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- Contribution by the EU and its Member States -

Agenda item 8(b): Programme of work for 2018-2021

The EU and its Member States welcome the revised draft of the work programme 2018-2021 (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2017/L.5).

We emphasize that the proposal in annex III takes into account our request for having an annual meeting of the Task Force on Access to Justice, while at the same time aiming for a frequency of approximately 18 months between meetings of the other Task Forces.

We believe that this contributes to a balanced schedule of meetings and an optimal use of resources for these meetings, both on the side of the Secretariat and on the side of the participating countries and stakeholders.

In light of the above, we can approve the current proposal for a draft work programme 2018-2021 and we would ask the Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat to prepare the work programme for final decision making at MoP 6.