



REC Statement at MoP-2 PRTR Protocol

Agenda item 5 Programme of work and operation of the Protocol

5 (b) Strategic Plan for 2015-2020

The REC thanks the Chair, the Bureau, the Working Group of parties and the stakeholders for the preparation of the document and welcomes the draft decision on the strategic plan for 2015-2020 for the PRTR Protocol. The REC supports the long-term vision and the three focal areas outlined in the Strategic Plan.

We agree that while the first focal area, working on the full implementation of the PRTR Protocol by each party is an important strategic goal, actions under the second focal area, increasing the number of parties within the ECE region should be also a priority, and this could be of particular challenge, as well as encouraging other states' accession outside the ECE region. At the same time, as a longer-term strategic goal, the focal area three should also be maintained on the agenda of the parties, keeping the Protocol's principles and provisions under continuous review, considering further development of the instrument, identifying areas for possible improvements in the Protocol's annexes, considering the inclusion of other aspects such as energy, water consumption, on-site transfer of waste, storage, as well as using the Protocol as a tool for the promotion of green economy and sustainable development. The REC will continue to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan, and will also assist in the future to parties and signatories in the more efficient implementation of the Protocol as well as in the ratification of or accession to the instrument.