Draft Decision 2019/X
Establishment of the Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution

The Executive Body,

Recognizing the importance of cooperation beyond the ECE region,

Recalling the Long-term strategy for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution for 2020–2030 and beyond (ECE/EB.AIR/142/Add.2, decision 2018/5, annex, para 76);

Further recalling that it agreed at its thirty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/141, para 68 (b)) to establish a forum for collaboration on reducing air pollution;

1. Welcomes the establishment of the Forum in accordance with the proposal outlined in informal document x, while noting that the Forum is not a subsidiary body of the Convention, but complementary to the Convention’s work;

2. Invites the Executive Body Bureau to continue to develop the proposal for the Forum;

3. Decides that the Executive Body Bureau will continue to lead the development of the Forum during the initial phase, including the development of terms of reference, the identification of countries willing to lead the Forum, the organization of an initial meeting, the continued development of the Forum website, and outreach to relevant international organizations;

4. Invites Parties, countries and other participants of the forum to make voluntary in-kind or in-cash ear-marked contributions to support the work of the forum.