

2. Progress in promoting the objectives of the “Environment for Europe” process

In the table below, please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements and provide an explanation, as appropriate. The boxes can be ticked by double-clicking on the box and choosing “checked” under the “default value” from the popping up window. N/A means not applicable. If you choose N/A, nevertheless please elaborate on your choice.

The EfE process continues to serve as a mechanism to:

(a) Improve the environment throughout the region, contributing to sustainable development which may in turn contribute to poverty eradication, to improving quality of life, and to a safer world

strongly agree / somewhat agree / somewhat disagree / strongly disagree / N/A

The success of the Republic of Azerbaijan as a result of social, economic and environmental policy maintained macroeconomic stability, ensuring the continuity of economic growth, increasing incomes and well-being of the population has been significantly improved.

In the direction of improving the well-being of the population in order to continue the positive trends of the 2008-2015 in the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted the State Program on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development.

This program identified the following key strategic objectives.

- Macroeconomic stability and sustainable economic growth through the development of non-oil sector;
 - expanding access to income, to achieve a significant reduction in the number of poor people;
 - developing an effective social security system of the elderly population, low-income families and reduce the risk of socially vulnerable groups;
 - activities aimed at improving the living conditions of refugees and internally displaced persons to continue in a systematic way;
 - improving the quality of basic services in education and health, equal opportunities;
 - the development of social infrastructure, improve the system of public utilities;
 - improve the environmental situation, ensuring sustainable management of the environment;
 - promoting gender equality;
 - the continuation of institutional reforms and improving good governance
 - to continue to improve the people's welfare achievements, to further reduce poverty, as well as the UN's "Millennium Development Goals" from the fulfilment of the obligations arising from the consideration of the country is provided.
 - State Program on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Azerbaijan within the region were carried out in order to improve the environment, and adoption of legislative acts
- Public education and awareness in the field of environmental protection is one of the priorities.

(b) Enhance the implementation of strengthened national environmental policies

strongly agree / somewhat agree / somewhat disagree / strongly disagree / N/A

(c) Support convergence of environmental policies and approaches, while recognizing the benefits from a diversity of approaches to achieve common goals, and the prioritisation of environmental objectives

strongly agree / somewhat agree / somewhat disagree / strongly disagree / N/A

(d) Encourage the participation of civil society

strongly agree / somewhat agree / somewhat disagree / strongly disagree / N/A

In 2003 was adopted the "Environmental education and awareness of the population about the law of the Republic of Azerbaijan, "Environmental education and awareness programs in the state writing", "advisory councils for environmental education and awareness of the" Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan on approval of the relevant decisions.

In order to ensure the environmental education and awareness of the population there was included Department of Environmental advocacy in the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources.

The Measurements of environmental awareness of public and environmental awareness are reflected in the National Strategy plan, National and State programs adopted in the field of environmental protection. Regulated by legislation on environmental protection measures have been implemented to ensure the participation of the public in public administration, environmental advocacy, and community education and monitoring activities given priority. Environmental issues related to the practice of participation of civil society in the decision-making process have been improved.

The legal basis for this process in 1999 by the Republic of Azerbaijan "On environmental issues related to access to information, public participation in decision-making, and on the holding of the court of justice," the Aarhus Convention was ratified by a large and important work has been done in this direction.

Thus, significant reforms were carried out in the legislation, including "Information relating to the environment", "Access to information", "About environmental education and enlightenment", "On administrative proceedings", Non-governmental organizations (public associations and funds), Law and other rules and regulation have been adopted.

Under the competence of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as NGO's, public representatives was established Public Environmental Council.

The protection and improvement of the environment, environmental security and sustainable use of nature in the projects, proposals, programs and other measures to cooperate with non-governmental organizations operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as the United Nations' Environment Matters public participation and access to information on the administration of justice "(Aarhus) Convention, established under the Ministry in order to increase the efficiency of the implementation of the provisions of, and to conduct consultations in the form of assembly is operating on a voluntary basis. The main directions of the board of environmental protection, environmental safety, and public opinion in the field of sustainable use of nature by studying the proposals, programs, normative legal acts and prepare them for the propaganda of the environmental flock formation; environmental non-governmental organizations and international organizations the expansion of fund information on the environment, and to make proposals for ensuring the efficient use of environmental measures include other joint. The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan supports the interests of citizen participation in public decision-making process in order to ensure the proper working towards the establishment of Aarhus Information Center.

(e) Promote broad horizontal environmental cooperation

strongly agree / somewhat agree / somewhat disagree / strongly disagree / N/A

3. Progress in promoting the political priorities of the “Environment for Europe” process

In the table below, please, provide a brief summary of how your country is progressing in promoting the EfE political priorities, based on commitments already made under the EfE process, including through national policies and relevant partnerships. Please tick the box that best corresponds to the current situation or level of implementation in your country. Provide an explanation, as appropriate. N/A means not applicable. If you choose N/A, nevertheless please elaborate on your choice.

The progress (in your country) on EfE political priorities may include:

(a) Improvement of environmental governance, including strengthening environmental institutions and implementation of policy instruments (by your country)

– improvement of environmental governance:

not started / initiated / in progress / accomplished / N/A

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

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– strengthening environmental institutions:

not started / initiated / in progress / accomplished / N/A

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

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– implementation of policy instruments:

not started / initiated / in progress / accomplished / N/A

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

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(b) Streamlining the implementation by your Government of commitments made to existing UNECE legally-binding and legally non-binding instruments

Overall assessment:

not started / initiated / in progress / accomplished / N/A

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

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<p>Air Pollution Convention and its Protocols</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>In 2002 the Republic of Azerbaijan had ratified the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution of UNECE adopted on November 13, 1979 in Geneva. National Focal Point for the Convention was appointed and working groups was established.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">– Implementation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>The Republic of Azerbaijan performs appropriate activities within the pilot project on “Assessment of National capacity to join to the protocols of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution” in order to join to the protocols on “Heavy Metals”, “Persistent Organic Pollutants”, “Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone”, “Long-term Financing of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)”.</p> <p>In order to ratify these four protocols of the Convention within the pilot project and to fulfill commitments in this field the “Road map” is being developed with participation of international experts. In addition it’s considered to conduct the seminars to instruct the experts in this field in October and December this year.</p> <p>Close relationship has been created with the group of coordination of countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia operating in activities of the bodies of the Convention as well.</p> <p>Established working group translated the Protocol on “Long-term Financing of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)” into Azerbaijani language.</p> <p>Within “Long-term Financing of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)” of the Convention Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan Republic and The Chemical Coordination Center operating under Norwegian Institute for Air Research launched “The first level background monitoring station” in the area of Altiaghaj National Park in February 2012.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">– Formal reporting (national implementation reports)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
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<p>Water Convention</p>	<p align="center">– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>The convention on “Protection and Use of Transboundary Water Streams and International Lakes” was ratified by the National Parliament in 14.03.2000 and entered into force with being approved by the decree of the president of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 03.08.2000. Azerbaijan has closely participated in the activities within the convention, as well as performed the activities related to monitoring and assessment of Transboundary Rivers and International Lakes, Integrated Water Resources Management and etc. since became the member of the convention.</p> <p align="center">– Implementation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Gazakh and Beylagan laboratories were established in order to provide operative water quality control for the water of transboundary rivers Araz and Kura towards the fulfillment of the obligations within the convention on “Protection and Use of Transboundary Water Streams and International Lakes”. The project on “Joint management of rivers” funded by TASIS-II Program started from 2008 and was ongoing till 2011. As well was extended one more year till the end of 2012 within TASIS-III Program. This project supplied technical assistance with the amount of 500,000 € for provision of capacity building and identification of hot points, and provision of the laboratories with modern facilities for monitoring of transboundary rivers, as well as Kura and Ganikh rivers and also gave its support for application of biological and hydromorphological monitoring as it plays important role in environmental assessment in the field of monitoring. New project on “Environmental Protection of International River Basins” in order to provide assistance for implementation of the European Union Convention started from 2012. In the framework of Water Initiatives of European Union Convention “Water Strategy” of Azerbaijan for the projects on National Water Policy Dialogs was prepared and submitted to the state authorities for comments. Cooperation within the project on monitoring</p>

	<p>and management of water resources with the support of UN are one of such of activities. Joint Task Force composed of the specialists of both two countries in the field of water issues carried out two joint monitoring for “Studying and Protection of water quality in Araz river” with application of the paragraphs number 4 and 9 of the protocol number 36 of the permanently functioning joint commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Iran Islamic Republic in the field of use of water and energetic resources of Araz river. As well the agreement was signed between the governments of Russian Federation and Azerbaijan on September 3, 2010 in order to ensure the management and protection of the water of Samur River in accordance with the requirements of the convention. State Water Agency was established with aim of coordinating the organizations in the field of water sector of the country.</p>
<p>Protocol on Water</p>	<p>– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>)</p>

<p>and Health</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Azerbaijan ratified the Convention for protection and use of trans-boundary water courses and international lakes in 2000 and the Protocol for water and health issues in the year of 2002.</p> <p>– Implementation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>It is worth to mention that the country has not determined target indicators on implementation of the Protocol for water and health issues, however as being a Party of the Protocol, a number of National State Programs have been adopted, which aimed achievement of Millennium Development Goals. The process for their set up is planned within the EU funded project for Protection of the environment of international water basins.</p> <p>National State Programs are aimed to ensure balanced and sustainable development of the country economy, improvement of social welfare of population; and also establishment of qualitatively new development model through achievement of organic correlation and mutual consistency between the current, middle and long term periods of social-economic development, acceleration of progress of the society in all directions hold the central position in the activities in Azerbaijan. Objective of the state water policy is to ensure safe and full habitat at meeting demands. For this objective an important principle is that neither the rights of other countries, nor of future generations for full environment should be offended.</p> <p>In all programs special attention is paid for water policy issues and related health of population. While adopting National Programs, the experience of international organizations and tasks set by international Conventions have been taken into consideration. Based on the conditions of the country, by-laws have been developed.</p> <p>– Formal reporting (national implementation reports)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>At its second meeting (2-3 July 2009, Geneva) the Working Group on Water and Health decided to organize the first reporting exercise under the Protocol on Water and Health. All Protocol’s Parties were required to take part in this first reporting cycle and provide information on their implementation of the Protocol. Signatories and other Member States of the UNECE/WHO-Europe were strongly encouraged to also participate in the exercise.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of the reports by Parties and non-Parties was set as 31 March 2010. The reports received by the secretariat are posted on this web page (http://www.unece.org/env/water/protocol_implementation_reports.html).</p> <p>The commencement of the second reporting cycle under the Protocol was announced during the fifth session of the Working Group on Water and Health (11-12 October 2012, Geneva). In accordance with the established procedures, the deadline</p>
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for submission of the reports was set as 29 April 2013. In addition to Parties to the Protocol, signatories and other Member States of the UNECE/WHO-Europe are also strongly encouraged participate in the exercise.

The summary reports should be completed in accordance with the guidelines and the template adopted at the second session of the Meeting of the Parties (23-25 November 2010, Bucharest).

All countries are encouraged to build on the lessons learned from the first pilot reporting exercise that was conducted in 2009-2010.

For timely and qualitative presentation of brief national report a consultative group was established in December 2012, which included authorised representatives of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Amelioration and Water Economy JSC, Azersu JSC, Ministry of Agriculture, representatives of relevant NGOs.

In the meeting of consultative group thematic sections of report were distributed in accordance with the specification of the organizations, which they represented.

<p>Industrial Accidents Convention</p>	<p align="center">– Status <i>(more than one box can be ticked)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> signed / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>The Convention “Transboundary effects of industrial accidents” Europe Economic Commission of UN was ratified by the National Assembly of Azerbaijan Republic, and on 4 May 2004 signed by the President of Azerbaijan Republic. The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources was appointed as a competent body according to the Convention “The transboundary effects of industrial accidents” with the Order of President of Azerbaijan Republic No. 729 dated 1 April, 2005.</p> <p>The sustainable measures were taken in accordance with the fulfillment of liabilities arising with the requirements of the Convention “The transboundary effects of industrial accidents” of UN Europe Economic Commission.</p> <p>The system of registration of dangerous activities in the country, warnings and transferring about industry accidents across the country was created in order to carry out article 10 of the Convention.</p> <p>The communication center working constantly was established for warning industrial accidents and mutual assistance in Azerbaijan Republic according to the requirements of Article 17 of the Convention.</p> <p align="center">– Implementation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Ministry of Emergency Situations was established in December 16, 2005 with the Order of the President of Azerbaijan Republic and Crisis Management Center operates in its structure. Crisis Management Center is a governing body being established in order to manage power and methods in preventing of emergency situations and the elimination of results.</p> <p>The center operates in the field of the collection of information entered from various sources, generalization, analysis and relevant decision-making. The data enter and are analyzed from all parts of the country by means of modern communication center being created here (telephone, fax, satellite communication, internet), as well as a free "112" telephone service.</p> <p>The center has been included to the system IAN of the Convention and has been registered. Also test trials entered from the Secretariat of the Convention and Parties are received and answered in this center.</p> <p>Natural and technogenic events took place in the country and around the world, their results, following of the information about the works related to eliminate the results of the same events are analyzed.</p> <p>The special attention paid to the prediction of natural and technogenic emergency events, preventing and transboundary partnership in the effective fight with them. Interchange of scientific and technical information, preparation of joint projects, interchange of experience, the preparation of strategies and methods, the mutual organization of training courses, seminars, and symposium, defining the help procedure during the natural and technogenic emergency events which may occur in any of the parties are found out in this partnership.</p> <p>Now, the measures are improved according to the risk assessment of industrial accidents, elimination of results of accidents, defining of dangerous activities and the important and sustainable measures are continued in order to reduce potential risks, limit the results and protect people and environment.</p> <p align="center">– Formal reporting (national implementation reports)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>According to the requirements of the Convention report on industrial accidents in country is submitted to the Secretariat of the Convention every two years by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan.</p>
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<p>Protocol on Civil Liability</p>	<p>– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Intergovernmental procedures have not been commenced yet for ratification of Protocol on Civil Liability of the “Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents”.</p> <p>– Implementation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Espoo Convention</p>	<p>– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Azerbaijan has ratified the Convention on 25th March, 1999. Accession and approval is at the same date.</p> <p>– Implementation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>The Implementation process started legally due to the NEW DRAFT LAW ON EIA in Azerbaijan, which is considered to include stems of Espoo Convention in this Law also. Further it is intended to adopt the normative legal acts on the Provisions of Espoo Convention step by step for full compliance with the Convention.</p> <p>– Formal reporting (national implementation reports)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Azerbaijan submitted National Implementation Reports on the Questionnaires on EIA for the</p>

	intended period (2006-2009 and 2010-2012).
Protocol on SEA	<p align="center">– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>It will be reviewed after setting up the legal base of SEA process at national level, thus, we have not established the implementation mechanisms of national SEA process in legislation yet. After that there will be direct positions regarding the status of SEA Protocol in Azerbaijan.</p> <p align="center">– Implementation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p align="center">– Formal reporting (national implementation reports)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
Aarhus Convention	<p align="center">– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>The practice of participation of civil society in the decision-making process related to environmental matters is improved. The legal basis of it can be considered adopted by Azerbaijan Republic in 1999 “Access to information on environmental matters, public participation in decision-making and holding justice court” Aarhus Convention was ratified and in this direction done significant works in our country.</p> <p>Thus, there were done serious reforms in the legislation, including “Access to information on environmental matters”, “Access to information”, “Environmental education and awareness of the population”, “Administrative Proceedings”, “Non-governmental organizations (public unions and funds)”.</p> <p align="center">– Implementation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>

	<p>Azerbaijan Republic implements the political course to European Integration, carrying out useful and purposeful measures in “environmental” matters according to European Union legislation. In 2009 during the referendum there were made amendments and appendixes in the Constitution of Azerbaijan Republic including 39 items (to live in healthy environment) “Everybody has a right to access to information on environmental matters and have the right to compensation for damage to health and property”.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">– Formal reporting (national implementation reports)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>(d) Encourage the participation of civil society</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Taking into account the formation of civil society we can say, that in 90th in the mechanism of activity of non-governmental organizations and procedures were significant problems, the mechanism of activity as a result of the ongoing efforts in this area over the years improved, which was confirmed by the decree “The Concept of support to non-governmental organizations” of the President of Azerbaijan Republic, Ilham Aliyev dated on 27 July 2007 “.</p> <p>The appearing of conception in the non-governmental organizations can be considered as beginning of new stage in the creative process of civil society of Azerbaijan. This is because the concept of effective cooperation between government agencies and NGOs are encouraged, to determine the prospects of development of bilateral relations. The concept of the potential of civil society and NGOs in the process of building a comprehensive use of the government of Azerbaijan is an important factor emphasizes democratization in the country and the partner NGOs and government agencies, to act as a partner.</p>
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<p>Protocol on PRTRs</p>	<p align="center">– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> signed / <input type="checkbox"/> ratified/acceded/approved / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the process of ratification/accession/approval / <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>United Nations Program on environment technology, industry and economics department at the initiative of the chemical department of chemical substances within the framework of the strategic plan for the management and distribution of contaminants in the discharge register has been developed for the creation of a pilot project. The government of Azerbaijan, which regulates various chemical substances and wastes Basel, Stockholm, Vienna Conventions, SAICM, away from the cross-border spread of pollutants in the atmosphere of the Convention, a framework conventions on climate change has certain obligations.</p> <p align="center">– Implementation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Given the above, and hazardous chemical substances commerce, industry and other sources of information about the formation of the importance of the spread of understanding on the establishment of the National Register the Strategic Approach/SAICM to the management of potential pollution and chemicals on the implementation of the project was prepared.</p> <p>Pollutants within the project management activities for the comprehensive assessment of the situation, depending on (for instance, in the field of chemicals management infrastructure, legislation, technical capacity for the implementation of PRT), and will help to eliminate. Discharge of pollutants and emissions, and pollutants distribution, collection and transmission of information on the disposal of chemical substances has been confirmed as the active tool.</p> <p>This is useful information for policy development and implementation, as well as the need to inform the public about the risks of environmental events. The availability of these problems gives the priority to responsible person to make decision on degradation of the environment, hazardous substances, and the emergence of cross-border conflicts and regional discussions. The proposed project under the leadership of state agencies and interest groups, industry and academia, as well as co-operation with civil activity PRT encourages activities on the establishment. United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and with the help of the technical and methodological tool for the implementation of the project will provide training seminars.</p> <p align="center">– Formal reporting (national implementation reports)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
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<p>Strategy for ESD</p>	<p>– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> adopted / <input type="checkbox"/> actively participating / <input type="checkbox"/> not engaged / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...</p> <p>– Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...</p> <p>– Formal reporting (national implementation reports) <input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...</p>
<p>THE PEP</p>	<p>– Status (<i>more than one box can be ticked</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> adopted / <input type="checkbox"/> actively participating / <input type="checkbox"/> not engaged / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...</p> <p>– Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>

	<p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reporting (responding to THE PEP survey on progress in the attainment of the Amsterdam Goals) <p><input type="checkbox"/> never submitted / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting occasionally / <input type="checkbox"/> submitting regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>(c) Enhancing efforts in environmental monitoring</p> <p>Overall assessment in your country:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>The state monitoring system of environment and natural resources was established by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources and this activity is carried out together with the bodies of executive power.</p> <p>Environmental monitoring is consist of implementation with the scientific basis of control in terms of quantity and quality and investigations and regular observations defining their chemical composition, the degree of pollution, radioactive and hydrobiological characteristics, physical aspects toward evaluation and prediction of the situation of air, water and soil environments.</p>	
<p>Production of indicator-based state-of-the-environment reports</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> never produced / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> producing occasionally / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> producing regularly / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>The use issue for the sake of protection of the environment, a healthy natural environment and survival and use of natural resources to improve the well-being of our people occupies an important place in the socio-economic reforms in our country.</p> <p>At the end of each year a report is presented to the Government by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources and posted on the website of Ministry.</p> <p>The last report covering the period 2008-2012 about environmental situations has been published. The report has been prepared in the result of effort of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources and the representatives of civil society institutions, and has been discussed in the Public Ecological Council established under the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources. The environmental situation significantly improved in the result of consistent measures carried out the enhancement of the environment, beside the development of economic, social, cultural and other sectors in Azerbaijan Republic.</p> <p>The rapid development of the economy, including the successful implementation of the national oil strategy has created wonderful opportunities for the solution of environmental</p>

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	<p>problems. In recent years, the significant achievements were achieved in the field of environmental protection in the result of purposeful public policy and international experience.</p>
<p>Enterprise environmental monitoring and reporting</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan Republic creates state monitoring system of the environment and natural resources and this activity is implemented in collaboration with other relevant executive authorities.</p> <p>State monitoring of the environment and natural resources is implemented on the basis of laws of Azerbaijan Republic, decrees and orders of the President of Azerbaijan Republic, decisions and orders of the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan Republic, international contracts supported our country in the field of environmental protection, agreements, conventions and these regulations. State monitoring of the environment and natural resources includes monitoring of the atmospheric air, monitoring of water resources, land monitoring, radioactivity monitoring, waste monitoring and sanitary-epidemiological monitoring. State monitoring system of the environment and natural resources is set up and operate in Azerbaijan Republic according to the 17th item of the “On Environmental Protection” law.</p> <p>State monitoring of the environment and natural resources provides environmental protection and management of nature usage and the control, envisages the creation of relevant data banks and information systems.</p> <p>Enterprise environmental (production) monitoring is intended according to the 18th item of the law.</p> <p>Legal entities (nature users) are obliged to enforce Enterprise environmental (production) monitoring and to keep records and reports of environmental impact of their implemented economic activities that may cause environmental hazards.</p> <p>Report on Enterprise (production) monitoring is introduced to relevant executive authorities of Azerbaijan Republic in the field of environmental protection in the periods coordinated with them. Thus, nature users submit necessary information on the basis of forms determined by Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources on monitoring of the environment and natural resources by demand of the organs implementing state supervision in the field of environmental protection.</p>

<p>(d) Ensuring implementation of the UNECE Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Programme</p> <p>Overall assessment of your country’s role:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not active / <input type="checkbox"/> active as donor / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> active as reviewed country / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p>Participation in the EPR process as a reviewed country in the future</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not interested / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Participation in the EPR process as a donor country (in-kind and/or providing financial support)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not interested / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> on-going / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Implementation of EPR recommendations by the reviewed country</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> accomplished / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

<p>(e) Raising public awareness on environmental issues</p> <p>Overall assessment in your country:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>	
<p>Ensuring public access to environmental information</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Ecological and environmental awareness of the population in the area of environmental protection as a result of the implementation of purposeful actions aimed to the improvement of society of their rights in this area to explore, and encouraged to be involved in the solution of environmental problems in the country. The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan infringe the interests of every citizen participation in public decision-making process in order to ensure the proper working towards the establishment of Aarhus Information Centers. Regional offices of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources sectors for the efficient performance of environmental awareness should be noted. The officers of the Ministry in the field of propaganda are regularly carried out educational works in the regions of the republic.</p> <p>Among institutions, organizations, educational institutions, NGOs, are read lectures about the environment, to be held meetings, propaganda posters, booklets, brochures distributed.</p> <p>Environmental calendar days of the Ministry of experienced officers, heads of departments, senior officials of the departments of Ecology and Natural Resources of the articles are published in the media, television and radio public on environmental protection, greenery, cleaning equipment and work areas, and it is important to actively participate in the calls for action performances are held. Every year there are held the international exhibition on the theme “The technologies for Khazar-environment”.</p>
<p>Ensuring public participation in environmental-decision making</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>In the web-site of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources are placed information on holding meetings, thereby providing the population with necessary information. Under the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as NGOs, public representatives has been established Community Environmental Council. The protection and improvement of the environment, environmental security and sustainable use of nature in the projects, proposals, programs and other measures for the implementation of the cooperation with non-governmental organizations operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan must, as well as information on issues related to the United Nations Environment public participation</p>

	<p>and access to justice on the (Aarhus) Convention, established under the provisions of the Ministry in order to increase the effectiveness of the implementation of recommendations in the form of the assembly is operating on a voluntary basis. The main directions of the board of environmental protection, environmental safety, and public opinion in the field of sustainable use of nature by studying the proposals, programs, normative legal acts and to prepare the people of the flock in the direction of environmental propaganda, environmental protection, non-governmental organizations and international organizations in the field of, to fund the expansion of information on the environment, and to make proposals for ensuring the efficient use of environmental measures include other joint. Public participation in the decision-making process of public interest in order to provide citizens with the Ministry's website has a specific section for consideration of suggestions and opinions. In order to inform the citizens about implementation of any project is posted the announcements.</p>
<p>Ensuring public access to environmental justice</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>Azerbaijani law regulates the right of everyone to the judicial protection of their rights. For example, Article 1 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan on appeal to the court decisions and actions (inaction) of violating the rights and freedom of citizens stated that if citizens are considered a violation of their rights and freedoms as a result of decisions and actions (or inaction) of state organs, enterprises and officials may apply to the court. The legislation also provides requirements for full compensation. So, on the basis of the Civil Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan person whose right has been violated may demand full compensation for damages, unless the law or the contract does not cover damage in smaller sizes (see 21 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan).</p> <p>The public has a right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • require the elimination of an administrative or judicial decisions on the construction, reconstruction and commissioning of enterprises, facilities and other environmentally harmful objects that have a negative impact on human life and the environment, as well as the limitations of temporary suspension of natural and legal persons and the elimination of legal persons (Article 6 of the Law on Environmental Protection • to bring to justice those responsible organizations, officials and private citizens who have violated the law on environmental protection • require the elimination of the administrative and judicial limitations of temporary and permanent stop location, construction, reconstruction and commissioning, including adverse affects on the environment and human health, economic activity harmful enterprises, buildings and installations <p>legal action for compensation for damage caused to health and property of citizens as a result of violation of the legislation on the protection of the environment. (Article 7 of the Law on the Protection of the Environment)</p>

<p>(f) Promoting linkages between environmental policy, economic and social well-being and competitiveness</p> <p>Overall assessment in your country:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p>Mainstreaming the environment into economic development</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Implementing environmental policies through economic/market instruments (e.g. phasing out subsidies, introducing environmental taxation, payment for ecosystems services, etc.)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Implementing environmental policies through regulatory/normative</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>

instruments (e.g. norms, standards, bans, etc.)	
Implementing environmental policies through information based/voluntary instruments (e.g. labelling, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented / <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...

4. Progress in strengthening the implementation of outcomes of the Astana EfE Ministerial Conference

In the table below, please, provide a brief summary of how your country is progressing in implementing the commitments made at the Astana Conference. Please tick the box that best corresponds to the current situation or level of implementation in your country. Provide an explanation, as appropriate. N/A means not applicable. If you choose N/A, nevertheless please elaborate on your choice.

The main outcomes of the Astana Conference include:

<p>(a) Ratifying and implementing the relevant multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) (by your country)</p> <p>Azerbaijan has ratified 20 Conventions on environment and the obligations on these conventions are carried out.</p>
<p>(b) Implementing the Astana Water Action (by your country)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> not started / <input type="checkbox"/> initiated / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in progress / <input type="checkbox"/> well-implemented/ <input type="checkbox"/> not foreseen</p> <p>Astana Water Action was adopted by the countries. It is covered by activities in the sphere of aquatic ecosystems, water and health, access to clean and safe drinking water, adaptation to climate changes, transboundary water cooperation, water efficiency and water investments. Water resources monitoring, evaluation, use and protection covers all issues and based on international principles.</p> <p>National Political Dialogue on integrated water resources management is supported by relevant agencies and international organizations in order to ensure a more productive future cooperation. The activity is based on international practice, especially to EU Water Framework Directive.</p> <p>National Water Strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the protection of water resources in accordance with national legislation and international norms, use, management and control of the development will be directed. The purpose of the National Water Strategy for the management of water resources - a significant socio-economic development of the country's water resources in a sustainable manner in order to achieve an efficient, equitable and optimal utilization of national efforts aimed at strengthening and promoting. There was established a working group for the implementation of the strategy. After drawing up the implementation plan of strategy by this group, the Steering Committee will confirm and control the realization.</p>

(c) Promoting a green economy (*by your country*)

not started / initiated / in progress / well-implemented/ not foreseen

The first phase of the development of "green economy" plan is to review the potential consequences of the essence of "green economy" concept and the green transition for economy.

The situation in Azerbaijan must be considered unique in terms of "Green" Economy. The country has a great development in the transition to a market economy thanks to its oil and gas reserves. After the Soviet Union collapse, industry (especially power engineering) significantly improved and has become the 50 % of GDP. The government understands well the need to the new "green" economic model transition and the transition planning in other economic sectors that could provide the financial flows in addition less dependence on the extraction of underground fuel. The transition to "Green" economy enables to use in order to to make way to the development of non-oil sector, to the more sustainable economic processes than increasing oil revenues and more sustainable production and consumption schemes

Promoting the Green Bridge Partnership Programme (*by your country*)

not started / initiated / in progress / well-implemented/ not foreseen

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

...

(d) Ensuring implementation of the third cycle of environmental performance reviews (EPRs) (*by your country*)

not foreseen / active as donor / active as reviewed country / N/A

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

...

(e) Establishing a regular process of environmental assessment (RPEA), including developing a Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) (by your country)

not started / initiated / in progress / SEIS developed / RPEA established

The main ENPI-SEIS project partners are the national environmental and statistical organisations leading in the field of environmental information within the ENPI area: ministries, agencies and statistical offices responsible for collecting, producing, storing and disseminating environmental data and information.

Each country has nominated two national ENPI-SEIS focal points for this process — high level officials, representing the environmental and statistical organisations respectively and responsible for managing and developing the environmental information system in the countries.

The project implementation is done in close cooperation with UNEP/MAP/Barcelona Convention, UNECE and EEA member and cooperating countries. There are also close linkage envisaged to other relevant EU funded projects in the region.

In 2012, the activities are organised around the project workplan of 2012 agreed jointly with the partner countries at the ENPI-SEIS Steering Committee meeting in November 2012. Also specific country and/or regional capacity building activities as identified in the SEIS Country Reports - and action plans within these reports - are planned.

Working groups on Environmental Indicators and Information Technology for both ENPI South and East regions were established early 2012 with a view to sharing specific knowledge and making progress in the development of environmental data, indicators and IT infrastructure. The Working Groups aim to share experiences and work on a particular topic in order to make progress towards SEIS implementation. The ENPI-SEIS National Focal Points coordinated the nomination of the representatives for each of the Working Groups. These include one participant from the statistical and one participant from the environmental community from each country

Report was prepared for EEA under the ENPI-SEIS Project and based on on discussions during the SEIS country visit of the EEA on 13-14 June 2011.

ENPI East metadata survey was answered and available in internet.

(f) Participation in the continued work of the Environmental Action Programme Task Force (EAP Task Force), including on the sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems, and on greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development (by your country)

not foreseen / active as donor / active as beneficiary / N/A

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

...

Participation in strengthening the contribution of Regional Environmental Centres (RECs) in both promoting green economy and better environmental governance at the local, national, subregional and regional levels *(by your country)*

not foreseen / active as donor / active as beneficiary / N/A

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

...

5. Thematic priorities of the “Environment for Europe” process for the Eighth Ministerial Conference

In the table below, please indicate thematic priorities that might be addressed at the Eighth Efe Ministerial Conference, including a brief justification note for each proposed priorities. Please also indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the proposed several themes, as well as organising a high-level segment on MEAs and the proposed theme. Please kindly note that the idea to organize a high-level segment on MEAs emerged from the discussion at the informal meeting of representatives of governing bodies of MEAs and CEP (Geneva, 27 February 2013).

First thematic priority (an “established” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g. the Astana Conference addressed the “established” theme sustainable management of water and water related ecosystems)

Please propose a theme: ...

Please elaborate (up to 250 words):

...

Second thematic priority (an “emerging” theme of importance to the entire region, e.g. the Astana Conference addresses the “emerging” theme greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into

<p>economic development)</p> <p><i>Please propose a theme: ...</i></p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p>Enhancing the work on greening the economy and the mainstreaming of environmental concerns into the economic development</p>	<p>A possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Astana EfE and Rio+20 Conferences commitments</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Promoting a sustainable consumption and production</p>	<p>A possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Rio+20 Conferences commitments</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>“Greening” International Financial Institutions (IFIs) policies</p>	<p>A possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to follow up on the Rio+20 Conferences commitments</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Resilience and Change</p>	<p>A possible “emerging” theme for the Eighth Ministerial Conference to encompass the need for disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, emergency preparedness and contingency planning to be ready for both environmental and demographic change in the coming years, i.e., the expected increase in extreme weather events due to global warming, but also to the foreseen changes in demographics (aging populations and south-north migration), in particular in urban areas)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Organizing a high-level segment on assessing the progress in establishing a regular process of environmental assessment and developing the SEIS across the region</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	

<p>Organizing a high-level segment on UNECE MEAs</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p>Role of public participation in effective implementation of MEAs</p>	<p>A possible theme for a possible high-level segment on UNECE MEAs (of relevance to all UNECE MEAs)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Need to develop new structures or frameworks to address emerging themes, such as green economy, giving the on-going crisis that affected all countries in the UNECE region</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>	
<p>Greening the economies</p>	<p>Elaboration of subregional roadmaps (e.g. EU, SEE, Central Asia, Caucasus, Eastern Europe)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>Elaboration/harmonization of regional eco-standards for products and production processes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>Other (<i>please suggest demand-driven frameworks/structures</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p>
<p>Strengthening implementation of ESD</p>	<p>Mainstreaming ESD into technical and vocational training to meet future labour market demand</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree</p> <p><i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i></p> <p>...</p> <p>Mainstreaming ESD into teachers/educators’ training</p>

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ... Implementing an ESD school plan in every school (i.e. addressing campus management, curricula and community interaction) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...
Strengthening environmental considerations in other social and economic sectors	Sustainable urban development (e.g. bringing together the relevant activities under THE PEP, Environment and Health process, and green building) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate (up to 250 words):</i> ...

6. Format of the Eighth EfE Ministerial Conference

In the table below, please, indicate/propose an interactive format for the next Conference. Provide an explanation, as appropriate.

Interactive format for the Conference (for a more productive ministerial participation)	
N/A	
Parallel thematic round-tables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate:</i> ...
Interactive discussions e.g. similar to “BBC Question Time”	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate:</i> ...
[please propose an interactive format]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> strongly agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat agree / <input type="checkbox"/> somewhat disagree / <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree <i>Please elaborate:</i> ...

7. Any other issues you consider important

[please include any issues relevant to the scope of this survey that you may wish to address ...]

Please elaborate:

...