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**UNECE TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 2003: AN OVERVIEW**

Note by the Executive Secretary

**Introduction**

1. Technical cooperation is an important supporting instrument for implementing the UNECE core programme activities. It is aimed at assisting countries of the UNECE region in the application of agreed norms and standards, and implementation of relevant recommendations and legally binding instruments through strengthening their national institutional and human capacities, and supporting the development and implementation of relevant national policies, regulations and actions. It also helps interested countries in addressing cross-border and sub-regional issues of mutual interest, which are relevant to the UNECE mandate and programme of work.
2. In 2003, technical cooperation activities were implemented by the regular UNECE staff as well as by the Regional Advisers. As in earlier years the prevailing means of implementing technical cooperation services have been capacity-building workshops, seminars, study tours, policy advisory services and field projects. The main sources of funding were the resources made available for UNECE from the UN Regular Budget (mainly the Regular Programme for Technical Cooperation and the UN Development Account), extra-budgetary resources, usually contributed to trust funds, as well as various ad hoc and in-kind contributions.
3. This report contains an overview of 2003 technical cooperation activities and some recent trends in the work of the UNECE Regional Advisers, technical cooperation 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 organizations.

4. It should be noted that during 2003 the UNECE reform process which has continued included the formulation of new strategic approaches to technical cooperation aimed at raising its overall effectiveness and meeting the new realities in the UNECE region, including developments resulting from the forthcoming EU enlargement. Moreover, technical cooperation in the United Nations as a whole was subject to a review by the General Assembly, as part of the on-going broader reform of the Organisation. Hence this report should be seen in the context of the Executive Secretary's report on "The UNECE Reform" (E/ECE/1411) and "UNECE Technical Cooperation Strategy" (E/ECE/1411/Add.1).

### **I. Technical cooperation activities implemented by the UNECE Regional Advisers**

5. In 2003, the activities of the Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy were concentrated on the development and implementation of energy efficiency projects and capacity building, including: the "Energy Efficiency 21" project; the SPECA project on "Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia"; project on "Biomass Energy for Heating and Hot Water Supply in Belarus"; project on "Reducing Barriers to Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mitigation" in Kazakhstan and Ukraine; project on "Energy Efficiency Investment Project Development for Climate Change Mitigation"; project on "Energy Efficiency and Energy Security in CIS"; projects on "Removing Barriers to Implementation of Energy Efficiency Improvements" and on "Opportunities to Join the Kyoto Protocol to UNFCCC" in Belarus. Within these projects the training courses and workshops were organized on project development, financial engineering and business planning; creating an electronic regional information network for national institutions in Central Asia; on energy efficiency and energy security in CIS countries; and on legal and normative procedures needed in case of accession of Belarus to the Kyoto Protocol. Capacity building activities included the creation of Centres on Energy Efficiency and Cleaner Production in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, as well as the establishment of Energy Efficiency Demonstration Zones in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine.

6. The activities of the Regional Adviser on Entrepreneurship and SMEs were concentrated on the following major areas: development of national SME policies and exchange of experience on best practice in this area; quality and environmental management systems for enterprises; development of TNC-SME linkages; youth and women's entrepreneurship; and SME financing. During 2003 advisory services on national SMEs policies were provided in particular to Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and the South Caucasus transition economies. The UNECE report on SMEs in transition economies in 2000-2001 was issued. Experience on best practices in the development of entrepreneurship was exchanged during the Forum devoted to the achievements of the SME sector in Croatia and Slovenia. Advisory services were provided during workshops on promotion of SMEs: development of youth entrepreneurship; networking for SMEs; SME development in the South Caucasus transition economies; CIS Forum on Youth; and the Second UNECE Forum of Women Entrepreneurs.

7. The activities of the Regional Adviser on Environment were focused on the development and implementation of water-related projects and activities; advice on the development of national environmental policies and sub-regional cooperation, as well as ratification and implementation of the UNECE Environmental Conventions. These included: the SPECA project on "Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia" (carried out jointly with the Regional Adviser on Sustainable Energy); advisory assistance in the development of an initiative

“Water, environment and security in Central Asia” for the Kiev Conference of Environmental Ministers (May 2003); a project “Support for the Creation of a Commission on the Chu and Talas rivers between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”; advisory services on air pollution monitoring and modelling; development of cooperation between countries in the Sava river basin; transboundary water cooperation in the East European and Central Asian countries; modernization of governance systems in the fields of health, water and waste management in the South Caucasus; and participation in Environmental Performance Reviews in Georgia and Azerbaijan. The Regional Adviser arranged a seminar on “Environment, water and security in Central Asia”, and a workshop on “Transboundary water cooperation in the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia”. Capacity building activities included those aimed at the establishment of a Southeast European sub-regional Legal Experts Network for supporting acceptance and implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA).

8. The work of the Regional Adviser on Investment Promotion was focused on the promotion of public-private partnerships; protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights; land for development programme; and economic and environmental dimensions of security. Advisory services were provided, in particular during the UNECE-REAG Land for Development Programme Forum; Forum on Good Governance in PPP for Infrastructure Development, annual session of the UNECE Intellectual Property Advisory Group; annual OSCE Economic Forum; and UNECE/OSCE seminar on “New Strategies for Enhancing Security in Economic and Environmental Dimensions”.

9. The activities of the Regional Adviser on Statistics were concentrated on assisting economies in transition in the implementation of international statistical standards and statistical capacity building. In particular, advisory services to statistical capacity building were provided, in cooperation with the staff of the Statistical Division, to the Republic of Moldova, and Serbia and Montenegro in the development of new statistical legislation; to Albania in enhancing its statistical capacity to produce MDG-related indicators; to Bosnia and Herzegovina in assessment of its statistical system; to The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the preparation and conduct of the population and housing census; and on national accounting issues of concern to transition economies. Advisory services were also provided during the UNECE/World Bank seminar on the application of the fundamental principles of official statistics and under the UNECE/UNDP project on human development statistics and social trends reporting in Central and Eastern Europe and CIS.

10. The activities of the Regional Adviser on Trade Facilitation were mainly concentrated on providing advisory services to the transition economies of South-East Europe, in particular within the SECI/Stability Pact framework, namely: UNECE/SECI project on “Visa Regime Review”; UNECE/UNODC/SECI joint project on “Professional Exchange and Training of Law Enforcement Personnel in the SECI/SP Region”; “Development of the Post-clearance Audit Function in the Customs Administrations of the SECI/SP Region” project; as well as “Bulgaria Customs Reform” project; promotion of “UNeDocs” project; exploring possibilities for establishing pilot projects on “UNeDocs” and “Single Window”; and support for the e-Southeastern Europe Initiative.

11. The activities of the Regional Adviser on Transport were concentrated on providing advisory services to transition economies 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; UNDA project on “Capacity Building in Developing Interregional Land and Land-Cum-Sea Transport Linkages”; and other projects related to the development of Pan-European transport corridors and Euro-Asian transport links. Advisory services were also aimed at promoting the UNECE legal instruments in the field of transport and cooperation with the private sector within the PPP concept for assistance in project implementation.

12. Overall, the level of funding for technical cooperation activities carried out by the Regional Advisers in 2003 under the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation (Section 21) remained approximately at the same level as compared with 2002. The number of Regional Advisers, however, which totalled 10 at the start of the biennium, was down to 7 in 2003 with the retirement of two (one Regional Adviser on Transport in 2002 and one on Development and Policy Issues in 2003) and the non-replacement of the Regional Adviser on Gender Issues since this area of work has already been provided for under Section 18 of the Regular Budget. As the separation costs of the two long-serving retired Regional Advisers had to be absorbed from the fixed level of funds available under Section 21, no immediate replacement for them was possible. Expenditures incurred under Section 21 include salaries and related costs (i.e. entitlements and separation/repatriation costs) of Regional Advisers and costs of regional advisory travel.

13. The sectoral structure of financial resources available from Section 21 of the regular budget in 2002 and 2003 is given in Table 1. As can be seen from the table, the majority of resources (47.5%) were allocated to advisory services under the mandates of the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development (four Regional Advisers were counted under this broad area) followed by the activities mandated by the Inland Transport Committee (16.8 %).

Table 1. Sectoral structure of expenditure of the resources available from the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation (Section 21 of the Regular Budget) for RA activities as at 31 October 2003

Sub-programme	2002-2003 <sup>1</sup>		2002 <sup>2</sup>		2003 <sup>3</sup>	
	US\$	%	US\$	%	US\$	%
Environment	408,600	14.0	176,237	12.1	186,262	15.4
Transport	491,500	16.8	268,124	18.5	180,297	14.9
Statistics	289,900	9.9	116,401	8.0	140,422	11.6
Sustainable energy	345,200	11.8	163,502	11.3	143,303	11.8
Trade, industry and enterprise development <sup>4</sup>	1,383,700	47.5	725,904	50.1	560,364	46.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,918,900</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,450,168</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,210,648</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Total revised allotment as per second budget performance expenditures

<sup>2</sup> Expenditures in January-December 2002

<sup>3</sup> Expenditures in January-October 2003

<sup>4</sup> Includes the activities of the Regional Advisers on Development and Policy Issues; Entrepreneurship and SMEs; Investment Promotion; and Trade Facilitation

14. The geographic structure of the RA activities undertaken in 2003 as a percentage of the total advisory missions is presented in Table 2. While the geographic distribution of regional advisory services missions among the transition economies in 2003 did not change radically as compared with 2002, (see Table 3 in document E/ECE/1403), the number of regional advisory



\* RA missions undertaken to other countries that in many cases served as a venue for capacity building activities and policy advisory services for one or several transition economies as well as in order to secure support from more advanced countries of the region for technical assistance, in particular fund-raising, to be provided to economies in transition. These include consultations with governmental officials, representatives of international and sub-regional organizations like EU, OSCE, World Bank, EBRD, UNESCO, SECI, CEI, etc.

15. Another observation that should be taken into account in analysing the geographic distribution of regional advisory services missions presented in Table 2 is that in many cases the advisory services provided in a country mentioned in the table concern not only this country but a number of other countries covered by a particular multi-country and/or sub-regional project or activity. For more details on those missions see Annex I.

## II. UNECE Technical Cooperation Projects under the General and Local Technical Cooperation Trust Funds, and other sources of funding for operational activities

16. A significant part of the UNECE technical cooperation activities are financed from a Portfolio of Extra-budgetary Resources: (a) from contributions to the UNECE General Trust Fund accounts (11) and Local Technical Cooperation Trust Funds (26); and (b) from contributions from UNDP, UNFIP and UNFPA (7). Details on these funds are provided in Annex II.

17. It should be noted that in addition to 11 new projects/activities included in the portfolio during 2002, four new projects/activities were included in this portfolio in 2003.

18. Depending on the area and goals of specific projects, the implementation activities under these projects/activities were carried out either by regular staff or Regional Advisers, or both. Expenditures under these funds by sub-programme are summarized in Table 3 below.

Table 3. Sectoral structure of expenditures from the General and Local Technical Cooperation Trust Funds, and other sources as at 31 October 2003

Sub-programmes	2002 <sup>1</sup>		2003 <sup>2</sup>	
	US\$	%	US\$	%
1. Environment	3,361,614	50.0	3,096,089	52.6
2. Transport	793,488	11.8	828,014	14.1
3. Statistics	220,470	3.3	61,831	1.1
4. Economic analysis	320,216	4.7	479,286	8.2
5. Sustainable energy	1,009,550	15.0	491,064	8.4
6. Trade development	242,996	3.6	418,501	7.1
7. Timber	48,040	0.7	1,750	0.0
8. Human settlements	147,067	2.2	166,613	2.8
9. Industrial restructuring	198,825	2.9	74,408	1.3
Office of the Executive Secretary	313,626	4.7	231,107	3.9
Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities	72,104	1.1	31,536	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,727,996</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,880,199</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Expenditures in January-December 2002

<sup>2</sup> Expenditures in January-October 2003

19. As seen from the above table the major part of resources under the UNECE Extra-budgetary Project Portfolio in 2002 was spent on the environment sub-programme (50%) followed by sustainable energy (15%) and transport (11.8%). This reflects the preoccupation of the economies in transition with environmental, energy and transport issues. In 2003, this pattern remained almost unchanged: the first three places were occupied by the same sub-programmes: environment (52.6%), transport (14.1%) and energy (8.4%).

20. During 2003 three projects financed from UNDA were implemented, namely: the SPECA project on "Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia" (UNECE and UNESCAP; 2001-2003; US\$ 1,750,000); project on "Capacity-building in trade facilitation and electronic business in the Mediterranean" (UNECE, UNESCWA and UNECA; 2002-2003; US\$ 600,000); and project on "Capacity-building in developing interregional land and land-cum-sea transport linkages" (UNECE, UNESCAP, UNECLAC, UNECA and UNESCWA; 2002-2006; US\$ 1,250,000). In addition, two new projects that envisage interregional cooperation were developed and submitted for financing from the UNDA, namely: "Capacity-building for air quality management and the application of clean coal combustion technologies in Central Asia" (UNECE, UNESCAP and UNEP; 2004-2006; US\$ 680,000) and "Capacity-building for sustainable utilization, management and protection of internationally shared groundwater in the Mediterranean region" (UNESCWA, UNECA, UNECE, UNESCO and UNDESA; 2004-2006; US\$ 360,000).

21. In addition, there were also a number of donor contributions from hosting organizations, national and international donors, and private entities for projects/activities that were managed outside UNECE but where UNECE was involved in their implementation. These include: technical assistance provided by the UNECE Advisory Group on the Protection and Implementation of Intellectual Property Rights for Investment were financed by some private entities (86,200 Euros); seminars/workshops and other activities under the UNECE Water Convention were partly financed by the Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden, United Kingdom, UNEP/ROE and EU TACIS Programme; workshops on SMEs were also partly financed by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (100,000 Euros) and Israel (US\$ 40,000); DESA provided US\$ 21,000 to cover the expenses of some participants from transition economies in the CIS Youth Forum in Ukraine; USAID contributed US\$ 50,000 for the activities of the PPP Alliance; TECHNOBORSA (Italy) financially supported activities under the UNECE-REAG Land for Development Programme.

### III. Technical cooperation with sub-regional country groupings

22. Technical cooperation with the Permanent International Secretariat of the **Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)** is based on the Cooperation Agreement signed in July 2001 and has been developed successfully in the areas of entrepreneurship and SMEs, as well as transport. The focus of cooperation was on facilitating implementation of the 2001 BSEC Declaration on "SMEs at the Dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"; and BSEC Transport Action Plan and the Memorandum of Understanding on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods. In particular, advisory services were provided during BSEC/UNECE/KAF workshops on "Promotion of SMEs – Development of Youth Entrepreneurship" (Republic of Moldova, March 2003); and "How to Develop Information Resources for Entrepreneurs in Internet and Build-up Web sites" (Russian Federation, June 2003). Advisory assistance was provided to the BSEC Working Groups on SMEs and Transport.

Consultations between the two Secretariats were underway on strengthening cooperation in the interrelated areas of transport and trade facilitation, protection of environment and sustainable energy.

23. Technical cooperation with the **Central European Initiative (CEI)** is based on the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation Agreement on Technical Support to the CEI (May 1998) and has been developed in the areas of investment promotion; entrepreneurship and SMEs, including micro-financing; agricultural standards; transport and gender issues. In particular, UNECE technical expertise was made available for the implementation of the WB/CEI project “Micro-financing and advisory services for rural areas in Albania” and the CEI/FAO project on “Wholesale Markets Programme”. Advisory services were provided to the CEI Working Groups on SMEs and Transport. In the field of transport, negotiations were underway with the CEI secretariat for a closer cooperation in the implementation of the TEM and TER projects. Finally, advisory assistance was provided during the CEI workshop “Networking for SMEs” (Croatia, September 2003); International Conference “Challenges and Opportunities of EU Enlargement for SMEs in CEI Countries” (Slovenia, November 2003); and the CEI Summit Economic Forum (Warsaw, November 2003) on enterprise development, women entrepreneurship, information society and agricultural standards.

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. While a substantial part of the UNECE technical assistance during 2003 was provided to the CIS member countries, cooperation with the CIS bodies was focused on energy issues and entrepreneurship development, in particular under the project on “Energy Efficiency and Energy Security in CIS”. Advisory services were provided during the CIS Forum “Youth of the XXI Century: Realities and Perspectives” (Ukraine, September 2003) and sub-regional workshop on energy efficiency and energy security in CIS (Kyrgyzstan, July 2003) both organized in cooperation with the CIS Executive Committee. Preparations were underway to elaborate a draft CIS Declaration on SMEs at the Dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and to develop a project on creating a CIS network of youth entrepreneurship centres.

25. Within the **UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)** advisory services were provided for the implementation of the following projects: “Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia”; “Development of Transport Infrastructure and Border Crossing Facilitation”; and “International Economic Conference on Tajikistan in the Regional Context of Central Asia”. In particular, under these projects advisory services were provided for the organisation of a Conference in Tajikistan (Dushanbe, April 2003), UNECE Conference on SPECA (Geneva, June 2003), Concluding Conference “International Cooperation Problems of Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia” (Bishkek, November 2003) and sessions of the project working groups, workshops, training seminars and courses.

26. As far as cooperation within the **SECI/Stability Pact** framework is concerned, advisory services were provided under the SECI “Visa Regime Review” project; SECI/WB-TTFSE Trade Facilitation Programme; UNECE/UNODC/SECI joint project on “Professional Exchange and Training of Law Enforcement Personnel in the SECI/SP Region”; “Development of the Post-clearance Audit Function in the Customs Administrations of the SECI/SP Region”; “Promotion



and Facilitation of a Sustainable Development of the Customs Services in the SECI/SP Region”; SECI/SP “Danube Transport” project; SECI/SP “Transport Infrastructure” project, etc.

#### **IV. Cooperation with other United Nations agencies and regional organizations**

27. In providing technical assistance to the economies in transition UNECE has continued its cooperation with other organizations of the United Nations family and regional organizations in order to avoid overlapping and duplication of activities, and improve synergy. In this cooperation UNECE relies on both financial resources and technical expertise available in these organizations.

28. Within the United Nations family organizations UNDP has been the most prominent partner and funder, in practically all the areas of UNECE technical assistance. Among regional organizations the major partners were the European Commission and OSCE.

29. Close relations and cooperation were continued with the United Nations regional commissions, first of all with UNESCAP, in particular on all three SPECA projects. Cooperation with UNESCWA and UNECA continued under the UNDA project on “Capacity-building in trade facilitation and electronic business in the Mediterranean”. All five regional commissions cooperated in the implementation of another UNDA project on “Capacity-building in developing interregional land and land-cum-sea transport linkages”. During 2003, two new projects that envisage interregional cooperation were developed and submitted for financing from UNDA, namely: “Capacity-building for air quality management and the application of clean coal combustion technologies in Central Asia” (UNECE, UNESCAP and UNEP) and “Capacity-building for sustainable utilization, management and protection of internationally shared groundwater in the Mediterranean region “ (UNESCWA, UNECA, UNECE, UNESCO and UNDESA).

30. On the whole, cooperation was further developed in the field of: sustainable energy – with UNDP, Global Environmental Facility (GEF), UN Foundation/UN Fund for International Partnerships (UNF/UNFIP), European Commission, EBRD; environment and human settlements – with UNDP, World Bank, UNEP, UNESCO, European Commission, OSCE, EBRD, EEA; investment promotion – WIPO, World Trade Organisation (WTO), OSCE, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); statistics – with UNDP, World Bank, European Commission, Council of Europe, Eurostat, OSCE; trade facilitation – World Bank, UNCTAD, UNIDO, European Commission, World Customs Organization (WCO), WTO, ICC; transport - World Bank, European Commission, EBRD, ADB. Occasional cooperation was also maintained with UNDESA and ILO.

## Annex I

### Regional Advisers activities in 2003

Country	Purpose
<b>Development issues and policies</b>	
Tajikistan	SPECA project implementation and advisory services to governmental authorities, Dushanbe, 18-23 February 2003 and 2-4 April 2003
<b>Sustainable energy</b>	
Belarus	3 projects on energy efficiency development and implementation, Minsk, 10-19 February 2003 Project implementation on climate change and on energy efficiency, Minsk, 22-27 May 2003 2 projects on energy efficiency implementation, Minsk, 23-29 July 2003 3 projects on energy efficiency development and implementation, Minsk, 18-28 August 2003 3 projects on energy efficiency implementation, Minsk, 25 November-4 December 2003
Kazakhstan	SPECA project implementation, Almaty, 13-17 April 2003 SPECA and other projects implementation, Almaty, 14-17 July 2003 SPECA and energy efficiency projects implementation, Almaty, 9-11 November 2003
Kyrgyzstan	SPECA project implementation, and energy efficiency and security in CIS project implementation, Bishkek, 7-12 April 2003 and 7-13 July 2003 SPECA project implementation, Bishkek, 3-8 November 2003
Russian Federation	SPECA project implementation and consultations with CIS officials on energy efficiency and security in CIS project implementation, Moscow, 9-16 March 2003 and 5-13 June 2003 SPECA and 3 other projects implementation, Moscow, 21-29 October 2003
Ukraine	Advisory services during the International Seminar "Energy Efficiency: the Way from Aarhus to Kiev", and project implementation on energy efficiency, Kiev, 19-21 May 2003 5 projects development and implementation, Kiev, 30 September-10 October 2003
<b>Entrepreneurship and SME development</b>	
Belarus	Advisory services to governmental authorities concerning youth entrepreneurship development, Minsk, 25-29 August 2003
Croatia	Advisory services during the CEI workshop "Networking for SMEs", Lovran, 4-7 September 2003 Advisory services during the International Conference on SMEs, Zagreb, 15-17 October 2003
Hungary	Advisory services during the EU Exchange Platform on "Networking Problems and Opportunities for Business Support Organizations", 20-22 November 2003
Republic of Moldova	Advisory services during the BSEC/KAF workshop "Promotion of SMEs – Development of Youth Entrepreneurship" and advisory services to governmental authorities, Chisinau, 25-29 April 2003
Slovenia	Advisory services during the 5 <sup>th</sup> International Conference "Challenges and Opportunities of EU Enlargement for SMEs in CEI Countries", Piran, 5-7 November 2003
Switzerland	Advisory services during OSCE sub-regional Conference on Promoting SMEs, Bern, 14-16 May 2003
Turkey	Advisory services during the workshop "SME Development in South-Caucasian Transition Economies", Istanbul, 29 October-2 November 2003
Ukraine	Advisory services during the CIS Forum "Youth of the XXI Century: Realities and Perspectives", Kiev, 23-27 September 2003
United Kingdom	Advisory services during 48 <sup>th</sup> International Council of Small Business World Conference "Advancing Entrepreneurship and Small Business", Belfast, 15-19 June 2003
<b>Environment</b>	
Belgium	Advisory services in connection with SECI Danube project, Brussels, 11-12 March 2003

Georgia	Advisory services during international meetings on NIS Strategy on Environment and Environmental Action Programme, Tbilisi, 7-11 February 2003
Greece	Advisory services during the International Conference "Sustainable development for lasting peace", Athens, 6-7 May 2003
Kazakhstan	Organization of and participation in the seminar "Environment, water and security in Central Asia" and project development, Almaty, 27 January-1 February 2003 Project development and advisory services to governmental authorities, Almaty, 12-15 April 2003 Project implementation and advisory services to governmental authorities, Almaty, 11-15 July 2003 Projects development and implementation, Almaty, 7-13 October 2003 and 10-11 November 2003
Kyrgyzstan	SPECA project implementation, Bishkek, 9-11 April 2003 and 9-10 July 2003 Projects implementation, Bishkek, 3-7 November 2003
Latvia	Advisory services during Central and Eastern European Water Forum, Riga, 11-14 September 2003
Russian Federation	Organisation of and participation in the workshop "Transboundary waters in the NIS", Moscow, 27 March-2 April 2003 Project development, advisory services to governmental authorities and during the Conference for water workers, Moscow, 6-11 December 2003
Spain	Advisory services and fund-raising during the meeting of the Parties of the UNECE Water Convention, Madrid, 26-29 November 2003
Sweden	Consultations with governmental authorities concerning water projects funding and implementation, Stockholm, 8-10 September 2003
Tajikistan	Advisory services during Water Forum and advisory services to governmental authorities, 29 August-3 September 2003
Uzbekistan	Project development and advisory services to governmental authorities, Tashkent, 2-6 February 2003
<b>Investment promotion</b>	
Austria	Advisory services at the meeting of the OSCE Committee on the Economic Dimension, Vienna, 17 January 2003
Czech Republic	Advisory services at the 11 <sup>th</sup> OSCE Ministerial Forum, Prague, 20-23 May 2003
France	Advisory services at the PPP International Conference, Paris, 13-14 March 2003
Italy	Advisory services for the preparation of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> UNECE-REAG Land for Development Programme (LFDP) Forum, Rome, 5-7 June 2003 Advisory services at the Conference "Transport Partnerships PPP Summit 2003", Rome, 30 September-2 October 2003 Advisory services in the preparatory meeting with TECHNOBORSA and other donors and in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> UNECE-REAG Land for Development Programme (LFDP) Forum, Rome, 30 October-1 November 2003
Switzerland	Advisory services at the Conference "Dialog Forum: Business and Peace", Zurich, 17 January 2003 Advisory services at the UNECE/OSCE Seminar "New Strategies for Enhancing Security in Economic and Environmental Dimensions, Villars, 7-8 July 2003
Thailand	Advisory services at the UNESCAP conference on the Role of PPP Units for Delivering Basic Services for Poverty Alleviation, Bangkok, 26-28 March 2003
United Kingdom	Advisory services at the Annual Conference of European Valuers Association (TEGOVA), London, 9-10 October 2003

United States	Consultations at the 5 <sup>th</sup> UN Regional Organizations High-Level Meeting, New York, 29-30 July 2003 Consultations with government authorities and donor organisations on the establishment of the High Level Panel on Land for Development Programme, Washington, 13-14 October 2003
<b>Statistics</b>	
Albania	Advisory services to governmental authorities concerning assessment of the capacity of the Albanian official statistical system to produce MDG-related indicators, Tirana, 23-29 March 2003
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Advisory services to governmental authorities concerning the first part of the Eurostat/UNECE global assessment of the statistical system of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 25 February-8 March 2003, and the second part, Sarajevo, 24 April-3 May 2003
Kazakhstan	Advisory services during the UNECE/World Bank Seminar "Application of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics", Almaty, 28-29 April 2003
Luxembourg	Consultations with Eurostat concerning the Eurostat/UNECE global assessment of the statistical system of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Luxembourg, 28 January 2003 Advisory services during the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Census Monitoring and Observation Mission to The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Luxembourg, 25 March 2003 and 26 September 2003
Republic of Moldova	Advisory services to governmental authorities concerning development of statistical law, Chisinau, 4-9 November 2003
Serbia and Montenegro	Advisory services to governmental authorities concerning development of three new statistical laws, Belgrade, 30 June-3 July 2003
Slovakia	Advisory services during the UNDP regional Forum on the Millennium Development Goals, Bratislava, 4-7 February 2003 UNECE/UNDP joint project implementation on human development statistics and social trends reporting in Central and Eastern Europe and CIS, Bratislava, 4-11 May 2003
<b>Trade facilitation</b>	
Albania	Advisory services on e-business standards during and after the eSEE Initiative meeting, Tirana, 24-25 September 2003
Bulgaria	Advisory services during the Bulgarian Customs Reform Program Steering Committee meeting, Sofia, 18 February 2003, 13-14 May 2003 and 23 July 2003 Advisory services during the Southeast European Economic Forum – Round Table on Border Crossing, and advisory services to BulPRO and Bulgarian Customs concerning UNEDocs and other projects, Sofia, 2-5 November 2003
France	Advisory services during the 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Trade Liberalization and Facilitation, 26-27 February 2003
Romania	Advisory services during the 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee of the SECI Regional Centre for Combating Transborder Crime, Bucharest, 20-21 February 2003 Advisory services during the Anti Fraud Task Force meeting the SECI Regional Centre for Combating Transborder Crime, and SECI project development on Customs Post Clearance Audit Function, Bucharest, 22-23 May 2003 Advisory services during the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the Combined Anti Fraud and Valuation Fraud Task Force under the SECI Regional Centre for Combating Transborder Crime, and SECI project development on Customs Post Clearance Audit Function, Bucharest, 23 June 2003
Serbia and Montenegro	Advisory services during the SEE Regional Conference on Visa Liberalization and Human Trafficking concerning SECI/SP Visa Regime Review project, Belgrade, 3-4 March 2003
<b>Transport</b>	
Austria	TER project implementation, Graz, 9-11 April 2003 SECI Danube Transport project implementation, Vienna, 14 April 2003

Azerbaijan	Advisory services during the ESCAP sub-regional seminar on Intergovernmental Agreement on Asian Highway Network, Baku, 26-27 March 2003 SPECA project implementation and advisory services during the Preparatory Meeting for the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation, Baku, 27-29 March 2003
Belgium	Advisory services during the 1 <sup>st</sup> Open Conference of the European Transport Policy Information System, Brussels, 13-14 February 2003 Advisory services during the 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Corridors and Areas Coordination Group, Brussels, 4 June 2003
Hungary	TER project implementation, Budapest, 23-24 January 2003 TEM and TER projects implementation, Budapest, 15-16 September 2003
Italy	TEM project implementation, Trieste, 27-28 February 2003, 11 November 2003 and 12-14 November 2003 Advisory services during the meeting of the Board of Directors of Europlatforms, Parma, 7 April 2003
Poland	Advisory services during CEI Summit Economic Forum related to facilitation of cross-border procedures in railways under the TER project, Warsaw, 19-20 November 2003 Advisory services during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the TEM and TER Master Plan Coordination Group, Warsaw, 15-16 December 2003
Russian Federation	Advisory services during the 3 <sup>rd</sup> International Euro-Asian Conference on Transport, St. Petersburg, 11-13 September 2003
Slovakia	TER project implementation, Bratislava, 29-30 May 2003
Switzerland	Advisory services during the TER meeting of General Directors of Railways from Central and South Eastern Europe, Lucerne, 28-29 October 2003
Turkey	SECI Reduction of Border Crossing Time of Shuttle Trains project implementation, Istanbul, 26 May 2003
Ukraine	Advisory services during the 6 <sup>th</sup> session of the Black Sea PETRA Steering Committee, Odessa, 18-19 March 2003

## Annex II

### UNECE Technical Cooperation Projects under the General and Local Technical Cooperation Trust Funds, and other sources of funding for operational activities as at 31 October 2003

#### General Trust Funds

Sub-programme	Title of Trust Fund, Fund code and date established	Expenditures in US\$	
		2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003 <sup>2</sup>
1. Environment	"Environment for Europe", EIA, 19.01.1993	426,111	271,294
	EMEP Sub-account "Mobile Sources of Air Pollution", LPA, 19.01.1988	7,776	6,023
	Financing of the Implementation of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (EMEP), LRA, 11.11.1981	2,159,110	1,188,684
	EMEP Sub-account "Voluntary Contributions towards Funding of Effect-Oriented Activities under the Convention", LUA, 25.07.1997	47,118	534,627
4. Economic analysis	Supporting ECE Regional Conferences and meetings, including for Global Conference, GFA, 22.11.1994	145,323	45,857
5. Sustainable energy	Energy Efficiency 21 Project, EEA, 17.01.1991	47,118	86,993
6. Trade development	Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT), EAA, 12.02.1990	24,332	45,530
7. Timber	Long-Term Timber Trends and Prospects, LTA, 1.03.1991	48,040	1,750
8. Human Settlements	Human Settlements, EHA, 1.07.1975	147,067	166,613
Office of the Executive Secretary	Follow-Up Activities of the Fourth World Conference on Women, WWA, 19.07.1999	5,982	6,733
	Assistance to Countries in Transition (TFACT), MEA, 25.09.1992	307,644	224,374
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,365,621</b>	<b>2,578,478</b>

#### Local Technical Cooperation Trust Funds

Sub-programme	Title of Trust Fund, Fund code and date established	Expenditures in US\$	
		2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003 <sup>2</sup>
1. Environment	Environmental Performance Review Programme, EIC, 1.12.2000	135,425	124,400
	Aarhus Convention Project, E104, 1.05.2001	494,715	242,970
	Industrial Accidents Convention Project, E106, 1.07.2001	10,455	73,681
	ESPOO Convention, E115, 9.07.2002	64,896	219,373
	Environmental Monitoring, E118, 9.07.2002	16,008	348,510
	Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), E126, 1.01.2003	-	27,107
	Governance Systems for Environmental Protection in the South Caucasus, E109, 12.07.2002	0	59,420

2. Transport	Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM), ZMB, 28.02.1992	108,529	74,609
	Trans-European Railway (TER), ZDB, 23.04.1993	121,252	129,853
	Transport International Routier (TIR) (TIRBEX), ZLB, 15.11.1998	563,707	616,250
	Trans-European Motorway (TEM) Master Plan Project, E129, 9.09.2003	-	7,302
3. Statistics	Inter-Regional Seminar on the Application of Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in Countries in Transition, E110, 15.10.2001	-26,587 <sup>3</sup>	21,989
4. Economic analysis	PAU: Microdata Census Samples, ZCB, 1.11.1993	40,185	107,057
	Generations and Gender Programme (GGP), Population Activities Unit, E103, 1.03.2001	5,334	0
	Population and Development Activities Project (PDAP), E125, 19.12.2002	-	80,138
5. Sustainable energy	Promotion and Development of a Market-Based Gas Industry in Economies in Transition (Gas Centre), EZB, 15.07.1994	363,898	235,290
6. Trade development	Improving Trade Finance and Investment for the Russian Timber Sector, ZKB, 28.05.1996	176,671	160,452
	UNeDocs: Development of United Nations Electronic Forms for Trade Documents, E108, 2.08.2001	3,700	105,059
	International Forum on Trade Facilitation and Follow-Up, E111, 13.03.2002	38,293	98,855
	Training Regulators from South-East Europe and countries within the Stability Pact in using good practices in the preparation & implementation of technical regulations, E130, 15.10.2003	-	8,605
9. Industrial restructuring	Internet Enterprise Development, E105, 25.09.2001	57,170	18,421
	Real Estate Advisory Project (REAP), E117, 15.07.2002	17,063	32,430
	Industry - Structural Change and Development (ISCAD), ZVB, 7.02.1994	124,592	23,557
Coordinating Unit for Operational activities	First UNECE Forum on Youth: Security, Opportunity and Prosperity, E113, 13.03.2002	21,931	0
	Central European Initiative Cooperation Project (CEICP), E122, 12.07.2002	24,542	0
	South East European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), E123, 15.06.2002	25,631	31,536
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,387,410</b>	<b>2,846,864</b>

### Other Sources of Funding for Operational Activities

Sub-programme	Title of Trust Fund, Fund code and date established	Expenditures in US\$	
		2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003 <sup>2</sup>
3. Statistics	Human Development Statistics and Social Trends Reporting in Eastern and Central Europe and the CIS (UNDP), UEB/F119, 9.01.2001	216,235	37,613
	Statistical Evaluation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNDP), UEB/E121, 28.05.2002	30,822	2,229

4. Economic analysis	Generations and Gender: Research into their Behaviour and Quality of Life (UNFPA), ZIB, 1.01.2000	129,374	246,234
5. Sustainable energy	Energy Efficiency Investment - Climate Change Mitigation (UNFIP), QGA, 9.03.2000	565,033	136,051
	Removing Barriers to Implementation of Energy Efficiency Improvements in Belarus (UNDP), UEB/E114, 26.09.2001	26,932	0
	Capacity Building to Reduce Key Barriers to Energy Efficiency in Russian Residential Building and Heat Supply (UNDP) (Executing Agency- UNOPS), EBB/E120, 28.05.2002	6,569	0
	Feasibility Study on Opportunities for Belarus to join the Kyoto Convention (UNDP), UEB/E128, 1.01.2003	-	32,730
<b>Total</b>		<b>974,965</b>	<b>454,857</b>

<sup>1</sup>Expenditures in January-December 2002 based on UNOG Status of Allotment Report as at 31 October 2003

<sup>2</sup>Expenditures in January-October 2003 based on UNOG Status of Allotment Report as at 31 October 2003

<sup>3</sup>The negative expenditures reflect the savings on liquidation of 2001 un-liquidated obligations