

Economic Commission for Europe

Committee on Environmental Policy

Special session

Batumi, 7 June 2016

Summary of the outcomes of the special session and the decisions taken

(unedited; as approved by the Committee on 7 June 2016)

The Committee on Environmental Policy:

- (a) Adopts the agenda of its special session (ECE/CEP/S/2016/3);
- (b) Agrees to accommodate two keynote speeches, by Belarus and Romania, of up to five minutes each, under the plenary session of the agenda item of the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 8–10 June 2016) on Greening the Economy in the pan-European region;
- (c) Takes note of the information provided by the secretariat on the expected list of speakers and participants in the roundtables (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/3/Add.1), which is to be posted on the Conference website and circulated to the participants in advance of the Conference;
- (d) Approves the draft Ministerial Declaration, as amended during the session (ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/L.1/Rev.1), and submits it to the Batumi Conference for adoption. At the same time, recalls the provision regarding the length of ministerial declarations specified in the Reform Plan of the Environment for Europe process and will strive in future to respect the two-page limit stipulated therein;
- (e) Takes note of the information provided regarding the expected signature by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, during the Batumi Conference, of a Joint Statement in support of the efforts of reforestation and afforestation in the Aral Sea Basin, prepared by the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea;
- (f) Agrees to hold its next regular session in Geneva, to be held on 25-27 January 2017¹;
- (g) Expresses its appreciation to the CEP Chair, Ms. Elisabete Quintas da Silva, for her dedication and contribution to the work of the Committee and the preparation of the Batumi Conference;
- (h) Expresses gratitude to the Georgian Government for its hospitality and hosting the Committee's special session in Batumi;
- (i) Requests the Bureau and the secretariat to follow up on the Committee's decisions, including by preparing the documents and reports necessary for the Committee's work at its next regular session;
- (j) Expresses its appreciation to the secretariat for servicing the work of the meeting.

¹ The dates were identified by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.