

Memorandum of Understanding
Between the Secretariats of the
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
and the
United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Within the framework of the United Nations Secretary-General's Programme for Reform of the United Nations, the secretariats of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) hereby agree to enhance their cooperation for the attainment of their respective objectives in the areas of their competence in order to better serve Member States and their peoples, on the basis of a common United Nations message and mutual complementarity and synergy of their activities.

Cooperation is to be maintained at programme formulation and implementation stages both at the secretariat and field levels, in particular, in the following fields: enterprise and entrepreneurship development, including industrial restructuring and small and medium enterprises; energy efficiency; environmental protection, including cleaner production and environmentally safe technologies generally; public-private partnership; industrial policy; standardization, certification and accreditation; and statistics, indicators and empirical economic research.

Particular attention should be given to implementation of conventions, norms, regulations and standards to help the respective Member States in their integration into the European and world economies.

For the purpose of strengthening cooperation it was agreed to:

- Conduct consultations, when required, during the process of formulating work programmes and/or projects being prepared for Member States to better use expertise available in both organisations;
- Seek assistance, when required, in identifying international experts/consultants needed for implementing programmes/projects;
- Extend mutual invitations to take part in the meetings (sessions, conferences, round tables, seminars, workshops, etc.) to be organised in the identified fields, including training workshops;
- Carry out joint activities (meetings and/or projects) on matters of mutual interest as appropriate; and
- Exchange information on the current and planned activities in the identified fields including information on Economic Commission for Europe legal instruments in force through established channels, including Internet, by placing information on respective web pages and/or specific requests.

For the purpose of putting forward this cooperation, focal points, who should remain in contact on continuous basis, are established as follows: Chief of the

Economic Commission for Europe Coordinating Unit for Operational Activities and
Director of the UNIDO Europe and Newly Independent States Bureau.

For UN/ECE

Danuta Hübner
Executive Secretary

Place: Moscow
Date: 27/04/2001

For UNIDO

Carlos Magariños
Director-General

Place: Moscow
Date: 27/04/2001