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Statement's summary

The Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC) sees the ECE as a multilateral platform to promote pan-European integration and cooperation on multiple social and economic issues. The ECE region has made good progress in achieving the MDGs. A medium-term objective is the adaptation of global sustainable development goals to regional circumstances and the provision of support to meet these goals. EurAsEC initiatives have contributed to address the impact of the global financial crisis in the region. Mr. Mansurov underlined the importance of regional measures for sustainable development and expressed continued support to the work of the ECE in this area. Significant advances on economic integration have been observed in the region, as a result of the activities of EurAsEC, including the formation of a customs union and the creation of a single economic space encompassing Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation. Interstate targeted programmes for the development of specific sectors are important elements in the EurAsEC strategy to support sustainable development. There has been close cooperation between EurAsEC and the ECE, including concrete outputs such as the Cooperation Strategy for the Rational and Efficient Use of Water and Energy Resources in Central Asia and the Innovation Performance Reviews on Belarus and Kazakhstan. The positive impact of this cooperation has been noted by a resolution of the General Assembly adopted in November 2012. EurAsEC is proposing a new Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation between UNECE, UNESCAP and EurAsEC .