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### NOTE VERBALE

The secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of UNECE member States and has the honor to inform on the current status of financial reporting governing contributions to the UNECE.

Further to Note Verbale Ref.: 2016/OES/60 of 18 February 2016, we can confirm that the Enterprise Resource Planning system Umoja has now been fully implemented by the UNECE.

With respect to the reporting capability and functionality of Umoja, while we initially estimated, based on information provided by the UN Controller, that final financial statements could be generated by June 2016, the financial reporting module of Umoja continues to remain under development. As a result, reporting remains a manual and labour-intensive process.

With regard to financial reporting for the period 2016-2017, the UNECE intends to harmonise its practice with those of other UN Secretariat entities. Project funds will be reported at an aggregate level based upon the ten approved expenditure groups in Umoja. The organization is working towards web-based platforms that will provide donors with real time substantive and financial detail.

The UNECE expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions made to our programme of work. The confidence of the member States in the UNECE's ability to provide reliable financial information on the use of funds is of utmost importance, and we are very grateful for your understanding. We continue to explore new and innovative ways to provide meaningful reporting to our donors.

We very much appreciate the understanding of our member States during this time, and we offer our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

The secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of UNECE member States the assurances of its highest consideration.

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To all Permanent Missions of UNECE member States