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and criteria for financial support**

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Countries eligible for financial support to participate in meetings and events

Note by the secretariat in consultation with the CEP Bureau

1. The Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) mandated the Bureau to consider criteria for financial support for participating in meeting and events, with a view to assessing whether the current criteria were the most appropriate, and to providing recommendation to CEP at its nineteenth session (ECE/CEP/2012/2, para.92 (cc)). The secretariat prepared an assessment of criteria, which was considered by the CEP Bureau at its meeting on 29 April 2013. The Bureau welcomed the assessment and made a number of comments (ECE/CEP/2013/22, paras. 45–52).
2. The assessment was revised to reflect comments made by the Bureau and is submitted as an official document (ECE/CEP/2013/20) to the CEP-19 for further consideration with a view to adopt the recommendations contained therein.
3. The present paper is prepared in accordance with the above assessment. The updated criteria for financial support are presented in the annex to the current paper. The criteria contain lower and upper thresholds¹.
4. It is proposed to set the thresholds to the following levels:
 - (a) The lower threshold (for full financial support) will be set to 4,500 in current US\$ of GDP per capita;
 - (b) The upper threshold (for full financial support) will be set to 5,500 in current US\$ of GDP per capita.
5. CEP will be invited to consider the criteria for financial support with a view to approving it. Other approaches may be applied under projects where donors are earmarking their contributions with particular conditions.
6. The present criteria will enter into force immediately after their approval by CEP.

¹ As defined in the document “Assessment of criteria for providing financial support for participation in meetings and events” (ECE/CEP/2013/20).

Annex

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1. For the purposes of this paper, “partial financial support” includes Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) only; and “full financial support” includes DSA and travel expenses.
2. The lower threshold for financial support equals US\$ 4,500. Representatives of the member States with annual GDP per capita below the lower threshold are entitled to full financial support to participate in meetings and events to which CEP decision applies.
3. The upper threshold for financial support equals US\$ 5,500. Representatives of the member States with annual GDP per capita between the lower and upper thresholds are entitled to partial financial support to participate in meetings and events to which CEP decision applies.

List of countries eligible for financial support, showing category of assistance, and GDP

<i>Country</i>	<i>GDP per capita, 2012 (US\$)^a</i>	<i>Number of countries</i>
<i>Travel expenses and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)</i>		
Tajikistan	872	
Kyrgyzstan	1 160	
Uzbekistan	1 717	
Moldova, Republic of	2 038	
Armenia	3 338	
Georgia	3 508	
Ukraine	3 867	
Albania	4 149	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4 447	
Subtotal		9
<i>DSA only</i>		
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	4 589	
Serbia	5 190	
Subtotal		2
Total		11

Note: Countries are listed above in ascending order of GDP, by category.

^a Data source: World Bank (<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD/countries/1W?display=default> as at 26 September 2013). UNECE Statistical Database does not contain official 2011/2012 data relevant for the present paper for most of the countries in the above table; therefore, it is proposed to use data from the World Bank (an institution of the United Nations system).