Draft decision on a cross-cutting theme for the high-level segment of the 69th Commission session of the Economic Commission for Europe
Note of the Secretariat

1. The Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe is invited to adopt the below draft decision on a cross-cutting theme for the high-level segment of the 69th session of the Economic Commission for Europe.

EXCOM decides to:

a) designate “Promoting circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources in the UNECE region” as cross-cutting theme for the high-level segment of the 69th Commission session.

b) invite relevant subsidiary bodies of UNECE and the secretariat to consider how they may contribute, as appropriate, to the cross-cutting theme of the 69th Commission session within their respective mandates, ongoing work and existing resources, and while making full use of the existing nexuses.

c) request the secretariat to prepare a background document on the cross-cutting theme, detailing a number of relevant UNECE activities and their impact, for discussion at the 69th Commission session.

d) request the secretariat to conduct a post-session lessons learned survey to review the implications of the practice of designating a cross-cutting theme early in the process, and to present to EXCOM a proposal for the preparation of future Commission sessions taking the survey findings into account.