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Draft decisions for the Economic Commission for Europe

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Further to the briefing by the Chair of the Committee for Sustainable Energy and his report contained in informal document 2018/30, EXCOM is invited to consider the CES proposals outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4 below. Subject to EXCOM approval, these draft decisions would be transmitted to the 68th session of the Commission for consideration.

Background

1. At its twenty-seventh session (Geneva, 26-27 September 2018), the Committee on Sustainable Energy endorsed a number of activities on sustainable energy. All these activities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and its subsidiary bodies are designed to help member States achieve the energy-related objectives of the 2030 Agenda and to reduce the environmental footprint of the energy sector.
2. To this end, it is recommended to the EXCOM that certain decisions regarding the energy dossier be forwarded to the 68th Commission for consideration, notably:

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3. Recommended that the ECE's Framework Guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings and their derivative High-Performance Buildings Initiative be deployed and disseminated widely, specifically drawing on the capacities of the five Regional Commissions and the United Nations Development Programme;
 4. Recognizing the role that growing atmospheric concentrations of methane play in climate change and the imperative for near-term remediation, recommended to the United Nations' Economic and Social Council that 2020 be declared the International Year of Methane in support of the Global Methane Challenge and its partner organizations.
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