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### Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6)

#### Twenty-seventh session

Geneva, 28 (pm) - 30 November 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session<sup>1</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 3 p.m. on 28 November 2017 and concluding at 6 p.m. on 30 November 2017.

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  - (a) Gender-responsive standards (Goal 5);
  - (b) Sustainable production and consumption (Goal 12);
  - (c) Managing risks for sustainable fisheries (Goal 14).
4. Matters arising and Programme of work:

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- (a) Report of the past session and intersessional developments;
  - (b) Reports by other United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of potential interest to the Working Party;
  - (c) Adoption of the Working Party’s work plan for 2018 – 2019.
5. Risk Management in regulatory systems:
    - (a) Report of Activities under the Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems Group;
    - (b) Discussion on draft Recommendation T on “Standards and Regulations for Sustainable Development”.
  6. International regulatory cooperation:
    - (a) Regional developments;
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    - (c) Proposals for new regulatory dialogues.
  7. Review of recent developments in standardization:
    - (a) Review of developments in standardization;
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    - (a) Update from the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance;
    - (b) The Market Surveillance Model Initiative;
    - (c) Common definitions and terminology in market surveillance;
    - (d) Update on the development of the Global Market Surveillance database.
  10. Metrology.
  11. Capacity-building.
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## II. Annotations

### 1. Adoption of the agenda

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Annotated provisional agenda	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/1	D

1. The provisional agenda and timetable were agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Party and are presented here for approval.

### 2. Election of officers

2. In accordance with the Commission’s rules of procedure, the Working Party at its twenty-fifth session, re-elected Ms. M. Stoldt (Germany) as Chairperson and Mr V.

Koreshkov (Belarus) as vice-chair and Mr C. Arvius as Special Adviser to the Bureau for a two-year term. The two-year term having come to an end, the election of officers will cover these positions.

3. It is also recalled that Mr. Miroslav Chloupek (Czech Republic) and Ms. Heidi Lund (Sweden) were elected as Vice-Chairpersons in 2016 for a two year term expiring in 2018.

### 3. International Conference on “Standards for the Sustainable Development Goals”

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
From commitment to action: Standards at work for the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/3	D
The “Gender Informed Standards and Technical Regulations”	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/4	D
Report on the meeting of the GRM on “Risk management in regulatory frameworks in support of Sustainable Development Goals”	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/5	D

4. The International Conference on “Standards for the Sustainable Development Goals” (SDGs) will provide background for the Working Party in further defining its role in support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5. The International Conference will feature a high-level panel on the topic of standards for Agenda 2030. That will be followed by three sessions on: Goal 5 “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”, Goal 12 “Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns” and Goal 14 “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development”.

#### (a) Gender-responsive standards (Goal 5)

6. The session on Goal 5 will follow up on the discussion held at the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on mainstreaming gender into standards and technical regulations. It will review the activities carried out since the last session and discuss the future direction of work (see ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/4).

#### (b) Sustainable production and consumption (Goal 12)

7. The session on Goal 12 will follow up on the discussion held at the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on the development of sustainability platforms in the textile, apparel, and footwear sectors. It will review activities carried out since the last session and discuss the future direction of work.

#### (c) Managing risks for sustainable fisheries (Goal 14)

8. The session on Goal 14 will follow up on the meeting of the Group of Experts on “Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems” (GRM) held in Geesthacht, Germany on “Risk management in regulatory frameworks in support of Sustainable Development Goals”, as well as technical assistance activities undertaken to support the development of risk-informed regulatory systems in the sector of fisheries. (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/5)

9. The Conference will discuss and give its inputs for a decision by the Working Party on the opportunity for a change in its name to “Working Party on Standards for Sustainable Development”. (see document ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/3 “From commitment to action: Standards at work for the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”).

#### 4. Matters arising and Programme of work

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies on its twenty-sixth session	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2016/2	D
Programme of work of the trade subprogramme for 2018-2019	ECE/CTCS/2017/10	I
Programme of work of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies for 2018-2019	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/6	D

10. The secretariat will provide an update on matters arising from meetings within the United Nations, including the Executive Committee (EXCOM) and the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (SCTCS).

##### (a) Report of the past session and intersessional developments

11. The secretariat will introduce the report of the twenty-sixth session of the Working Party (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2016/2) for adoption by the plenary and report on developments under the main areas of work since the last session.

##### (b) Reports by other United Nations Commission for Europe bodies of potential interest to the Working Party

12. Other UNECE bodies will be asked to report on their activities of potential interest to the Working Party.

##### (c) Adoption of the Working Party’s work plan 2018 - 2019

13. The Bureau will discuss areas of priority action for the next year and approve the work plan for the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies for 2018-2019 (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/6), based on the Programme of work of the trade subprogramme for 2018-2019 (ECE/CTCS/2017/10).

14. It will also discuss and approve the extension of the three initiatives under way under the umbrella of the Working Party, namely:

- Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (MARS)
- Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM)
- Standardization and Regulatory Techniques (START)

#### 5. Risk management in regulatory systems

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Risk Management in Regulatory	ECE/TRADE/390	I

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Frameworks		
Progress report on the activities of the Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems (GRM)	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/7	D
Recommendation T “Standards and Regulations for Sustainable Development”	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/8	D
Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 - 2030	<a href="http://www.preventionweb.net/files/43291_sendaiframeworkfordren.pdf">http://www.preventionweb.net/files/43291_sendaiframeworkfordren.pdf</a>	I
UN Plan of Action on Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience	<a href="http://www.preventionweb.net/files/33703_actionplanweb14.06cs1.pdf">http://www.preventionweb.net/files/33703_actionplanweb14.06cs1.pdf</a>	I

**(a) Report of Activities under the Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems Group**

15. The Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems (GRM Group) will report on the work undertaken since the last session. A representative of the GRM Group will report on its activities promoting the use of UNECE recommendations R on, “Managing Risk in Regulatory Frameworks” and P on, “Crisis Management within a Regulatory Framework”.

16. Additionally, the secretariat will report on its activities promoting the use of standards in the context of disaster risk reduction (DRR) and in support to the implementation of the Sendai Framework of Action, including:

- the UN Plan of Action,
- participation in the UNISDR Science and Technology Conference on Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,
- outcome of the 2017 Global Platform for DRR that was held in May 2017 in Mexico,
- participation in the activities of the ISO Technical Committee (TC) 292 “Security and resilience”.

17. Delegations will be invited to discuss priorities for the work of the Group going forward and take decisions on further activities.

**(b) Discussion on draft Recommendation T on “Standards and Regulations for Sustainable Development”**

18. A proposal will be presented to the Working Party for discussion and adoption (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/8)

## **6. International regulatory cooperation**

**(a) Regional developments**

19. The Working Party will be informed about the status of projects for reinforcing regulatory cooperation, especially at the bilateral and regional levels, with a particular focus

on South-East Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Eurasian Economic Commission. Delegations will be invited to present recent developments in regulatory cooperation.

**(b) Sectoral projects**

20. The Team of Specialists on Standardization and Regulatory Techniques (“START” Team) will report on its activities and those of its sectoral initiatives.

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Progress report on the sectoral initiative on Earth-Moving Machinery (EMM)	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/9	D
Progress report on the sectoral initiative on Equipment for Explosive Environments (SIEEE)	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/10	D
Progress report on the sectoral initiative on the Safety of Pipelines	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/11	D

21. The conveners of the ongoing sectoral initiatives will report on activities and recent achievements under the initiatives on Equipment for Explosive Environments, Telecom, Earth-Moving Machinery and the Safety of Pipelines.

22. Delegations will be invited to discuss priorities for the work of the START Group going forward and take decisions on further activities.

**(c) Proposals for new regulatory dialogues**

23. The Working Party will consider proposals from delegations for new regulatory convergence dialogues, in particular in the area of cyber-security and agreement can be reached, take a decision on the development on a new initiative in this area.

## **7. Review of recent developments in standardization**

**(a) Review of developments in standardization**

24. Intergovernmental organizations and international and regional standardization bodies will be invited to present recent developments in standardization and regulatory activities.

25. The Working Party will discuss current developments in the field of standardization in regional groupings and countries and how they might affect the delivery of the programme of work.

**(b) Education on standards-related issues.**

26. Intergovernmental organizations, international, regional and national authorities will be invited to submit information on progress in the implementation of Recommendation I on “Education on Standards-related issues”. If time allows, a break-out session of the interested experts will be organized.

## 8. Review of recent developments in conformity assessment and accreditation

27. Delegates will be invited to discuss possible follow-up activities to the Workshop on Conformity Assessment, held back to back to the Annual Session on 1st and 2nd December 2015 and review the implementation of the revised recommendations F and G adopted at the last session.

## 9. Market surveillance

28. National delegations and international and regional organizations will be invited to report on developments in market surveillance, including the implementation of Recommendation M: “Use of market surveillance infrastructure as a complementary means to protect consumers and users against counterfeit goods”, and Recommendation N: “Good Market Surveillance Policies and Practices”.

### (a) Update from the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Report of the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance, its activities and its meetings	ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2017/12	D

29. The Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (MARS) will report on its activities and on its meeting in Stockholm on 11-12 September 2017.

### (b) The Market Surveillance Model Initiative

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Market surveillance general concept and how it relates to the activities of the Working Party	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/11	I
Draft guide to the use of the General Market Surveillance Model	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/12	I

30. The Coordinator of the General Market Surveillance Model initiative will present an update on the ongoing work.

### (c) Common definitions and terminology in market surveillance

<i>Title of document</i>	<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>For information/decision</i>
Glossary of Market Surveillance Terms	ECE/TRADE/389	I

31. The delegates will be invited to comment and propose revisions to the Glossary of Market Surveillance Terms.

**(d) Update on the development of the Global Market Surveillance database**

32. The secretariat will report on activities undertaken to develop the Global Market Surveillance Database. Delegations will be invited to provide input on how to facilitate access to needed information and to promote the database to potential users.

33. Delegations will be invited to discuss priorities for the work of the MARS Group going forward and take decisions on further activities.

**10. Metrology**

34. National delegations and international and regional organizations will be invited to report on developments in metrology.

**11. Capacity-building**

35. The Working Party will review capacity-building activities in the area of standards and standards-related issues.

36. The Secretariat will report on the project “Strengthening the national capacity of trade-support institutions of Kyrgyzstan”. Under this project, training materials have been developed on risk management in regulatory systems, on conformity assessment, and market surveillance. The materials are the basis for capacity-building and awareness raising activities that will take place during the first half of 2018.

37. Delegations will be invited to present their priorities for support relating to regulatory cooperation and standardization policies and their suggestions regarding potential sources of extrabudgetary funding.

38. The secretary of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards will present the results of the needs assessment studies undertaken by the Secretariat on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade.

39. The Swedish delegation will present a study on TBT-related technical assistance.

40. Delegates will be briefed about capacity-building projects being developed on the basis of the recommendations contained in the studies. They will have an opportunity to highlight further areas where activities are deemed to be a priority.

**12. Other business**

41. The Working Party will select tentative dates for its twenty-eighth session in 2018.

**13. Adoption of the report**

42. Delegates will adopt the final report, containing the decisions adopted by the Working Party.



### III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>
28.11	15:00 – 15:10	1	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
	15:10 – 16:00		<b>Opening of the International Conference on “Standards for the SDGs”</b>
	16:00 - 16:30		<b>Panel Discussion</b>
	16:30–18:00	3	<b>(a) Gender-responsive standards (SDG 5)</b>
29.11	10:00 – 13:00	3	<b>International Conference on “Standards for the SDGs” (continuation)</b>
	10:00 – 11:30		<b>(b) Sustainable production and consumption(SDG 12)</b>
	11:30 – 13:00		<b>(c) Managing risks for sustainable fisheries (SDG 14)</b>
	15:00 – 15:20	2	<b>Election of officers</b>
	15:20 – 16:30	4	<b>Matters arising and Programme of Work</b>
		4 (a)	Report of the past session and intersessional developments
		4 (b)	Reports by other UNECE bodies of potential interest to the Working Party
		4 (c)	Adoption of the Working Party’s work plan for 2018 - 2019
	16:30 – 18:00	5	<b>Risk Management in regulatory systems</b>
	16:30 – 17:15	5 (a)	Report on activities from Group of Experts on Managing Risks in Regulatory Systems (GRM Group)
	17:15 - 18:00	5 (b)	Discussion on draft text of Recommendation T on “Standards and Regulations for Sustainable Development”
30.11			
	10:00- 11:30	6	<b>International Regulatory Cooperation</b>
		6 (a)	Regional developments
		6 (b)	Sectoral projects
		6 (c)	Proposals for new regulatory dialogues
	11:30 – 13:00	7	<b>Review of recent developments in standardization</b>
		7 (a)	Review of developments in standardization

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>
		7 (b)	Education on standards-related issues
	15:00 – 16:00	8	<b>Review of recent developments in conformity assessment and accreditation</b>
		8 (a)	Recent developments in conformity assessment
	16:00 - 16:30	10	<b>Metrology</b>
	16:30 – 17:00	9	<b>Market surveillance</b>
		9 (a)	Update from the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance ("MARS" Group)
		9 (b)	The Market Surveillance Model Initiative
		9 (c)	Common definitions and terminology in Market Surveillance
		9 (d)	Update on the development of the Global Market Surveillance database
	17:00 – 17:20	11	<b>Capacity-building</b>
	17:20 – 17:30	12	<b>Other business</b>
	17:30 – 18:00	13	<b>Adoption of the report</b>

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