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on related work and potential areas for collaboration  
with the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards**

## Cooperation with other organizations

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#### I. Introduction

1. This document provides a mapping of cooperation arrangements under the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (SCTCS) and its subsidiary bodies, and the ECE Trade Sub-programme.
2. This document is divided in two parts. The first part provides an overview of collaborative efforts with development partners during the past year, and highlights challenges for future cooperation. The second part presents a comprehensive list of organizations with which the SCTCS and its subsidiary bodies are cooperating. A list of abbreviations is given at the end of the document. Sections implemented by the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) are for information only.

#### Part One

#### II. United Nations Coherence Processes and Trade Facilitation

3. ECE Sub-programme on Trade is actively involved in the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs (ECESA) Trade Cluster, which facilitates joint strategic planning and decision-making among United Nations agencies dealing with trade as well as joint activities between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the regional commissions.



4. ECE is also part of the United Nations Inter-Agency cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity. The cluster, which is led by UNCTAD, was created in 2007 to create synergies between productive capacity-building and trade development under the United Nations "Delivering as One" initiative. Current members of the cluster include UNCTAD, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, the International Trade Centre, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the five regional commissions, and United Nations Office for Project Services.
5. The members of the Cluster provide capacity building activities in, among others: supply-side capacity; export capacity; capacity to implement trade and trade-related rules; disputes settlement capacity; negotiating capacity; as well as in research and analysis.
6. ECE also participates in the Joint United Nations Regional Commissions (UNRCs) Approach on Trade Facilitation, launched in January 2010 by the five UN Regional Commissions. The Approach presents a global view, shared by the UNRCs, on key Trade Facilitation issues. The global view which combines the regional and interregional perspectives, is particularly relevant for informing countries' decisions and activities under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation (ATF). The UNRCs organized a side event on "Implementing Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade for Sustainable Growth: Evidence from the United National Regional Commissions" during the Fifth WTO Global Review of Aid for Trade in Geneva, on 1 July 2015.
7. In addition, ECE is part of the Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade (GFP), which is an alliance of national and international organizations working on supporting trade and transport facilitation worldwide. ECE participated in the last Steering Committee Meeting held on 19 October 2015 in Wuhan, China, where member organizations received an update on past activities and coordinated future activities. ECE will participate in the next Annual Meeting which will be held on 1 June 2016 in Shanghai under the theme "Implementation of the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement, in particular on public-private partnerships and on South-South cooperation".
8. In April 2015, ECE, UNCTAD and ITC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for delivering coordinated outreach and support activities to help the developing countries implement the ATF. In the framework of this collaboration, ECE, UNCTAD and ITC published a joint handbook on National Trade Facilitation Committees.
9. ECE also participates in the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Working Group (TFAWG), launched by the World Customs Organization (WCO) in 2014. The TFAWG brings together WCO Members, represented by Customs Administrations WTO Geneva-based delegates, donors and international organizations, including ECE, and private sector entities. ECE participated in the Fifth meeting of the TFAWG held on 29 February and 1 March 2016 in Brussels. In addition, UN/CEFACT and WCO are maintaining the Government Cross-Border Regulatory (GOVCBR) UN/EDIFACT message towards the implementation of Single Windows.
10. The Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide (TFIG), which was conceived is now jointly maintained by the key UN Agencies in Trade Facilitation, along with other partners, including the WCO. Support in using TFIG is provided by UNCTAD and ITC under the Memorandum of Understanding between the three organizations to help developing countries implement the ATF. Most recently, ECE has updated TFIG, with the support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and in collaboration with other UN agencies.
11. Moreover, as part of its regular cooperation with other organizations to promote the use of electronic documents, UN/CEFACT supported the development of new electronic

business standards. Recent examples include collaboration with the European Commission (DG MARE and DG MOVE) on standards related to fisheries and transport; and, with the International Maritime Organization on the United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (UN/LOCODE).

### **III. Agricultural Quality Standards**

12. ECE is actively collaborating with UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in implementing the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) project on Strengthening the capacity of transition and developing economies to participate in cross-border agricultural food supply chains. The project was initiated in September 2014 to strengthen national capacities for using international best practices, tools and instruments as well as developing integrated strategies for facilitating cross-border agri-food trade.

13. The Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) works closely with the European Commission to maintain the complete harmonization of marketing standards with ECE standards.

14. It cooperates with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Scheme for the Application of International Standards for Fruit and Vegetables to facilitate the common interpretation of ECE standards and their application in international trade.

15. It cooperates with the Codex Alimentarius Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables as well as the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables in developing new and maintaining existing commercial quality standards and coordinating and harmonizing the work.

16. Cooperation has also been initiated with the International Trade Centre (ITC) on the dissemination and development of training material for sustainable trade of agricultural produce as well as with the WTO Standards and Trade Development Facility (WTO STDF) in the area of meat standards and traceability.

17. In addition to its regular sessions, the Working Party organizes together with governmental and private-sector organizations as well as industry associations' workshops, seminars, training courses and exhibitions to promote agricultural quality standards and to build capacity for their practical application. Most of these capacity-building activities are carried out in close cooperation with local and regional UNDP programmes and bilateral donor agencies present in the field.

### **IV. Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies**

#### **A. Cooperation with the International Organizations**

18. Through WP.6, the ECE is a permanent observer at the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT). WP.6 participates in all the meetings and provides the Committee members with updates on its activities and the emerging needs of ECE member States with transition and developing countries. The WTO Secretariat has also taken part in several of the annual sessions and events of the Working Party.

19. ECE works closely with UNISDR to promote the implementation of international standards as a tool for the reduction of disaster risks. Recent activities included the coordination of a Task Force on "UN Cooperation", which was established within the ISO

TC 292 on “Security and Resilience” to identify international standards that could be used by business and Governments in the implementation UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) programme .

20. The secretariat contributes to the work of the E15 Initiative – a joint initiative of the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and the World Economic Forum (WEF) – and in particular to the Task Force on “Regulatory Coherence”. The ECE Secretariat published a paper on “Regulatory Cooperation: A Wikihow”, which was presented at a Workshop held in Nairobi, Kenya organized by the E15 initiative as a side event of the WTO TBT Ministerial Conference.

21. As part of its cooperation with OECD, the secretariat is preparing a case study on Regulatory Cooperation which will document the process and deliverables of international regulatory cooperation in ECE. The case study builds on the OECD’s methodology and work under the “International Regulatory Cooperation: the Role of International Organisations” project, which involves collecting evidence on the impact of internal procedures and rule-making activities of international organizations.

## **B. Cooperation under the programme of work on regulatory cooperation and standardization policies**

### **(a) Standardization Policies**

22. A number of standardization organizations take part in the Annual Session of WP.6, including among others, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), European Committee for Standardization (CEN), European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC), Global Standards One (GS1), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Telecommunications Union (ITU).

23. WP.6 also works closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and in particular its Conformity Assessment Board and three Conformity Assessment Systems (see below for details). The Working Party also works closely with the ISO and its Committee on Conformity Assessment (CASCO) as well as several TCs (see below). In addition, WP.6 is a member of the Strategic Alliance and Regulatory Group (STAR), which provides strategic advice to the CASCO Committee of ISO.

### **(b) Metrology and other areas of the national and international system of quality infrastructure**

24. WP. 6 works in partnerships with national, regional and international institutions including: the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), International Committee of Weights and Measures (CIPM), International Accreditation Forum (IAF), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC), International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), International Committee for Legal Metrology (CIML), ISO, ITU and UNIDO

25. Since 2010, the Working Party has been a member of the Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries (DCMAS), which includes: Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), International Committee of Weights and Measures (CIPM), International Accreditation Forum (IAF), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC), International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), International Committee for Legal Metrology (CIML), ISO, ITU and UNIDO.

**(c) Regulatory Cooperation**

26. WP.6 collaborates with relevant organizations within the context of its “sectoral initiatives”, which advance practical ways to support across the board as well as sector specific regulatory cooperation. Most recently, and within the sectoral initiative on “equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere”, the secretariat of the Working Party has established a partnership with IEC and its System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmosphere (IECEX) with the support of the German government through the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB).

27. In addition, cooperation continued with relevant ISO Technical Committees to support other sectoral initiatives. The Chairperson of the ISO/TC 127 is the coordinator of the Sectoral Initiative on Earthmoving Equipment. As for the Telecom Initiative, an exchange of correspondence between the Chair of WP.6 and the Chair of the NAMA Group, has contributed to raise awareness in WTO of the potential relevance of Recommendation L for ongoing negotiations within the WTO.

28. The promotion of across the board regulatory cooperation is also continued.

**(d) Risk Management**

29. The Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM) brings together experts from regulatory bodies, the business community, international organizations (IEC, ISO, ITU and the World Bank Group), as well as academics and independent consultants.

**(e) Partnerships with regional organizations**

30. The European Commission (EC) participates regularly in the meetings of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies. It continued to support ECE activities in the areas of standardization policies and regulatory cooperation. The EC contributed to the ECE work in the sector of equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere, which it regards as international best practice.

31. The Commission also continues to participate in the ECE activities related to market surveillance and inspections, where ECE has become the platform for the exchange of expertise between the EU and other member states. Finally, the European Commission is an active partner in the work of the group of Experts on risk management in regulatory framework.

32. The International Model on Regulatory Harmonization, as contained in the UNECE WP.6 Recommendation L - a set of tools developed by ECE to help regional trading blocs approximate their regulatory policies - is used extensively by the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in their regulatory cooperation efforts, which are led by the Interstate Council for Standardization, Metrology and Certification (EASC).

33. Further, the Eurasian Economic Union also used WP.6 “Recommendation L” as a basis for developing common technical regulations. Representatives of the Eurasian Economic Union regularly report on the progress of the implementation of their common regulatory work to the meetings of the MARS Group and to the WP. 6 Annual Session. Currently, the WP. 6 vice Chair is the Minister of Technical Regulations of the Eurasian Economic Commission..

34. A representative of the ECE WP.6 secretariat also attends the Annual Meetings of the EASC – the Interstate Council for Standardization, Metrology and Certification of the Commonwealth of Independence States (CIS).

35. ECE also supported -Eurasian Economic Commission's work in the area of Trade Facilitation, especially in relation to developing Single Window mechanisms .

## Part Two

### Cooperation of the SCTCS with other organizations: summary table

<i>Organization*</i>	<i>Mechanisms for cooperation</i>	<i>Current cooperation</i>
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Euro-Asian Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology (EAC) and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	Representatives of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Euro-Asian Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology (EASC) participate regularly in WP.6 meetings.	The International Model on Regulatory Harmonization, a set of tools developed by ECE to help regional trading blocs approximate their regulatory policies, is used extensively by the CIS in their regulatory cooperation efforts, led by the Euro-Asian Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology (EASC). This model is also one of the fundamental bases for the common technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union.
European Commission (EC)	The EC participates in the ECE activities related to market surveillance, regulatory cooperation and risk management.	The EC participates in all the annual sessions of WP.6, providing input into the work and updates on its own activities. The EC contributed to and expressed appreciation for the ECE work in the sector of equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere, which it regards as international best practice. The Commission also continues to participate in the ECE activities on market surveillance and inspections, where the ECE has become the platform for the exchange of expertise between the EU and other member states. The European Commission was an active partner in the work of the newly established group of Experts on risk management in regulatory framework. The EC also closely cooperates with and attends the annual meetings of WP.7 and its Specialized Sections.
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Codex Alimentarius Commission [Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme]	Meeting schedules are set in coordination between the secretariats and the secretariats participate in relevant meetings. Joint workshops.	ECE standards are circulated to Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, the Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables and the Codex Alimentarius Commission.,
International Air Transport Association (IATA).	ECE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their support to developing countries seeking to implement the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement.	Joint promotion of the use of international recommendations and standards and best practices in Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business; Joint outreach activities to support countries in their implementation of such recommendation and standards - subject to available resources.
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Memorandum of Understanding between ECE and ICC Participation in meetings and	Participation in the trade facilitation Working Group of UN/CEFACT. Joint organization of the elections of the special committee

\* A list of abbreviations is given after the summary table.

<i>Organization*</i>	<i>Mechanisms for cooperation</i>	<i>Current cooperation</i>
	seminars Participation in groups of experts Exchange of information Maintenance of the European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration	under the 1961 European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration. Discussions on standardization of the documentary credit form.
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), International Organization for Standardization (ISO)	Memorandum of Understanding between ECE, IEC, ISO and ITU.	Ongoing cooperation and coordination between the secretariats. Each organization acts as secretary to the MoU Management Group on a rotating basis. Management meetings twice a year between the secretariats, the expert groups and international user groups. Summit meetings by the Memorandum of Understanding Management group on coordination and standardization issues.
International Trade Centre (ITC)	ECE, UNCTAD and ITC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for delivering coordinated outreach and support activities to help the developing countries implement the WTO TFA	ECE contributed to the ITC publication on National Trade Facilitation Committees (NTFC) in November 2015.  ITC collaborates with ECE on the dissemination and development of training material for sustainable trade of agricultural products. In addition, this organization complements WP.7's work on meat standards and traceability.
International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) TC 31, the IEC System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmosphere (IECEX); and Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB)	Partnership for preparing and implementing a common regulatory framework in the sector of "equipment used in environments with an explosive atmosphere"	
International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (See also ISO Technical Committees 127, 154, and IEC, ITU and ISO)	Memorandum of Understanding between IEC, ISO, ITU and ECE.	
ISO Technical Committee 127 on Earth Moving Machinery (TC 127)	The Chairperson of the ISO/TC 127 is the coordinator of the Sectoral Initiative on Earthmoving Equipment	ISO attends all WP.6 meetings and annual seminars as well as UN/CEFACT sessions TC 127 contributes to the WP.6 sectoral regulatory project "Earth-Moving Machinery Initiative".
ISO Technical Committee 154 (See also ISO and IEC, ITU and ISO)	Regular Working Group Meetings Annual Plenary meetings The MoU for ECE to be Secretary of an ISO Technical Committee is unique of its kind.	ECE is member of the joint maintenance agency of the ISO 7372 Standard (Trade Data Element Directory).
The Bureau International	All these organizations attend the	WP.6 is part of DCMAS and has acted as the secretariat for

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des Poids et Mesures (BIPM), International Committee of Weights and Measures (CIPM), International Accreditation Forum (IAF), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC), International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML), International Committee for Legal Metrology (CIML), ISO, ITU and UNIDO	<p>meetings of the “Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries” (DCMAS).</p> <p>The Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM) participates actively in the meetings of the WP. 6.</p> <p>A number of standards-making bodies, including CEN, CENELEC, GS1, IEC, ISO and ITU, take part regularly in the annual session of WP. 6 and provide updates on their activities, and contribute throughout the year to the progress of these activities.</p> <p>The secretariat also is invited to attend meetings of national, regional and international standards-making bodies.</p>	<p>this Group since 2010.</p> <p>BIPM is evaluating a possible use of the Recommendation L in the field of legal metrology.</p> <p>WP. 6 works closely with IEC, its Conformity Assessment Board and its three Conformity Assessment Systems (IECEE, IECEx and IECQ) and its TC 31 on the project “Equipment for explosive atmospheres.</p> <p>The IECEE attended several ECE meetings and participates in the work of the Group of Experts on Risk Management.</p> <p>The ECE secretariat attends and gives presentations or updates on the WP. 6 activities in the context of ISO/CASCO</p> <p>A partnership has been established with the ISO Committee on Consumer Policies (COPOLCO).</p>
Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) and the CIS Inter-State Council on Standardization, Metrology and Certification (EASC)	<p>Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) is a coordinating body of the ministries of communications of 12 CIS states, with a secretariat in Moscow.</p> <p>CIS Inter-State Council on Standardization, Metrology and Certification is one of the effective, functioning inter-regional CIS organizations/bodies that unites standardization bodies from all 12 CIS member states.</p>	<p>RCC participates in UN/CEFACT Plenaries and Forums.</p> <p>RCC’s representatives are leading the UN/CEFACT project for the preparation of a Recommendation for ensuring legally significant trusted transboundary electronic interaction.</p>
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	<p>The two organizations regularly exchange information through their secretariats and attend each other’s meetings when possible.</p>	<p>WP. 6 secretariat is undertaking a case study based on the OECD is methodology to review International Regulatory Cooperation activities that are carried under the umbrella of the ECE. The study will be published as an OECD booklet and presented to the OECD member states in the fall of 2016.</p> <p>It also participated in OECD work on risk management and in the preparation of the OECD Recommendation on Regulatory policy and governance.</p>
OECD Scheme for the application of international standards for fruit and vegetables	<p>Meeting schedules are set up in coordination between secretaries and secretariats actively participate in each other’s relevant meetings. Joint organization of capacity-building events.</p>	<p>OECD adopts ECE standards.</p> <p>The ECE meetings, the OECD Plenary meeting and both secretariats work closely together on updating and interpreting the standards.</p>
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)	<p>Joint seminars and workshops</p> <p>Contributions to analytical work</p>	<p>ECE contributes to trade-related parts of reviews and activities under the OSCE economic dimension. ECE provided advisory services at the OSCE seminar and validation of a report “Economic Connectivity of Ukraine” held in Kiev on 5 November 2015.</p>

<i>Organization*</i>	<i>Mechanisms for cooperation</i>	<i>Current cooperation</i>
Regional Commissions of the United Nations	Meetings Joint projects	Coordination meetings with all four regional commissions on trade and on trade facilitation  UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) other regional commissions in implementing three the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) projects: on Strengthening the capacity of transition and developing economies to participate in cross-border agricultural food supply chains. ECE and UNESCAP support actively the UN activities with the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	ECE, UNCTAD and ITC have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for delivering coordinated outreach and support activities to help the developing countries implement the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). ECE is also a signatory to a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership since 2005. It is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), OECD and the International Road Transport Union (IRU). Participation in each other's meetings, seminars and forums, joint organization of seminars and mutual contribution to projects. The United Nations Trade Facilitation Network is an inter-agency group comprising World Bank, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD and ECE. An MoU has been signed for the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport	ECE and UNCTAD cooperate closely on providing support to countries in the implementation of the WTO TFA. This includes participation in each other's workshops on the topic. ECE and UNCTAD helped with the assessment of the readiness of Ukraine and Kazakhstan to implement the WTO TFA. Validation seminars were held in Kiev in September 2015 and in Astana on 14 and 15 January 2016. ECE also contributed in an UNCTAD workshop on the Development Dimension of Cross-Border ecommerce held in Wuhan, China, 22 October 2015. Participants received information on UN/CEFACT tools in support of Cross-Border ecommerce. ECE is collaborating with UNCTAD in the delivery of training in the framework of "2016 Empowerment Programme Sudan Trade Facilitation Committee". In this context, a UN/CEFACT expert participated in a UNCTAD Workshop on International Standards and Recommendation held in Khartoum from 7 to 11 March 2016. ECE is working with UNCTAD and ITC to develop a project for Tajikistan on regulatory barriers to trade and trade facilitation. UNCTAD participates in the UN/CEFACT programme development area for trade and transport facilitation. ECE has provided support to the UNCTAD secretariat for work with the Trade Point programme. UNCTAD participates in WP.6 sessions.
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	ECE is a signatory to a MoU with GFP since 2005. ECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and IRU. UNIDO is a member of the DCMAS network	Participation in joint meetings on trade facilitation implementation with other organizations. UNIDO participates in WP.6 sessions.
United Nations United	The ECE Group of Experts on	The ECE Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory

<i>Organization*</i>	<i>Mechanisms for cooperation</i>	<i>Current cooperation</i>
Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)	Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM) participates in UNISDR activities	Systems (GRM) participated in the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a background document to the Global Assessment Report (GAR 15)</li> <li>• a working session on “Standards and DRR” at the World conference on Disaster Risk Reduction</li> <li>• coordinate UN organizations’ contributions to the development of standards needed in the context of the implementation of the “Sendai Framework for Action” as agreed at the Third WCDRR in ISO TC 292.</li> </ul>
World Customs Organization (WCO)	ECE-WCO MoU signed in 2001. ECE signed a MoU with GFP in March 2005. ECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and the IRU.	WCO participates in UN/CEFACT meetings and expert groups. WCO contributes to ECE work on the Supply Chain Model.
World Bank (WB)	The United Nations Trade Facilitation Network is an informal inter-agency group comprising WB, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD and ECE. ECE signed a MoU with the Global Facilitation Partnership for Trade and Transport (GFP) in March 2005. ECE is a core partner and Steering Committee member of the GFP, along with the World Bank, WCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD and the IRU. Support by WB to a variety of ECE capacity-building activities and reciprocal support from the ECE to WB goals and objectives, particularly in the area of trade and transport facilitation.	ECE participates actively in and contributes substantial materials to the GFP website. WB participates in the trade and transport facilitation PDA of UN/CEFACT meetings. WB has selected the ECE Single Window Recommendation as the base for its projects in this area.
UN Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity (UNCTAD, UNIDO, FAO, ILO, UNCITRAL, ITC, WTO, UNDP, the five Regional Commissions, UNEP and UNOPS)	The members of the Cluster provide assistance in building the capacity in the areas of trade and productive policies, in particular in supply side capacity; export capacity; capacity to implement trade and trade related rules; disputes settlement capacity; negotiating capacity; as well as in research and analysis.	The Cluster designs and implements joint programmes. ECE has been involved in activities undertaken in its member countries, including Azerbaijan, Belarus, Serbia and Ukraine.
World Trade Organization (WTO)	The United Nations Trade Facilitation Network is an inter-agency group comprising WB, ITC, WTO, UNCTAD and ECE. ECE and WTO staff meet regularly outside the inter-agency group. Through WP.6, the ECE is a	WTO representatives regularly attend meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards. ECE works with WTO on the implementation of Trade Facilitation Agreement in transition countries. Through WP.6, ECE is a permanent observer at the WTO Committee on TBT. ECE Trade Division attends some WTO committee sessions

<i>Organization*</i>	<i>Mechanisms for cooperation</i>	<i>Current cooperation</i>
	permanent observer at the WTO TBT. The WP. 6 participated in all the meetings of the WTO TBT and provided updates on each activity at each of them.	(as representative of the regional commissions of the United Nations). WTO attends the trade facilitation group of UN/CEFACT meetings. The WTO's Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) collaborates with ECE on the dissemination and development of training material for sustainable trade of agricultural products. In addition, this organization complements WP.7's work on meat standards and traceability ECE co-organized a Workshop on "Delivering on the trade facilitation agreement: the role of standards and regulatory frameworks", as a side event to the WTO TBT Ministerial (Nairobi. 14 December 2015)
World Trade Point Federation (WTPF)	In 2004, the ECE signed a MoU with the WTPF.	ECE and WTPF cooperate in promoting each other's activities, to encourage regular contacts between WTPF and ECE subsidiary bodies and to share contacts in order to further develop their networks.

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## List of abbreviations

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<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
ARSO	African Organization for Standardization
ASYCUDA	Automated SYstem for CUstoms Data
CEI	Central European Initiative
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
EASC	Euro-Asian Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology
EC-ESA	Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs
EEC	Eurasian Economic Commission
eSEE Europe	e-South Eastern Europe Initiative (eSEE) of the Stability Pact for Southeast
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FITPRO	Facilitation of International Trade Procedures
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GFP	Global Facilitation Partnership for Transportation and Trade
IEC	International Electro-technical Commission
IFOAM	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
IRU	International Road Transport Union
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISO TC 154	ISO Technical Committee on Processes, Data Elements and Documents in Commerce, Industry and Administration Committee 154
ISO TC 127	ISO Technical Committee 127 on Earth Moving Machinery
ITC	International Trade Centre
ITF	International Task Force
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAMA	Non-Agricultural Market Access
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
SECI	Southeast European Cooperation Initiative
SECIPRO	Association of National PRO Committees in Southeast Europe
SPECA	Special Programme for the economies of Central Asia
TTFSE	Trade and Transport Facilitation in South-eastern Europe
UN/CEFACT	United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECA	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNECLAC	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

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UN/EDIFACT	United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNESCWA	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
WB	World Bank
WCO	World Customs Organization
WHO	World Health Organization
WP.6	ECE Economic Cooperation and Trade Division Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies
WP.7	ECE Economic Cooperation and Trade Division Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards
WSIS	World Summit on the Information Society
WTO	World Trade Organization
WTO CTBT	World Trade Organization's Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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