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Decisions related to the Committee on Environmental Policy

Background

1. The Committee on Environmental Policy held its special session on 3 and 4 October 2022. The report of the session is contained in document ECE/CEP/S/2022/6.

2. As part of its deliberations, the Committee adopted the programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2023, as contained in document ECE/CEP/S/2022/10.

3. Further, the Committee decided to extend the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment until the end of 2023 to allow the Working Group to present a new draft mandate and terms of reference to the Committee at its twenty-eighth session (Geneva, 1–3 November 2023).

4. The Committee also decided to extend the mandate and terms of reference of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators until the end of 2023 to allow the Joint Task Force to present a new draft mandate and terms of reference to the Committee at its twenty-eighth session (Geneva, 1–3 November 2023) and to the Conference of European Statisticians at its seventy-first plenary session (26–28 June 2023).

5. The Committee also decided to adopt the revised mandate and terms of reference of the Expert Group on Environmental Performance Reviews for 2023–2026.

6. The Executive Committee is invited to approve these decisions.

Draft Decision

7. The Executive Committee hereby approves:

(a) The programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2023, as contained in document ECE/CEP/S/2022/10;

(b) The extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, as contained in document ECE/EX/2017/L.2, until 31 December 2023;

(c) The extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators, as contained in the annex to document ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2021/3, until 31 December 2023;



(d) The revised mandate and terms of reference of the Expert Group on Environmental Performance Reviews for 2023–2026, as contained in document ECE/CEP/S/2022/9, annex.