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

19. A significant part of the UNECE technical cooperation projects/activities in 2006 was financed from (a) contributions to the UNECE General Trust Funds (10) and Local Technical

Cooperation Trust Funds (28); and (b) contributions from UNDP and UNFPA (2). Details on the expenditures under these funds are provided in Annex II.

20. Depending on their sectoral area and objectives, these projects/activities were carried out either by regular staff or Regional Advisers, or both. Breakdown by sub-programme of expenditures under the general and local technical cooperation trust funds is set out in Table 2.

Table 2. Sectoral structure of expenditures from the General and Local Technical Cooperation Trust Funds, and other sources as at 31 December 2006

Sub-programmes	2005 ¹		2006 ²	
	US\$	%	US\$	%
1. Environment	4,422,504	55	4,758,588	62
2. Transport	1,322,284	17	1,167,339	15
3. Statistics	37,605	0	102,772	1
4. Economic cooperation and integration	--	--	187,041	2
5. Sustainable energy	601,199	8	1,049,349	14
6. Trade	223,998	3	66,790	1
7. Timber and forestry	50,385	0	30,706	0
8. Housing, land management and population	78,658	1	130,489	2
9. Economic analysis	165,421	2	16,296 ³	0
10. Industrial restructuring	696,281	9	--	--
Office of the Executive Secretary	367,458	5	198,268	3
Technical Cooperation Unit	20,236	0	1,928	0
Total	7,986,029	100	7,709,566	100

¹ Expenditures in January-December 2005

² Expenditures in January-December 2006

³ Expenditures relate to last activities undertaken between January and March 2006 under the Economic Analysis sub-programme

21. As seen from the above table the major part of resources in 2005 was spent on the Environment (55%) and Transport (17%) sub-programmes. In 2006, this pattern remained almost unchanged: the first two places were occupied by the same sub-programmes: Environment (62%) and Transport (15%). A substantial part of resources (14%) was also spent on the technical cooperation activities under the Sustainable energy sub-programme. This reflects both the demand for ECE technical assistance on environmental, transport and energy issues and the availability of extra-budgetary resources provided by donors in support of the activities in these areas.

22. In addition there were a number of technical cooperation activities supported by the resources of host countries/organizations, national and international donors, and private entities for projects/activities that were managed outside UNECE but where UNECE was involved in their implementation.

IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH SUB-REGIONAL COUNTRY GROUPINGS

23. The cooperative agreement between the UNECE and the Permanent International Secretariat of the **Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)** was signed in July 2001. In 2006, technical cooperation with BSEC continued to deepen, in particular, in the areas of transport and trade. In the field of transport, ECE assisted in the process of harmonization of national transport legislation of the BSEC member States on the basis of their accession to and

implementation of the main ECE legal instruments on transport. ECE contributed to the coordinated development of transport infrastructure in the BSEC region through the elaboration of the ECE Trans-European Motorway (TEM) and Trans-European Railway (TER) Projects Master Plan. ECE has also assisted in the development of Euro-Asian transport links, including through the BSEC Region. In close cooperation with the BSEC Transport Working Group, a number of data on major Black Sea and Mediterranean ports of Euro-Asian importance were collected and processed, which served as an input to the further development of the ECE-ESCAP joint Euro-Asian transport links project. Advisory services were provided during the semi-annual meetings of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC member States and of the BSEC Working Group on Transport, organized by the Government of Romania (Bucharest, March 2006) and the Government of the Russian Federation (Sochi, September 2006) respectively. These services aimed at assisting the process of harmonization of national transport legislation of BSEC member States, the coordinated development of transport infrastructure in the BSEC region and the development of Euro-Asian transport links, including through the BSEC region. The possibilities of developing joint activities in the harmonization of trade and transport documents according to international standards, as well as harmonization of data requirements, in compliance with the United Nations code lists, are being explored.

24. Technical cooperation with the Inter-State Economic Committee of the Economic Union of the **Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)** is based on the Memorandum on Interaction signed in April 1997. A significant part of the UNECE technical assistance during 2006 was provided to CIS member countries. This technical cooperation was focused on energy issues, statistics, environment and transport. In particular, assistance was provided under the project on implementation of the Regional (inter-state) Programme of Rational and Efficient Use of Fuel and Energy Resources in CIS Countries. A “Regional Workshop on the Use of Administrative Data in Economic Statistics” was organised jointly with CIS-STAT and the NSO of the Russian Federation in October 2006, where an overview paper based on the results of UNECE Business register Survey on CIS member countries was presented and discussed. Advisory services on the development of European Transport infrastructure and transport facilitation were provided during the Fourth International Conference on Road Transport in the CIS Region “UN Conventions in the Area of Road Transport as an Instrument of Integration and Creation of a Common Euro-Asian Road Transport Space” organized by IRU (Moscow, March 2006). Technical cooperation in the area of statistics focused on assisting CIS countries in the implementation of international statistical standards, in particular in the framework of a World Bank funded project on “Capacity Building Programme on Engendering National Statistical Systems for a Knowledge-Based Policy Formulation in CIS and SEE countries” carried out in 2006-09. Technical assistance in this field was also provided during the High-Level Forum on Statistics (Bishkek, May 2006), and the “Meeting on Challenges in the Monitoring of MDG in SEE and CIS countries (Paris, June 2006).

25. Technical cooperation with the **EurAsEC (Eurasian Economic Community)** countries included cooperation with EurAsEC member States as well as with its governing bodies, and focused mainly on the areas of trade, environment and transport. A Conference on Trade Facilitation, the first event jointly organized between UNECE and EurAsEC, was held in October 2006 in Moscow. The participants discussed a broad spectrum of measures for trade facilitation in the EurAsEC countries, as well as the possibility for data requirement harmonization among various agencies inside the countries and across borders (in alignment with the UNECE and UN/CEFACT standards). In addition, consultations were held with the EurAsEC Secretary General regarding development of possible cooperation in the areas of water and energy resources in support of SPECA. Advisory services were provided during the two meetings of the EurAsEC High Level Energy Experts Group on Elaboration of Agreed

Mechanism of Water-Energy Resources Management in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya Basins. Dam safety in Central Asia was another area of active cooperation. Advisory services were also provided during the joint UNECE-OSCE-EurAsEC seminar on implementation of the Harmonization Convention in the field of transport (Moscow, October 2006). A Cooperation Agreement between the UNECE and EurAsEC Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (IPA) was drafted in 2006. This document, focused in particular on assisting in harmonisation of draft legislation developed under the aegis of IPA with relevant ECE legal instruments, was signed in Geneva on 25 January 2007.

26. Cooperation with **SECI/Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe** focused on providing advisory services and expertise to the SECIPRO and SECI/SP Business Advisory Council network, in particular, on the following issues: organising public-private partnership for trade and transport facilitation; implementation of international standards for trade facilitation and e-business; support for the e-South Eastern Europe initiative and the Working Group on Trade Liberalization and Facilitation of the Stability Pact. A Regional Conference on Data Requirement Harmonisation in compliance with international standards (including ECE and WCO standards) was organized (Ohrid, December 2006) in collaboration with Macedonian Customs, USAID, the European Commission, WCO, the US Customs and Border Protection, and others with the full support of the Stability Pact.

27. Technical cooperation with the **International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS)**, based on the Memorandum of Understanding between UNECE, UNESCAP and IFAS signed on 3 June 2004, continued to focus on the implementation of activities on environment protection, rational use of water and energy resources, and dam safety. Two workshops were organised in cooperation with IFAS (Almaty, April and November 2006), aimed at the preparation of national legislation and elaboration of a subregional agreement on providing assistance in the case of dams' accidents.

28. In the framework of cooperation with the Intergovernmental Commission of the **Europe-Caucasus-Asia Corridor (TRACECA)** in the field of transport, consultations continued with EC DG EuropeAid Cooperation-TRACECA Programme aimed at the implementation of the UNECE pilot project on facilitation of participation of Central Asian and Caucasus countries in the meetings of the Inland Transport Committee and selected subsidiary bodies, funded by EU over the period 2004-2006. Possibilities of the continuation of this project are being explored. Consultations with the Permanent Secretariat of TRACECA continued also on future technical cooperation activities in the areas of trade facilitation and paperless trade.

29. Technical cooperation with the **GUAM** countries (Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Republic of Moldova) included an ECE-organised training for WTO negotiators on trade facilitation (Chisinau, 12-13 June 2006), participants of which represented also several neighbouring countries.

30. Technical cooperation activities were organised jointly with the organisation "Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century" (**Paris21**) in the field of Statistics. A partnership of policymakers, analysts, and statisticians from all countries of the world, Paris21 was launched in November 1999 to act as a catalyst for promoting a culture of evidence-based policy making and monitoring in all countries. Together with Paris21 and UNESCAP, the UNECE organized the High-Level Forum on Strategic Planning in Statistics (Bishkek, May 2006), as well as participated in the work of a Task Force, headed by Paris 21, aimed at elaborating a reporting system on partner support to statistical development.

V. UN SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMIES OF CENTRAL ASIA

31. SPECA activities in 2006 were focused on the full implementation of the reform of the Programme. The first session of the SPECA Governing Council in June 2006 in Baku reviewed the implementation of the 2005-2007 Work Programme, which includes 28 projects/activities supplemented by advisory services, covering the sectors of transport (7), water, energy and environment (9), trade facilitation (7), statistical capacity building (1) and ICT for development (4). The first SPECA Economic Forum on “The Energy Dividend: spreading the growth impulse for prosperity and stability in the SPECA region” (Baku, June 2006) discussed strategic issues of regional cooperation, such as improving trade relations, developing transport and transit links, and increasing investments in regional energy infrastructure. The second session of the SPECA Coordinating Committee (Dushanbe, December 2006) took note of the initial results of the reform process, including improved funding of projects and the extension of SPECA activities into new areas. Representatives of member countries strongly urged better coordination and cooperation between SPECA and other programmes, organizations and institutions active in Central Asia.

32. Out of the six SPECA Project Working Groups (Transport and Border Crossing, Water and Energy Resources, Trade, Statistics, ICT for Development, and Gender and Economy), four held their meetings in 2006. The newly established SPECA Network of Economic Research Institutes was merged into the Partnership for Economics Education and Research Support, jointly established with the UNDP, OSCE and the Economics Education and Research Consortium. In 2006, within the framework of SPECA, technical cooperation services were provided under the UNDA projects on “Capacity-building for air quality management and the application of clean coal combustion technologies in Central Asia”, on “Capacity-building in support of trade integration, with emphasis on integrated trade, information flow management and trade facilitation in Central Asia”, and on “Strengthening the statistical capacity of Central Asian countries to monitor progress towards the Millennium Development Goals”.

VI. COOPERATION WITH OTHER UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

33. During the period under review, the UNECE continued to strengthen its cooperation with other organizations of the United Nations family and regional organizations, involved in technical cooperation activities in the ECE region. The main objectives of its efforts in this area were to avoid potential duplication of activities, ensure effective allocation of resources, and promote complementarity of efforts and a more rational division of responsibilities.

34. UNDP has been UNECE’s partner in practically all areas of its technical cooperation activities. The Commission has strengthened its cooperation with UNDP by bringing ECE’s experience to some UN country teams, improving communication, coordination and institutional interaction with the UNDP Resident Coordinator Offices. Specific actions in this area included briefing by the ECE Executive Secretary to newly-inducted Regional Coordinators in ECE member States, consultations with UNDP regional and country offices on various issues of sectoral technical assistance, continued coordination of the UNECE staffs’ visits with local UNDP offices and sharing information on planned and ongoing technical cooperation activities. The UNECE and UNDP were involved in the implementation of a number of ECE technical assistance projects and training activities in the areas of energy, statistics, trade, environment, housing sector etc.

35. In 2006, the UNECE continued its close and active cooperation with the other UN regional commissions in the framework of the implementation of nine technical cooperation

projects financed from UNDA. These joint projects, focused on capacity building in the areas of trade facilitation and integration, statistics, environment protection, clean energy, development of interregional transport linkages etc., facilitated more systemic approaches to resolving specific development problems of beneficiary countries and provided complementarity of action among the UN regional commissions in pursuing the objectives of cooperation.

36. Cooperation with OSCE continued in the framework of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between ECE and OSCE, signed in December 2004. In particular, following the OSCE decision to place transportation as the central theme for the OSCE Economic and Environmental Dimension in 2006, UNECE-OSCE cooperation in the field of transport has been further strengthened. In 2006, it focused on raising the political awareness on the importance of the UNECE legal instruments in transport, and on the joint implementation of specific projects on transport facilitation and infrastructure development in countries with economies in transition. A UNECE-OSCE-EurAsEC Seminar on implementation of the Harmonization Convention was held in Moscow on 17-18 October 2006, and a joint UNECE-OSCE Seminar on the same subject was held in Belgrade on 14-15 December 2006, both with OSCE financial support. ECE has submitted to OSCE for financial support two project proposals on the facilitation of the implementation of the TEM and TER Master Plan and the continuation of the Euro-Asian transport links project in a new phase (2007-2010). Several projects in collaboration with OSCE were implemented in 2006 in the environmental sector, focused on capacity building in beneficiary countries in the areas of cooperative management of water and related resources, joint utilization of water facilities etc.

37. Active collaboration was maintained with UNESCAP within the SPECA framework, aimed at further supporting sustainable development and integration in the region of Central Asia. In particular, meetings of the first SPECA Economic Forum and the SPECA Governing Council (Baku, June 2006), as well as the SPECA Coordinating Committee (Dushanbe, December 2006), were organised jointly by the UNECE and UNESCAP in cooperation with governments of the host countries. In addition to four meetings of the SPECA Project Working Groups, and the 4th Meeting of the Expert Group on developing Euro-Asian transport links (Thessaloniki, Greece), organized by the UNECE and UNESCAP in 2006, three joint UNECE-UNESCAP capacity building national workshops on facilitation of international transport along the Euro-Asian transport links were held in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan.

38. On the whole, cooperation was further developed in the field of: sustainable energy (with UNDP, Global Environmental Facility, UN Foundation/UN Fund for International Partnerships, EC, IAEA, and EBRD); statistics (with United Nations Population Fund, UNDP, World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank, EC, Council of Europe, Eurostat and OSCE); environment and human settlements (with UNDP, World Bank, UNEP, WHO/EUROEC, OSCE, EBRD and EEA); trade facilitation (with World Bank, UNCTAD, EC, World Customs Organization, WTO, ISO, UNDP and ICC); and transport (with World Bank, EC, EBRD, OSCI, and Asian Development Bank). On-going cooperation was also maintained with UNDESA and ILO.

Annex I

Regional Advisory Activities in 2006

Acronyms for country groups are listed at the end of Annex I

Country visited	Purpose	Beneficiary countries
Economic cooperation and integration		
Austria	Advisory services, including delivery of a presentation, during the inter-agency coordination meeting on improving labour migration statistics and promoting evidence-based policy-making on migration issues in SPECA countries; Vienna, 20 April	SPECA member countries
	Presentation by the Regional Adviser of the Partnership for Economics Education and Research Support in the Economic and Environmental Sub-Committee of the OSCE Permanent Council; Vienna, 20 October	SPECA member countries
Azerbaijan	Consultations with government representatives aimed at the preparation for the SPECA Economic Forum and the Governing Council; making presentation on SPECA activities at the Symposium on Energy Efficiency; Baku, 27-31 March	SPECA member countries
	Advisory services during the SPECA Governing Council meeting and the SPECA Economic Forum, organised by ECE jointly with ESCAP; Baku 26-27 June	SPECA member countries
Germany	Advisory services during the International Policy Dialogue "New perspectives for economic cooperation in Central Asia"; Berlin, 18-19 May	SPECA member countries
	Consultations with InWent (German Capacity Building International) on the joint organization of the 2007 SPECA Economic Forum; Berlin, 30 August	SPECA member countries
	Advisory services during the Informal International Roundtable on Coherence and Coordination of Multilateral Development Cooperation in Central Asia, including delivery of a presentation; Berlin, 11 December	SPECA member countries
Kazakhstan	Advisory services, including delivery of a presentation, during the Inter-agency Coordination Meeting on Supporting Economic Research in Central Asia, organised by the Regional Adviser; Almaty, 3-4 April	Central Asian countries
Tajikistan	Advisory services during the SPECA Coordinating Committee meeting, organised by ECE jointly with ESCAP; Dushanbe, 14-15 December	SPECA member countries
Turkey	Advisory services, including delivery of a presentation, during the meeting on Investment and Development in the Central Asia and Black Sea Regions; Istanbul, 11-12 July	SPECA member countries

Sustainable energy		
Belarus	Advisory services on the development and implementation of five projects in the area of energy efficiency; Minsk, Mosty, Petrikovo, 29 January-9 February; Minsk, Molodechno, Vileyka, Petrikovo, 22 March-1 April; Minsk, Vileyka, Petrikovo, 11-23 June; Minsk, Vileyka, Gomel, 15-25 August; Minsk, Vileyka, and Vetka, 4-15 October ; Bobruysk, Vileyka, 3-14 December.	Belarus and Ukraine
	Advisory services on the development and implementation of three projects in the area of energy efficiency; consultations with governmental officials, and making a presentation at the International Forum “Energy Efficiency and Resources Savings”; Minsk, 16-17 May	Belarus
	Advisory services, and making a presentation during the Workshop “Sustainable Development National Plan and Replication of the Project Results”, organised by the Regional Adviser; Minsk, 17 May	Belarus
Kazakhstan	Advisory services on 2 projects’ implementation, and participation in the workshop “Dam Safety in Central Asian Countries”, organised by the UNECE, where the Regional Adviser was invited as a speaker; Almaty, 9-12 April	Central Asian countries
Russian Federation	Advisory services on CIS and 4 projects’ development and implementation; Moscow and Savtyvkar (Komi Republik), 26 February-7 March; 13-18 April, Moscow.	Central Asian countries, Belarus, Russian Federation, Ukraine
	Advisory services at the first and second meetings of the EurAsEC High Level Energy Experts Group; Moscow, 6 October and 22 October	EurAsEC member states
Ukraine	Advisory services on the development and implementation of various projects in the area of energy efficiency; Kiev, 9-15 and 18-19 May	Ukraine and Belarus
	Advisory services on the development and implementation of various projects in the area of energy efficiency; Kiev, Zaporizhzhya, Dniprodzerzhynsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, 12-22 September	Ukraine and Belarus
Environment		
Austria	Consultations on the development and implementation of UNECE projects under the Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative held during the management and advisory board meetings of the ENVSEC Initiative; Vienna, 30-31 October	Countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), and Southeast Europe (SEE)
Belgium	Consultations with EC on the EU Water Initiative and the establishment of “National Policy Dialogues”; Brussels, 22 May	EECCA countries
Germany	Advisory services, including making two presentations, during the third Meeting of the Parties of the UNECE Water Convention, organised by the Regional Adviser; Bonn, 20-22 November	EECCA and SEE countries
Kazakhstan	Advisory services including making a presentation, and servicing the meeting on planning and implementation of CAPACT, Dam Safety, and EIA projects, organised by the Regional Adviser; Almaty, 7-11 April	Kazakhstan and other Central Asian countries
	Advisory services on follow-up with local organizers of the Dam Safety Meeting (10-11 April); advisory services including making a presentation during the meetings of Regional Environmental Centres (RECs) and EU Water Initiative (EUWI) Working Group; Almaty, 25-26 April	EECCA countries

	Advisory services on planning and implementation of CAPACT, Dam Safety, and EIA projects; Astana, 25 August; Almaty, 29-31 August	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and other Central Asian countries
	Advisory services, including making a presentation, during the CAPACT (International Air Monitoring, Data, Reporting and Environmental Effects) Workshop, where the Regional Adviser organised this activity and chaired one of its sessions; Almaty, 17-19 October	EECCA countries
	Advisory services, including making presentations, in connection with Dam Safety Meeting and SPECA Project Working Group for Water and Energy, organised by the UNECE; Almaty, 15-17 November	Kazakhstan and other Central Asian countries
Kyrgyzstan	Advisory services on planning and implementation of CAPACT, Dam Safety, and EIA projects; Bishkek, 26-27 January, and 27-29 August	Kyrgyzstan and other Central Asian countries
	Advisory services including making presentations under the CAREWIB, Dam Safety and EIA projects and the Education for Sustainable Development ministerial meeting; Bishkek, 20-25 October	Central Asian countries
Moldova	Consultations (including making presentations) on the organization of a “National Policy Dialogue” in Moldova; Chisinau, 25-28 September	Moldova
	Advisory services and chairing the meeting under the OSCE/UNECE project on “Action Programme to improve transboundary cooperation and sustainable management of the Dniester river”, organised by the Regional Adviser; Chisinau 8-9 November	Moldova and Ukraine
Russian Federation	Consultations with Russian environmental authorities on cooperation with the UNECE; Moscow 17-19 May	Russian Federation
Sweden	Project on transboundary water cooperation in SEE: Development of a project proposal and funding discussions with representatives of Swedish EPA and Serbian Water Directorate; Stockholm, 21-22 August	SEE countries
Ukraine	Advisory services (including making presentations), and chairing the meeting under the OSCE/UNECE project on “Action Programme to improve transboundary cooperation and sustainable management of the Dniester river” (“Dniester II” project), organised by the Regional Adviser; Kiev, 4-7 March and 10-11 August, and Odessa, 22-24 September	Ukraine and Moldova
Uzbekistan	Advisory services under the CAREWIB and CAPACT projects; Tashkent, 29-31 January	Uzbekistan and other Central Asian countries
Statistics		
Azerbaijan	Advisory services, including making a presentation, during the 1 st StatCapCA Training Workshop “Management of Population and Housing Censuses in the 2010 Round”, organised by the ECE Regional Adviser; Baku, 30 October – 3 November.	SPECA member countries, and Georgia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Advisory services during the “Strategic Management Seminar for CARDS countries on Communicating and disseminating statistics”, where the Regional Adviser made a presentation and chaired one of the sessions; Neum, 29-30 June	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia
Estonia	Advisory services during the “Baltic Marketing Seminar”, organised by National Statistical Offices, where the Regional Adviser made 3 presentations; Tallinn, 7-8 June	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

France	Advisory services during the Meeting on Challenges in the Monitoring of MDGs in Countries of Southeast Europe and CIS, where the Regional Adviser made a presentation; Paris, 13 June	Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan
	Advisory services during the first meeting of the SPECA PWG on Statistics, including planning of future PWG activities on building statistical capacity in the areas of Population and Housing Censuses, Statistics on Health Status, and Statistics on the Non-Observed Economy; Paris, 16 June	SPECA member countries
Georgia	Advisory services during the “Statistical Literacy Workshop on Millennium Development Goals”, organised by the UNECE, where the Regional Adviser made a presentation; Tbilisi 3-6 October.	Georgia
Kyrgyzstan	Advisory services, including making a keynote presentation, during the High-Level Forum on Strategic Planning in Statistics for Central Asian Countries, jointly organized by Paris21, UNESCAP and UNECE, where the Regional Adviser chaired one of the sessions; Bishkek, 17-19 May	SPECA member countries, as well as Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Mongolia and Russian Federation
	Advisory services, including making a presentation, during the 2 nd StatCapCA Training Workshop “Disability Statistics”, organised by the Regional Adviser; Bishkek, 13-15 December.	SPECA member countries
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Advisory services during the “Statistical Literacy Workshop on Millennium Development Goals”, organised by the UNECE, where the Regional Adviser made a presentation; Bitola 16-20 October.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Ukraine	Advisory services during and after the International Conference “Strengthening up the Capacity of the National Statistical System of Ukraine”, including discussions with the senior management of the State Committee on Statistics of Ukraine on future co-operation; Kiev, 28-30 November	Ukraine
Trade facilitation		
Austria	Consultations on further involvement of the UNECE in Southeast Europe during the 10 th anniversary meeting of the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI); Vienna, 27 October	SEE countries
Azerbaijan	Advisory services during the meetings of the SPECA Economic Forum and Governing Council, including the discussion about the possibility of launching a document harmonization and automation project; Baku, 23-28 June	SPECA member countries
Belgium	Consultations on future capacity building activities in the area of trade facilitation during the SECIPRO and SECI/SP BAC meetings; Brussels, 20-21 February	SEE countries
Bulgaria	Advisory services on the model of the Czech-UNECE technical assistance project, provided to the Government and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Bulgaria; Sofia, 19-22 December	Bulgaria
Croatia	Advisory services during the 10 th Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee of the Trade and Transport Facilitation in Southeast Europe project, including making a presentation on data requirement harmonization in SEE; Cavtat, 5-7 July	SEE countries
Georgia	Advisory services during the UNECE-ESCAP Seminar on Trade and Transport Facilitation, where the Regional Adviser participated as keynote speaker on trade and transport facilitation issues; Tbilisi, 14-17 May	Georgia

Germany	Advisory services during the meeting of the Working Group on Trade Liberalization and Facilitation of the Stability Pact for SEE, including consultations on the organization of capacity building activities on trade facilitation; Berlin, 14-15 February	SEE countries
Montenegro	Advisory services at the eSEE meeting; Budva, 27 September	SEE countries
Moldova	Advisory services during the capacity-building Workshop for the WTO negotiators on trade facilitation, organised and chaired by the Regional Adviser, including making a keynote presentation; Chisinau, 12-13 June	Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
Romania	Advisory services during the SECIPRO meeting and Business Advisory Council of the Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe and SECI; Bucharest, 25 September	SEE countries
Russian Federation	Consultations on the establishment of a trade facilitation body in the Russian Federation; Moscow, 22-26 January	Russian Federation
	Consultations on the organization of the UNECE-EurAsEC Conference on Trade Facilitation and establishment of a trade facilitation body in the Russian Federation; Moscow, 26-27 August	Russian Federation
	Advisory services at the UNECE-EurAsEC Conference on Trade Facilitation, and the training seminars on Single Window/Data Harmonization and the Harmonization Convention, organised by the Regional Adviser; Moscow, 14-19 October	EurAsEC member states
Serbia	Advisory services during the meeting on eSEE initiative of the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe, including on the UNECE-led e-business strategy paper; Belgrade, 20-21 March	SEE countries
Slovenia	Advisory services on the elimination of non-tariff barriers to trade in SEE during the meeting of the Working Group on Trade Liberalization and Facilitation of the Stability Pact for SEE; Ljubljana, 19 July	SEE countries
Switzerland	Advisory services during the training seminar on Single Window and electronic documents, organised by the Regional Adviser; Geneva, 31 October – 1 November	Czech Republic, Moldova, Mongolia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
Tajikistan	Advisory services during the first meeting of the SPECA Project Working Group on Trade (PWG-Trade), co-organised by the ECE Regional Adviser and ESCAP; Dushanbe, 14 December	SPECA member countries
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Advisory services during the Regional Conference on Data Requirement Harmonization in SEE, organised by the Regional Adviser, including making a keynote presentation; Ohrid, 6-7 December	SEE countries
Transport ^{*1}		
Austria	Advisory services during the first part of the 14 th OSCE Economic Forum on transportation in the OSCE area; Vienna, 23-24 January	OSCE member States/UNECE member States
	Advisory services during the 1st TER Master Plan Expert Group meeting and 22 nd session of TER Steering Committee, including chairing the TER Master Plan meeting; Baden, 19-21 June	Central, Eastern and Southeast European countries
	Advisory services during the 63 rd Meeting of the Economic and Environmental Sub-Committee of the OSCE Permanent Council on the implementation of ECE legal instruments on transport and the TEM and TER Master Plan, as well as on further development of the Euro-Asian transport links project; Vienna, 7 July	OSCE member States/UNECE member States

	Advisory services during the 64th Meeting of the Economic and Environmental Sub-Committee of the OSCE Permanent Council on future transport dialogue in the OSCE, as well as on the implementation of TEM and TER Master Plan and further development of the Euro-Asian transport links project; Vienna, 20 October	OSCE member States/UNECE member States
Azerbaijan	Advisory services during the First National Workshop on the Facilitation of International Transport Along the Euro-Asian Transport Links, jointly organized by ECE and ESCAP organized in the framework of the UNDA Euro-Asian transport links project; Baku, 10-13 May	Azerbaijan
Belgium	Consultations with EC DG TREN on the implementation of recommendations of the High level Group and the TEM and TER Projects' Master Plan; Brussels, 1 February	UNECE member States
	Consultations with EC DG TREN, the chairpersons and representatives of the technical secretariats of the Pan-European Transport Corridors and Areas, and members of the Coordination Group on EC/UNECE cooperation in the field of the development of transport corridors and facilitation of international transport; Brussels, 7 March	UNECE member States
	Consultations with EC DG EuropeAid Cooperation, TRACECA Programme, on facilitation of participation of Central Asian and Caucasus countries in UNECE ITC meetings; Brussels, 9 June	Central Asian and Caucasus countries
Czech Republic	Advisory services during the 14 th OSCE Economic Forum; Prague, 22-24 May	OSCE member States/UNECE member States
Georgia	Advisory services during the 2 nd National Workshop on the Facilitation of International Transport Along the Euro-Asian Transport Links, jointly organized by ECE and ESCAP under the UNDA Euro-Asian transport links project; Tbilisi, 14-16 May	Georgia
Greece	Advisory services during the 10 th Hellenic Conference on Logistics; Athens, 9-10 November	Greece
	Advisory services during the 4 th Expert Group meeting on the development of Euro-Asian transport linkages, jointly organized by ECE and ESCAP under the UNDA Euro-Asian transport links project; Thessaloniki, 20-25 November	UNECE/UNESCAP member States
Hungary	Advisory services during the High-Level Meeting on the 150 Years Jubilee of the First International Commission for the Navigation of the Danube, and the UNECE-TER / Europlatforms joint meeting on the results of the TEM and TER Master Plan, the role of the freight villages, and future cooperation between Europlatforms and the UNECE; Budapest, 2-4 July	Central, Eastern and Southeast European countries
	Advisory services for the TER Master Plan follow-up activities during the 2 nd Meeting of the TER Master Plan expert group, and chairing the first day's meeting; Budapest, 3-4 September	Central, Eastern and Southeast European countries
Kazakhstan	Advisory services during the 11 th session of the SPECA Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing, including making presentations on various projects, and co-chairing a panel on border crossing issues; Almaty, 29-30 March	SPECA member countries
	Advisory services during the 6 th International Conference "TRASEURASIA 2006" on the progress of the UNECE-UNESCAP joint project on Euro-Asian transport links; Astana, 20-23 September	UNECE member States
Kyrgyzstan	Advisory services during the 3 rd National Workshop on the Facilitation of International Transport Along the Euro-Asian Transport Links, jointly organized by ECE and ESCAP	Kyrgyzstan

	under the UNDA Euro-Asian Transport links project; Bishkek, 18-21 December	
Romania	Advisory services during the Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States; Bucharest, 15 March	BSEC member countries
	Advisory services during the 45 th TEM Steering Committee; Bucharest, 12-14 June	Central, Eastern and Southeast European countries
Russian Federation	Advisory services during the 4 th International Conference on Road Transport “UN Conventions in the Area of Road Transport as an Instrument of Integration and of Creation of a Common Euro-Asian Road Transport Space”, where the Regional Adviser was invited as keynote speaker; Moscow, 1 March	EECCA countries
	Advisory services during the meetings of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States and the BSEC Working Group on Transport; Sochi, 24-28 September	BSEC member countries

*1 Including planned regional advisory activities carried out by the former Regional Advisor on Transport after his new appointment in August 2006

Acronyms

EECCA: Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

EurAsEC: Eurasian Economic Community (member states - Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan).

SEE: Southeast Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey).

SPECA: UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (member countries -Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).

Annex II

UNECE technical cooperation projects under the general and local technical cooperation trust funds, and other sources of funding for operational activities

Expenditures as at 31 December 2006 (inclusive of programme support costs)

General Trust Funds

Sub-programme	Title of Trust Fund, Fund code and date established	Expenditures in US\$	
		2005	2006
1. Environment	"Environment for Europe", EIA, 19 November 1993	139,373	330,546
	EMEP Sub-account "Mobile Sources of Air Pollution", LPA, 19 January 1988	3,591	16,769
	Financing of the Implementation of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (EMEP), LRA, 11 November 1981	2,388,618	2,162,546
	EMEP Sub-account "Voluntary Contributions towards Funding of Effect-Oriented Activities under the Convention", LUA, 25 July 1997	525,039	456,290
5. Sustainable energy	Energy Efficiency 21 Project, EEA, 17 January 1991	59,662	46,559
6. Trade	Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT), EAA, 12 February 1990	35,601	44,748
7. Timber and forestry	Long-Term Timber Trends and Prospects, LTA, 1 March 1991	50,385	30,706
8. Housing, land management and population	Human Settlements, EHA, 1 July 1975	78,658	103,605
9. Economic analysis	Supporting UNECE Regional Conferences and meetings, including for Global Conference, GFA, 22 November 1994	24,652	3,527
Office of the Executive Secretary	Follow-Up Activities of the Fourth World Conference on Women, WWA, 19 July 1999	1,102	0
	Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT)*, MEA, 25 September 1992	253,992	198,268
Total		3,560,673	3,393,564

* General Trust Fund used to facilitate travel of participants and experts from countries with economies in transition to workshops, seminars and meetings organized under all substantive sub-programmes implemented by UNECE.

Local Technical Cooperation Trust Funds

Sub-programme	Title of Trust Fund, Fund code and date established	Expenditures in US\$	
		2005	2006
1. Environment	Environmental Performance Review Programme, EIC-E102, 1 December 2000	134,448	72,242
	Aarhus Convention Project, ECE-E104, 1 May 2001	621,253	608,682
	Industrial Accidents Convention Project, ECE-E106, 1 July 2001	122,859	223,305
	Promotion and implementation of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution, ECE-E112, 1 January 2002	122,145	89,044
	ESPOO Convention, ECE-E115, 9 July 2002	230,410	179,704
	Environmental Monitoring, ECE-E118, 9 July 2002	22,770	190,641

	Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), ECE-E126, 1 January 2003	100,188	99,016
	Water Convention Project, ECE-E133, 1 April 2003 - 31 December 2006	104,520	181,769
	Inquiry Procedure Project under ESPOO Convention, ECE-E137, 14 February 2005 - 31 December 2005	7,480	148,033
2. Transport	Monitoring of Radiologically-Contaminated Scrap Metal, ECE-E127, 13 January 2004 - 31 December 2004	684	111,700
	Trans-European Motorway (TEM) Master Plan Project, ZMB (E129), 9 September 2003	3,304	-1,754 ¹
	Seminar on Aggressive Driving, Geneva, 5 April 2004, ECE-E131, 1 December 2003-31 December 2004	24	0
	Follow-up to General Assembly Resolution 58/289 of 14 April 2004 on improving Global Road Safety, ECE-E135 1 August 2004 - 31 December 2006	47,758	3,707
	Facilitation of participation of Central Asian and Caucasus Countries in the meetings of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee and selected subsidiary bodies, ECE-E136 17 August 2004 - 31 December 2006	75,079	9,084
	Introduction of Digital Tachograph in non-EU countries, ECE-E142 12 July 2005 – 31 December 2006.	0	44,440
	Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM), ZMB (F101), 28 February 1992 ²	97,621	95,946
	Trans-European Railway (TER), ZDB (F103), 23 April 1993 ³	124,041	133,845
	Transport International Routier (TIR) (TIRBEX), ZLB (F116), 15 November 1998	873,585	770,371
3. Statistics	Inter-Regional Seminar on the Application of Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in Countries in Transition, ECE-E110, 15 October 2001	-9,998 ¹	-1,693 ¹
4. Economic cooperation and integration	Internet Enterprise Development, ECE-E105, 25 September 2001	0	-2,825
	Industry Structural Change and Development, ZVB- F104	0	145,194
	Improving Trade Finance and Investment for the Russian Timber Sector, ZKB (F106), 28 May 1996	0	44,672
5. Sustainable energy	Energy Security Forum, ECE-E124, 1 July 2004 - 31 December 2007	9,258	70,025
	Development of Coal Mine Methane Project in Central and Eastern Europe and CIS, ECE-E141, 1 April 2005 - 31 December 2008	630	103,189
	Promotion and Development of a Market-Based Gas Industry in Economies in Transition (Gas Centre), EZB (F105), 15 Jul 1994	514,661	532,937
	Commission on Legal Empowerment for the Poor, ECE-E139, 22 February 2005 - 30 September 2007.	0	296,638
6. Trade	UNeDocs: Development of United Nations Electronic Forms for Trade Documents, ECE-E108, 2 August 2001	46,226	14,642
	International Forum on Trade Facilitation and Follow-Up, ECE-E111, 13 March 2002	-5,634 ¹	7,019
	South-East European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), ECE-E123, 15 June 2002	168	0
	Training Regulators from South-East Europe and countries within the Stability Pact in using good practices in the preparation and implementation of technical regulations, ECE-E130, 15 October 2003 - 31 March 2005	16,791	381
	Improving Trade Finance and Investment for the Russian Timber Sector, ZKB (F106), 28 May 1996	130,846	0

8. Housing, land management and population	Real Estate Advisory Project (REAP), ECE-E117, 15 July 2002	0	20,164
	PAU: Microdata Census Samples, ZCB (F102), 1 November 1993	0	6,719
9. Economic analysis	Population and Development Activities Project (PDAP), ECE-E125, 19 December 2002	489	-452 ¹
	The UNECE Post-Transition Economic Policy Forum, ECE-E140, 1 February 2005-31 December 2006	192	13,221
	PAU: Microdata Census Samples, ZCB (F102), 1 November 1993	140,086	0 ⁴
10. Industrial restructuring	Real Estate Advisory Project (REAP), ECE-E117, 15 July 2002	476,983	0 ⁴
	Commission on Legal Empowerment for the Poor, ECE-E139, 21 February 2005-31 December 2007	219,297	0
	Internet Enterprise Development, ECE-E105, 25 September 2001	16,098	0 ⁵
	Central European Initiative Cooperation Project (CEICP), ECE-E122, 12 July 2002	891	0
Office of the Executive Secretary	Comprehensive Evaluation of ECE, ECE-E116, 21 February 2005	108,843	0
	Regional Symposium on Mainstreaming Gender into Economic Policies, ECE-E132, 1 November 2003-31 December 2004	3,448	0
	Global Public Goods Project, ECE-E134, 31 December 2005	74	0
Technical Cooperation Unit	Governance Systems for Environmental Protection in the South Caucasus, ECE-E109, 12 July 2002	15,006	1,928
	Industry Structural Change and Development, ZVB- F104	5,227	0 ⁵
		4,377,751	4,211,534

Other Sources of Funding for Operational Activities

Sub-programme	Title of Trust Fund, Fund code and date established	Expenditures in US\$	
		2005	2006
3. Statistics	Gender statistics workshop and training (UNFPA Project), ZIB-E138, 8 October 2004-31 March 2005	32,140	13,126
	Building Capacity and Statistical Literacy for MDG Monitoring, (UNDP Project) EBB-E143, 31 January 2006 – 31 December 2007.	0	91,342
5. Sustainable energy	Energy Efficiency Investment - Climate Change Mitigation (UNFIP Project), QGA (A009-ECE-CIS-99-043), 9 March 2000-31 December 2004	15,463	0
Total		47,603	104,468

¹ Refund of overestimates in a previous year.

² Trans-European North-South Motorway Trust fund (TEM), ZMB (Project F101) includes an in-kind contribution for 2005 of US\$ 127,400 and for 2006 of US\$ 119,000 for one International Expert assigned to the TEM Project Office in Warsaw provided by the Slovakia Government. The in-kind contribution also includes Office Space/Utilities, Car and Cost of Local Staff provided by the Government of Poland in Warsaw.

³ Trans-European Railway Trust Fund (TER), ZDB (Project F103) includes an in-kind contribution for 2005 of US\$ 175,800 for two International Experts assigned to the TER Project Office in Budapest. These experts are provided by Austria and Romania for 2005. However, only one International Expert is provided by Austria in 2006 with an in-kind contribution for 2006 of US\$ 110,500. The in-kind contribution also includes Office Space/Utilities, Car and Cost of Local Staff provided by the Government of Hungary in Budapest.

⁴ In 2006, these Trust Funds were managed under the Housing, land management and population subprogramme.

⁵ In 2006, these Trust Funds were managed under the Economic cooperation and integration subprogramme.