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## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Biennial Report covering the period from 28 April 2017 to 10 April 2019**

#### **Introduction**

1. The present Biennial Report is based on the report adopted unanimously by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) at its sixty-eighth session on 10 April 2019.

#### **Chapter I**

##### **Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention**

2. At its sixty-eighth session, the Commission adopted A (68) High-level statement, and ten decisions: B (68) Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development; C (68) Revised terms of reference of the Committee on Environmental Policy; D (68) Revised terms of reference of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards; E (68) Change of name of the Committee on Housing and Land Management; F (68) Revised terms of reference and change of name of the Working Group on Ageing; G (68) Change of name of subprogramme 7; H (68) Framework guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings; I (68) International Year of Methane; J (68) Revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee and K (68) Implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes at the global level. The texts of all decisions are contained in Chapter IV.

3. The Commission, as part of its high-level segment, discussed the theme “Smart Sustainable Cities: Drivers for Sustainable Development”. (For the Chair’s summary of the discussions, see annexes I and II).

#### **Chapter II**

##### **Work of the Commission since its sixty-seventh session**

4. The Commission, the Executive Committee and the subsidiary bodies of the Commission held their meetings, including other meetings organized under their auspices, serviced by the ECE secretariat.

5. A list of meetings held since the sixty-seventh session is contained in annex III, showing in each case the dates, the officers and the symbols of the report. These reports record the agreements reached and decisions taken.

## Chapter III

### Sixty-eighth session of the Commission

#### A. Attendance and organization of work

6. The sixty-eighth session of the Commission was held from 9 to 10 April 2019. At the opening session, the Commission heard remarks by the Chair, the Executive Secretary, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the President of the Economic and Social Council. The Chair's summary of these statements is contained in annex I.

7. The sixty-eighth session of the Commission was chaired by Latvia on 9 and 10 April. It was agreed that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland would act as Rapporteur during the session.

8. The session was attended by representatives of the following States: Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uzbekistan.

9. Representatives of the Holy See attended under article 8 of the Commission's Terms of Reference.

10. The session was attended by representatives of the European Union.

11. Representatives of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, and the following specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations were in attendance: Congress of the Council of Europe, Council of Europe, European Environment Agency, International Telecommunication Union, International Trade Centre, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

12. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: Association of Donbass Mining Towns, Center for Innovation and Policies from Moldova, Center for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development, Civis Blockchain, Dezentrum, EcoContact, Ecos AG, Francophone Network of Age-friendly Cities, Green Building Alliance, Housing Europe, ICE Gateway GmbH, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, International Chamber of Commerce - United Arab Emirates, International Peace Institute, International Road Federation, International Road Transport Union, International Union of Tenants, International Youth Centre, Offshore Simulation Centre AS & Augment City AS, Organization for International Economic Relations, Pittsburgh Innovation District, Praxis, Risk Reduction Foundation, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Sustainable Development Investment Finance Partnership, Tecnoborsa, Tolat Hasnet, Transports Publics Genevois and World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

13. Further to the theme of the high-level segment, "Smart Sustainable Cities: Drivers for Sustainable Development", a number of mayors of ECE member States attended.

14. A complete list of participants can be found on the ECE website ([www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)).



**B. Agenda**

15. The Commission adopted its agenda (E/ECE/1487).
  1. Opening and adoption of the agenda.
  2. High-level dialogue.
  3. Roundtable: Regional and national solutions towards smart sustainable cities and the impact of the instruments of the Economic Commission for Europe.
  4. Consideration of the high-level statement.
  5. Report on activities of the Executive Committee.
  6. Other issues calling for decision by the Commission.
  7. Election of officers.
  8. Other business.
  9. Adoption of the report of the session.

**C. Election of Officers (Agenda item 7)**

16. The rules of procedure of the Commission, as revised at the sixty-third session, stipulate that “the Commission shall, at each biennial session, elect a country from among its members to hold the chair for the period of the biennium. The representative of the elected country will be the Chairperson. The Commission will also, at the same meeting, elect two countries whose representatives will become the Vice-Chairpersons for the period of the biennium. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission will also serve as the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee for the period of the biennium.”

17. The Commission elected Belarus as Chair of the sixty-ninth session. Romania and Switzerland were elected as Vice-Chairs of the sixty-ninth session.

18. Statements thanking the current Bureau and congratulating the newly elected Bureau were made by Belarus, the European Union, Romania, the Russian Federation and Switzerland.

**D. Account of proceedings**

**High-level dialogue (Agenda item 2)**

19. The Chair’s summary of discussions under this item is contained in annex I.

**Roundtable: Regional and national solutions towards smart sustainable cities and the impact of the instruments of the Economic Commission for Europe (Agenda item 3)**

20. For the consideration of this item the Commission had before it background document E/ECE/1489 from the secretariat, entitled “Toolbox of the Economic Commission for Europe: Instruments to support the transition to smart sustainable cities”.

21. The Chair’s summary of discussions under this item is contained in annex II.

**Consideration of the high-level statement (Agenda item 4)**

22. For the consideration of this item the Commission had before it document E/ECE/1490 “Consideration of the high-level statement”.

23. The Commission decided to adopt the “High-level statement” (E/ECE/1490).

### **Report on activities of the Executive Committee (Agenda item 5)**

24. For the consideration of this item the Commission had before it document E/ECE/1491 providing a report on the activities and the main achievements of the Executive Committee since the last session of the Commission.

25. The Commission took note of the report of activities of the Executive Committee. It thanked the Executive Committee and its Bureau for the work done during the intersessional period of the Commission.

### **Other business (Agenda item 8)**

26. The Commission agreed to hold its sixty-ninth session in 2021.

27. A statement was made by the delegation of the Russian Federation. The delegation noted the potential of the Convention on the Facilitation of Border Crossing Procedures for Passengers, Luggage and Load-Luggage carried in international Traffic by Rail for increasing competitiveness, simplifying procedures and improving safety in the pan-European region; called on all member States to accede to it, and requested the secretariat to inform member States about the procedure of accession.

28. The Russian Federation congratulated the secretariat on the organization of the Day of Cities on 8 April 2019 and supported the continuation of city-related work. In this regard, the Russian Federation proposed that ECE should continue its support to the work of Cities and local authorities to further facilitate the exchange of experience and discuss solutions to address challenges to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in urban areas and requested that the Committee on Housing and Land Management explore the possibility of establishing a forum of Mayors.

### **Adoption of the report of the session (Agenda item 9)**

29. The report of the sixty-eighth session was adopted.

## **Chapter IV**

### **Decisions adopted by the sixty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe**

#### **A (68) High-level statement**

The Commission decided to:

- (i) Adopt the “High-level statement” (E/ECE/1490):

High-level statement (E/ECE/1490)

1. For over 70 years, the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) has contributed to the economic development of the region and to closer integration of its economies. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development have defined a universal and comprehensive framework for implementation of this mandate in supporting member States to respond to the challenges faced by the region.

2. Advancing this agenda will require strengthened cooperation to mobilize the actions and resources across the public and private sectors. ECE serves as a solid platform for governments and other stakeholders to collaborate, and engage to develop norms, standards and legal instruments. Its intergovernmental convening power capitalizes on an estimated

network of 18,000 experts who collaborate to develop normative instruments, generate knowledge and compile best practices in a cost-effective and efficient manner. The provision of specialized and demand-driven technical assistance to countries supports the implementation of these instruments and facilitates their uptake.

3. In the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the United Nations Development System (UNDS) reform it is important to take into account the strengths of ECE as a prominent standard-setting body and a platform for enhancing regional harmonization and economic cooperation. As such, ECE can facilitate and promote the sharing of best practices between national Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) coordinators in achieving sustainable development.

4. The Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE region (RFSM) has been established as a regional mechanism for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda, enabling peer learning and collaboration between countries, the United Nations system, and a wide range of stakeholders. The outcomes of the RFSM subsequently serve as regional input to the high level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

5. ECE is the trusted custodian of a rich suite of normative instruments which address important regulatory issues in relation to the 2030 Agenda. The track record of ECE demonstrates the organization's capacity to adapt and expand these concrete and tangible products to support member States to meet new challenges. The demand for and high uptake of these products by countries in the region, together with the replication of these instruments beyond the region, demonstrates the continued need for the normative production of ECE.

6. The reform of the UNDS seeks to increase and focus the impact of development results at the country level. Throughout the years, ECE has addressed challenges spanning national borders, delivering solid data analysis, promoting regional knowledge-sharing and innovation, particularly with respect to SDG progress and gaps, and advancing regional cooperation, with greater emphasis on normative-functional linkages, advocacy and data-driven analyses.

7. The multidisciplinary nature of its mandate enables ECE to deliver on a number of the cross-sectoral dimensions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by focusing on those SDGs which reflect both, the strongest capacities of ECE and country needs for SDG implementation, namely SDGs 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 15 and the cross-cutting SDGs 5 and 17. The sectoral expertise of ECE is deployed to assist member States to shape integrated policies that take into account the multifaceted aspects of sustainable development.

8. ECE will leverage its in-house expertise to achieve a greater impact on sustainable development in the region. Working across the eight subprograms, cross-sectoral teams will engage in areas where multiple SDGs converge (nexus areas): (a) sustainable and smart cities; (b) sustainable use of natural resources; (c) sustainable mobility, and smart connectivity; and (d) measuring and monitoring progress towards the SDGs. This nexus approach will enable the development of integrated solutions to clusters of interrelated SDGs and deepen partnerships, including Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs). In line with the four nexus areas, ECE will expand and strengthen its network of knowledge partnerships with a wide range of actors, including with other organizations in the United Nations system.

9. ECE is a forward-looking organization that seeks to anticipate and react to changing circumstances and emerging challenges. In cooperation with member States, it will continue to ensure that the organization addresses the most relevant, innovative, and impact-generating work according to the mandate of ECE. Dialogue with member States, including through regular updates on the tangible results and impact achieved by ECE in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, will ensure its enhanced contribution to sustainable development in the region.

## **B (68) Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**

The Commission:

1. Recalling its decision B (67) to establish the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the region of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE),
2. Reaffirming the provisions contained therein on the role, objectives and format of the Regional Forum,
3. Noting with appreciation the successful organization of the previous sessions of the Regional Forum as a platform for peer learning and the exchange of policy experiences and good practices in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals,
4. Decides to continue to convene annual sessions of the Regional Forum in the years 2020 and 2021, in close cooperation with the entities of the regional United Nations system and with the active engagement of other relevant stakeholders;
5. Requests the secretariat to develop the agenda of each session of the Regional Forum in close consultation with member States, and to align it with the respective themes and programme of work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, with a focus on those aspects that are particularly relevant to the ECE region, and taking into account lessons learned from previous meetings;
6. Also requests the secretariat to publish a yearly report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the ECE region to support the discussions at the sessions of the Regional Forum, with a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum for sustainable development that year, using existing data sets and statistics;
7. Decides to keep the Regional Forum aligned with the overall follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, taking into account the outcomes of the meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be convened under the auspices of the General Assembly on 24 and 25 September 2019;
8. Also decides to submit the outcome of the sessions of the Regional Forum to the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda;
9. Requests the secretariat to prepare in 2021 an evaluation of the added value of the Regional Forum for ECE member States so far and identify possible improvements;
10. Further decides to review the present decision at its sixty-ninth session.

## **C (68) Revised terms of reference of the Committee on Environmental Policy**

The Commission:

Noting that the twenty-third session of the Committee on Environmental Policy (14–17 November 2017) adopted the revision of its terms of reference to better reflect the work on the Sustainable Development Goals, and that these revisions do not propose any amendments to the mandate of the Committee and do not have financial implications, decides to approve the revised terms of reference of the Committee on Environmental Policy as contained in document ECE/CEP/2017/5.

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#### **D (68) Revised terms of reference of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards**

The Commission:

Noting that the fourth session of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (3–4 May 2018) adopted the revision of its terms of reference to better reflect the work on the Sustainable Development Goals, and that these revisions do not propose any amendments to the mandate of the Steering Committee and do not have financial implications, decides to approve the revised terms of reference of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards as contained in document ECE/CTCS/2018/2.

#### **E (68) Change of name of the Committee on Housing and Land Management**

The Commission:

Noting the broadening role of the Committee on Housing and Land Management in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the New Urban Agenda and other relevant agreements, noting also that the seventy-ninth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management (4–5 October 2018) endorsed the proposal of its Bureau on renaming this Committee, as contained in documents ECE/HBP/2018/L.1 and ECE/HBP/194, decides to change the name of the Committee to “Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management”.

#### **F (68) Revised terms of reference and change of name of the Working Group on Ageing**

The Commission:

1. Noting the 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration “A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the potential of living longer” that acknowledged the need to explore the possibility of a resource-neutral transformation of the Working Group on Ageing to further support the intergovernmental collaboration in the field of population ageing,
2. Noting General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/144 that recommends consideration of expanding the role of the regional commissions on ageing issues,
3. Further noting the decision of the Executive Committee (ECE/EX/2019/L.1) to approve the revised terms of reference of the Working Group on Ageing,
4. Decides to change the name of the Working Group on Ageing to “Standing Working Group on Ageing”; and
5. Adopts the revised terms of reference of the Standing Working Group on Ageing as contained in ECE/EX/2019/L.1.

#### **G (68) Change of name of subprogramme 7**

The Commission:

1. Noting its Decision A (65) paragraph 20(b) on changing the name of the Timber Committee to “Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry” to better reflect the scope of its work and noting also the endorsement by the Executive Committee of the proposal to align the name of subprogramme 7 with the name of the Committee (ECE/EX/2019/L.2),
2. Decides to change the name of subprogramme 7 from “Forestry and Timber” to “Forests and Forest Industry”; and
3. Decides also to transmit this decision to the Economic and Social Council for consideration and, possibly, endorsement.

### **H (68) Framework guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings**

The Commission:

Recommends that the ECE Framework guidelines for Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings and their derivative High-Performance Buildings Initiative be deployed and disseminated widely, specifically drawing on the capacities of the five Regional Commissions of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme. The Commission decides to transmit the Framework guidelines to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration and, possibly, endorsement.

### **I (68) International Year of Methane**

The Commission:

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that recognizing the role that growing atmospheric concentrations of methane play in climate change and the imperative for near-term remediation, 2020 be declared the International Year of Methane in support of the Global Methane Challenge and its partner organizations. The Commission decides to transmit the recommendations to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration and, possibly, endorsement.

### **J (68) Revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee**

The Commission:

1. Noting that the Inland Transport Committee adopted at its eighty-first session (19–22 February 2019) its revised terms of reference as contained in document ECE/TRANS/288/Add.2, annex I, and noting that these revisions do not have financial implications;
2. Decides to endorse the revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee as contained in document ECE/TRANS/288/Add.2, annex I.

### **K (68) Implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes at the global level**

The Commission:

1. Welcomes the operationalization in 2016 of the amendment to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) allowing accession to all United Nations Member States;
2. Also welcomes the accession by Chad and Senegal to the Convention in 2018 and the interest to accede by 20 countries<sup>1</sup> officially expressed at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Astana, 10–12 October 2018);
3. Notes the adoption at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties of the Strategy for the implementation of the Convention at the global level (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.2);
4. Also notes the adoption at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties of the programme of work for 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.1) to support the Convention's implementation which will contribute to the objectives set in the Strategy;

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<sup>1</sup> Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Iraq, Jordan, Mauritania, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and Viet Nam.

5. Recognizes that due to the operationalization of the amendment to the Convention in 2016 and the growing number of Parties, the management and implementation of future programmes of work under the Convention would require additional regular budget resources;
6. Requests the secretariat to take all necessary measures, including the provision of additional human and financial resources from the regular budget, to ensure effective management and full implementation of the Convention's programme of work;
7. Decides to transmit to the Economic and Social Council at its session of 2019 a draft resolution on this issue for consideration and possible adoption.

**Draft ECOSOC resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes at the global level**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the adoption by the sixty-eighth session Economic Commission for Europe (Geneva, 9–10 April 2019) of decision K (68) Implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) at the global level, which is annexed to the present resolution,

*Endorses* the decision of the Economic Commission for Europe on the implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes at the global level.





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## Annex I

### Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

#### Chair's summary of the discussions

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission heard opening remarks as follows.

**Mr. Janis Karklins, Chair of ECE**, noted that ECE is an important platform supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by its member States. ECE has pioneered efforts across a broad portfolio of transnational issues, from air pollution and water cooperation, to road safety, to statistical capacity, to the safe handling of chemicals, to clean energy, to trade, to population management, and beyond. Many countries inside and outside of the region appreciate the practical and valuable outputs of ECE. Through the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, ECE also provides a region-wide platform for SDG implementation and review, peer learning and exchange of practical solutions. The Day of Cities convened by ECE on the day preceding the session facilitated dialogue among mayors from the region and was a welcome innovation.

**Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of ECE**, outlined the value proposition of ECE, highlighting its strong convening power and its broad normative production, which makes it a knowledge hub with particular transboundary expertise. She also noted its active collaboration with global-, regional- and country-level United Nations system partners, academia, civil society and other stakeholders; and its cross-sectoral focus, as exemplified by the “nexus” approach. In order to become even more fit-for-purpose and against the backdrop of reform of the United Nations Development System, ECE concentrates its resources on the most relevant, innovative and best value for money activities in line with the 2030 Agenda; further opening many of its instruments to broader audiences; employing better communication and strategic partnerships to enhance its visibility and deepen its impact; and striving to be more innovative.

**Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva**, noted that global affairs had become polycentric. As reflected in the theme of the session, governments require the engagement of cities and local communities to achieve the SDGs. A holistic approach is necessary to leave no one behind.

**Ms. Inga Rhonda King, President of the Economic and Social Council**, noted in a video message that member States of ECE have a central role in shaping the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with 48 having already conducted Voluntary National Reviews. ECE is an important actor in SDG implementation in the region due to its thought leadership and broad expertise in multiple sectors, its strong output of regional and global public goods, and its role in convening the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development. Nurturing progress on the SDGs at the municipal level provides a tremendous opportunity to strengthen the role of cities as drivers of sustainable development.

## Item 2: High-level Dialogue

### Chair's summary of the discussions

The item was moderated by **Mr. Janis Karklins, Chair of ECE**.

Numerous delegations praised the choice of “Smart Sustainable Cities” as the theme of the session, noting the high levels of urbanization in the region and recognizing the crucial role of cities for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as their potential for creating economic growth and harnessing innovation.

Numerous delegations congratulated the Bureau, the Executive Secretary and the secretariat on the achievements of the biennium.

#### Statements:

**Mr. Vladimir Makei, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Belarus**, underscored that the mandate of the Commission continues to be relevant and increasingly significant, as promoting economic cooperation and integration in Europe supports the achievement of the SDGs. ECE is the only comprehensive platform in the region on issues of economic and social development. In the context of the reform of the United Nations Development System, Belarus supports the mandate of ECE and reaffirms its commitment to further strengthening the Commission and its secretariat. Belarus welcomes the focus of ECE on four nexus areas. It is in the strategic interest of Belarus to minimize trade and other barriers between the major economic unions in the region, ideally by creating a single pan-European economic space. Belarus has therefore been calling for political dialogue on “integration of integrations”, which it also believed to be relevant to the mandate of ECE.

**Mr. Sergey Vershinin, Deputy Minister of Foreign Minister, Russian Federation**, reaffirmed the unique role of ECE in achieving sustainable development in the context of the ongoing reform of the United Nations Development System. ECE is instrumental in pooling efforts in the region in areas such as transport connectivity, energy security, sustainable management of forest and water resources and statistics. The outputs of ECE are in demand at the global level, and ECE should seek to further strengthen its contribution to global processes. The continued cooperation between ECE and the Eurasian Economic Union is promising in this regard. New challenges will require adequate resources and technical support. The Russian Federation will continue supporting ECE activities, in particular those aimed at addressing practical socio-economic and environmental challenges and strengthening its role in inter-regional issues. The Russian Federation is implementing a comprehensive public policy for sustainable cities, including through national projects on urban improvement and digitalization.

**Mr. Mahmud Mammad-Guliyev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan**, noted that affordable, decent and healthy housing and the provision of basic services for different groups and vulnerable populations are top priorities in the development agenda of Azerbaijan, in line with the Geneva United Nations Charter on Sustainable Housing. Several smart sustainable city initiatives in Baku improve quality of life and contribute to the SDGs and the Paris Agreement. State programmes on socioeconomic development of regions and on smart villages are under implementation. Revenue from large regional energy and transport projects is used to improve economic and social conditions. ECE is well-placed to respond to the emerging challenges in the region, generate new ideas, and serve as a knowledge exchange platform. Azerbaijan is ready to undertake activities in line with the Joint Declaration signed with ECE in November 2018 on cooperation for the implementation of the SDGs.

**Mr. Walter Stevens, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the European Union (EU) to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva,** recalled the launch of the Urban Agenda for the EU in 2016, representing a new multi-level working method promoting cooperation between member states, cities, the European Commission and other stakeholders to enhance growth, liveability and innovation in cities and to identify and tackle social challenges. The wide array of ECE norms, standards and legal instruments can make a difference in urban areas. The eighty-first session of the ECE Inland Transport Committee, and the strategy until 2030 it adopted, are of note in this regard. ECE is integrating its activities in four nexus areas, including “smart sustainable cities”, to better deliver on the SDGs. The EU and its member States will continue to participate in and support the work of ECE.

**Mr. Ciprian Lucian Rosca, Secretary of State, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania,** highlighted the recent progress during the Presidency of Romania of the European Council to adjust the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda to the territory of the EU. The Territorial Agenda 2020 that addresses territorial cohesion and the Urban Agenda for the EU are fundamental documents in this regard. Steps have been taken to revise the Territorial Agenda 2020, and first results were reported on the implementation of the Urban Agenda for the EU. The New Territorial Agenda will shift towards an ongoing process, responding to the challenges of inequalities between territories and strengthening regulatory and strategic frameworks and multilevel governance. In the case of Romania, the Romanian Territorial Development Strategy 2035 has been designed based on the principles of the Territorial Agenda 2020 and has been recently upgraded, continuing Romania’s spatial planning reform.

**Ms. Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations Office and specialized institutions in Geneva,** noted the need to “future-proof” cities in view of growing urbanization in the region and the SDGs. An outstanding example in this context in ECE is the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme, working on sustainable urban transport. Austria will host in October 2019 the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, with the theme “Making Mobility Green and Healthy: Paving the pan-European way towards prosperity and happy citizens.” Another important issue in the region is population ageing. Austria welcomes the transformation of the ECE Working Group on Ageing into a Standing Working Group on Ageing.

**Mr. Didier Chambovey, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the World Trade Organization and European Free Trade Association in Geneva,** highlighted the need for concerted action from numerous stakeholders at national and international levels to achieve the SDGs. Automatization and data processing will lead to smart cities defined not only by technological solutions, but also by rational use of resources and special attention paid to quality of life. Switzerland supports smart sustainable cities in its international cooperation. International Geneva represents a laboratory of innovative solutions to urban challenges. Swiss authorities are currently considering further promotion of dialogue and exchange of experience between cities, city networks and International Geneva. Switzerland appreciates the numerous norms and standards produced by ECE which improve daily life.

**Mr. Milorad Šćepanović, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva,** referred to the National Strategy for Sustainable Development of Montenegro as the country’s response to the 2030 Agenda. It covers the economy, the environment, and human and social capital and also includes activities at the local level. Numerous ECE outputs are relevant to Montenegro, including on environment, transport and urban planning. ECE has carried out an Environmental Performance Review (EPR) of Montenegro and the development of a

national action plan to implement the EPR recommendations related to the SDGs is envisaged. ECE provides successful policy solutions and supports governments in implementing the SDGs.

**Mr. Hans-Peter Jugel, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva**, stressed the critical role of subnational and local actors in driving ambitious climate action alongside national governments. Germany supports local governments worldwide to build social, inclusive, well-governed, low-carbon, resilient and productive cities. Germany will organize the International Conference on Climate Action in Heidelberg in May 2019, which will contribute to the United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit. ECE is a prominent standard-setting body and a platform for enhancing regional harmonization and economic cooperation. It should build on this role in the context of the reform of the United Nations Development System. Germany appreciates the recent Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and supports ECE as a platform for sharing best practices between national SDG actors.

**Mr. Howard Solomon, Acting Deputy Chief of Mission, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva**, welcomed the session's focus on fostering technology and innovation and improving governmental transparency in the development of smarter infrastructure. The United States is committed to country-led, market-driven economic development that unlocks citizens' potential. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development encourages innovation through an annual competition aimed at redesigning public housing to enhance liveability and sustainability. Tax incentives revitalize economically distressed communities, thus driving smart city development. Removing unnecessary barriers and issuing voluntary guidance are key to achieving safety improvements in automated transport, as regulations can stifle innovation. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has released the document "Automated Vehicle 3.0" which provides new multi-modal safety guidance. DOT has also created a new body for handling non-traditional and emerging innovations in transportation.

**Ms. Eriselda Cobo, Coordinator of the Directorate of Policies and Priorities for Development, Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania**, noted that the new planning reform of Albania was paving the ground for more integrated planning instruments. With support from the government, all 61 municipalities in Albania already have or will draft a general local plan, available online for citizens' information and participation in decision-making. Under the Urban Renaissance Programme, the government has financed more than 700 projects to revitalize urban and regional economies. The number of municipal e-services offered to citizens has risen from 8 in 2013 to 450 in 2018. The Urban Renaissance Programme will be extended to 100 villages, with investments in infrastructure development and support to farming and non-farming economic activities. Albania will create a national monitoring platform with a set of SDG-related indicators.

**Ms. Inguna Berke, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva**, emphasized that the Government of Latvia has set an innovative and eco-efficient economy, the reduction of income discrepancy and growth opportunities as the primary development goals. The 2030 Agenda serves as a key reference point. Latvia has learned much from its Voluntary National Review presented at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2018. The exchange of best practices and policy initiatives are at the core of global as well as regional partnerships. Critical areas to advance sustainable development from the point of view of Latvia are to foster innovation, new transport solutions and implementation of the *Rail Baltica* project, road safety and population ageing.

**Mr. Robert Cook, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva**, noted that ECE is a well-tested and reliable platform for technical experts to cooperate and develop innovative approaches to economic challenges. The convening power and standing of ECE as a generator and custodian of regional and global standards and norms should be given due regard in ongoing discussions on reforming the United Nations Development System. The delegation also supported the forward-looking approach of ECE to focus its work on four nexus areas. The theme of smart sustainable cities is very timely, as currently 83 per cent of the population in UK live in diverse urban areas. The UK Government prioritizes a locally focused approach to urban policy, which empowers local authorities.

**Mr. Amedeo Trambajolo, Head of EU External Relations Division, General Directorate for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy**, noted that Italy pursued a coordinated approach between several levels of government: the EU, national, regional and local. Italian municipalities have agreed on an urban agenda for sustainable development consistent with the EU Urban Agenda. Its integrated strategy is under consideration by the government. Civil society, non-governmental organizations, academia and citizens should be involved in all sustainable development efforts. Smaller cities are relatively disadvantaged in the transition to becoming smart and sustainable and must not be left behind in this process.

**Mr. Xavier Cadoret, President, Chamber of Local Authorities, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe**, pointed out that the rapid pace of urbanization is the source of several challenges. At the same time, cities are major drivers of innovation and development that support SDG implementation, in particular SDG 11. The Congress of Local and Regional Authorities contributes to engaging municipalities in smart modernization. As early as 2013, the Chamber of Local Authorities discussed the use of smart technologies for urbanization projects, participatory budgeting via the internet, and smart transport infrastructure. Moreover, the Congress promotes e-governance and e-democracy and has adopted several recommendations on the influence of new technologies on social and democratic processes. It is crucial to exchange good practices and make them more equitable, sustainable and inclusive.

**Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, ECE**, noted that the session's theme of smart sustainable cities makes a strong case for a holistic approach to the 2030 Agenda. "Smart sustainable cities" is one of four cross-sectoral themes where ECE develops integrated solutions by pooling multi-sectoral knowledge on several SDGs. The so-called nexus work on cities can be thought of as the version of ECE of a "whole-of-government" approach. ECE work makes a real difference in a range of areas, including innovation and the transition to a circular economy; harnessing new technologies; affordable and decent housing and energy efficient buildings; sustainable transport and improved road safety; increased urban resilience to hazards and climate action; reducing the environmental footprint of cities; new approaches to innovative financing and people first PPPs; and accountability, inclusiveness and responsiveness of urban decision-making.

**Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN HABITAT**, highlighted in a video message the potential of urbanization as an engine of sustainable development and pointed to some risks that have to be mitigated. Technology and innovation hold great promise to improve overall quality of life in cities. Good practices from the ECE region include the regulation of the data industry, smart logistics and transport, and the use and uptake of smart energy grids.

**Mr. Stefano Marta, Coordinator, Territorial Approach to SDGs, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development**, stressed the need to look beyond national averages, which can hide important

territorial disparities, when working towards SDGs. A multi-level governance approach is necessary, with cities, regions and national governments all taking responsibility. SDGs are a tool for strategic visioning, planning and budgeting in cities and a framework to manage trade-offs across sectoral policies. SDGs need to engage the private sector and civil society. There is also a need for a comparable, harmonized and localised SDG indicator framework.

**Mr. Wolfgang Teubner, Regional Director Europe, ICLEI - Local governments for sustainability**, underscored the global and regional trend towards further urbanization. This is intensified by digitalization, new economy and the concentration of services, know-how, creativity and capital. Cities are therefore key partners for implementing SDGs. Cities are hubs of technological and social innovation and test beds for new approaches such as shared mobility, new vehicles and more decentralized energy production and consumption. Meanwhile, new technologies and the mobility of people pose considerable challenges. An increasing number of cities are successfully tackling these challenges and providing examples of balancing climate change ambition, resource efficiency, quality of life and economic development. ICLEI works with cities based on an integrated approach of five pathways towards low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.

**Ms. Elena Szolgayova, rapporteur of the first roundtable of the Day of Cities on “Improving the Quality of Life of People”**, recalled that the Day of Cities on 8 April 2019 gathered around 50 mayors from 33 ECE member States. Mayors in the roundtable agreed on the importance of engaging local authorities for achieving SDGs. Tools for better cooperation between residents, the government, private sector, academia and media are needed, including through a better use of digital technologies. The international community should do more to facilitate the exchange of experiences and discussion of solutions to address the main challenges to SDGs in urban areas. The Day of Cities or other ECE meetings can provide such platforms. Mayors have a central role in preparing cities to reduce emissions, make urban environments carbon neutral, implement climate solutions and increase resiliency to disasters. It is imperative to reduce the number of cars, increase green spaces and green infrastructure, add more pedestrian areas, promote public transport and shared mobility, and enhance urban forestry. Safe and inclusive solutions for food security, reducing food waste, and increasing the share of organic food are needed. Waste management, use of sustainable local materials including wood for construction and banning plastics are priorities. New housing management solutions are necessary, such as locally-based housing associations, a more accessible housing market, the use of incentives for affordable housing, increasing the amount of rental properties and lowering taxes for low-income residents. The United Nations Geneva Charter for Sustainable Housing and the related Charter Centres can make a difference in the region.

**Ms. Ingvild Gundersen Little, rapporteur of the second roundtable of the Day of Cities**, on “Improving efficiency of Urban Operations, Services and Competitiveness”, noted that mayors highlighted many smart transport solutions for facilitating electro mobility, including through car sharing initiatives, stimulating public transport and encouraging active mobility through cycling and walking. Increasing safety and managing vehicle movements are central to minimizing car use. To be effective, decisions on infrastructure and services need to be subject to meaningful consultation, have a passenger-centric focus and adopt an integrated approach to policy development at local, regional and national levels. Tools developed at ECE through the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme can help cities address transport challenges. The second session of the roundtable, on planning sustainable infrastructure and cities, raised issues related to overcrowding and traffic congestion in historic city centers. Initiatives to improve sustainable transportation and connectivity, including through the upgrading and expansion of pedestrian and cycling routes, the establishment of priority bus lanes and investments in public transport and smart technologies, aimed at reducing traffic, pollution and carbon emissions in the cities, were highlighted. To make these investments viable, there is a need to limit urban sprawl. Citizens

also need to be engaged in the planning process and dialogue between stakeholders. The third session of the roundtable focused on policy instruments to improve the efficiency of urban services. Including all layers of society is essential. Innovation has an important role, for instance in sustainable mobility and industry-driven solutions for sustainable growth, as well as the engagement of citizens in urban planning. Digitalization is a means to enhance public participation but requires wide internet coverage. Master plans can also be a means of framing policies at city level.





## Annex II

### **Item 3: Roundtable: Regional and national solutions towards smart sustainable cities and the impact of the instruments of the Economic Commission for Europe**

#### **Chair's summary of the discussions**

The roundtable comprised four thematic segments, which were each followed by interactive dialogue.

#### **Segment 1: Measuring Performance in the Transition to Becoming a Smart Sustainable City**

The session was moderated by **Ms. Kari Aina Eik, Secretary General, Organization for International Economic Relations; Co-ordinator of the United Smart Cities Programme and Head of the ECE Centre of Excellence on Smart Sustainable Cities in Vienna**. In her opening remarks, Ms. Eik recalled that ECE and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) developed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for smart sustainable cities to support evidence-based city policies and promote more effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local level. These KPIs helped cities evaluate their performance towards achieving the SDG targets.

**Mr. Robert Dijksterhuis, Head of Division, Spatial Policy Division, Ministry of Interior and Kingdoms Relations, Netherlands**, highlighted that the KPIs will be used to evaluate 40 cities in the Netherlands, as a collaborative effort between local and national authorities, private sector, civil society and other stakeholders. There is need for a uniform standard to benchmark policy, which covers all municipalities. Inter-city cooperation is necessary, as is cooperation between national and local authorities.

**Mr. Bilel Jamoussi, Chief of the Study Groups Department, ITU**, presented the activities of ITU on smart sustainable cities. Consulting all stakeholders is vital for developing inclusive solutions. Technologies such as Internet of Things enhance decision-making. The KPIs are used in 50 cities to develop master plans.

**Mr. Dag Olav Tennfjord, Mayor of Skodje, Norway**, highlighted that Skodje will use the KPIs to develop a joint framework for planning and monitoring with five other municipalities. The KPIs promote cross-sectoral cooperation and partnership between different city actors. They have yielded positive results in Skodje, making planning accessible to various stakeholders for consultation.

The moderator summarized the key take-aways from the roundtable. The KPIs promote an integrated and coordinated approach to fostering smart sustainable cities, in alignment with the SDGs. They facilitate consultation of all stakeholders, promote standardized reporting, and support inter-municipal cooperation. The capacity of National Statistical Agencies to produce data for reporting on the SDGs should be strengthened, as should cooperation between statistical offices and the agencies in charge of policy development and implementation. Governments and cities in the region should evaluate cities using the KPIs and support the participation of cities in the United for Smart Sustainable Cities Initiative and its Solutions Platform.

In the ensuing discussion, **Mr. François Di Salvo, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Inter-Agency Network for SDGs**, expressed concerns regarding the privacy of information and asked whether this was a counter indicator to the KPIs. Ms. Eik said that the ongoing update of the KPIs will take these concerns into account.

## **Segment 2: Towards the Circular Economy - Innovation Policies for Smart Cities**

The session was moderated by **Mr. Roland Hunziker, Director, World Business Council for Sustainable Development**. In his opening remarks, Mr. Hunziker noted that transitioning to a circular economy requires a systemic transformation along all value chains. It can dramatically reduce material flows, greenhouse gas emissions and raw material consumption. The shift can be achieved in a cost-effective way by linking material flows to business performance. Governments can support the transition by providing long-term vision, a stable regulatory environment, and a level playing field.

**Mr. Ciprian Lucian-Rosca, Secretary of State, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania**, noted that buildings consume significant amounts of energy and are a main source of greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, in line with the SDGs, Romania is working to ensure that all new buildings will meet nearly zero-energy standards from 2021 onwards, using a co-financing scheme for renovating multi-family buildings, grants to individuals and local authorities for energy-efficient construction and renovations, and a green mortgage programme for financing homes certified as energy-efficient. The certification process has benefitted from the ECE Framework Guidelines on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings.

**Mr. Marco Grossmann, Member of the Board, Ecos Consultants**, presented the Circular Cities Switzerland project, under which the five largest cities of Switzerland are identifying the most promising avenues for the transition to a circular economy. A multi-stakeholder process will be initiated to develop strategies and pilot projects. The design, construction, operation and de-commissioning of buildings is a major source of city-level waste, food waste and plastic packaging – accounting for a significant amount of greenhouse gas emissions. Switzerland needs to pay more attention to eliminating as much waste from the system as possible. This transition will require political will at all government levels, capacity building for public procurement officials and businesses, and changes in consumption patterns and business models, including the transition from owning to renting property.

**Ms. Marie Yeroyanni, Senior Expert, Innovating Cities, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission**, described the holistic approach of EU to innovation for smart sustainable cities. Under the Horizon 2020 program, large-scale, multi-stakeholder projects are promoting social, financial, technological and cultural innovations to address challenges related to water, resilience, circularity, and industrial renewal. Cities will also be central to the new Horizon Europe research and innovation funding cycle from 2021 to 2027. That cycle will endeavour to find innovative solutions for urban mobility, clean energy, and climate resiliency.

In the ensuing discussion, participants highlighted the potential of using public procurement to find innovative circular solutions. Businesses need to acquire the ability to respond to tenders with circularity requirements. The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business noted its work in supporting the circular economy and innovation for smart cities via policies and standards on advanced technologies. A new Advisory Board will develop collaborative solutions to foster efficient, democratic, inclusive and environmentally-friendly trade and business transactions.

The moderator summarized some takeaways from the discussion, including that cities will be key drivers of innovative solutions for the circular economy, that this will require a genuine multi-stakeholder approach, new business models as well as new and improved circular economy metrics. Public procurement can play a key role in creating demand and rewarding innovation. Capacity building is needed in the public and private sectors to improve awareness of these opportunities.

### **Segment 3: Increased Road Safety and Sustainable Transport in Cities**

The session was moderated by **Mr. Kristof Schockaert, Chair, ECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC)**. In his opening remarks, Mr. Schockaert noted that the ITC was the only intergovernmental forum specialized in all modes of inland transport and the custodian to 59 inland transport conventions. He referred to the recently adopted ITC strategy until 2030, where road safety and the achievement of the SDGs are an important cornerstone, with relevance also in an urban context.

**Ms. Hornung-Soukup, Chair of the Board of Transports Publics Genevois**, provided an overview of the innovative mobility solutions being developed in Genevan public transport, such as flash charging electric buses to reduce air and noise pollution, digital training tools for tram drivers, and prepaid transport payment cards for people having difficulty using smartphones, underlined their importance for facilitating the modal shift to public transport in cities. There is also a renewed push towards promoting combined and multimodal urban transport services. Access to open transport data is fundamental for private companies developing transport services.

**Mr. Robert Thaler, Chair of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)**, presented THE PEP as a unique platform bringing together ministries and other stakeholders from the three sectors. A number of projects are currently underway, such as the Masterplan on Cycling Promotion, guidelines on ecodriving, and a manual on integration of transport and land use policies, directly targeting quality of life. The Fifth Ministerial High-Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, entitled “Clean, safe and healthy mobility and transport: for prosperity and happiness of our citizens” will take place in Vienna in October 2019.

**Mr. Ignacio Lafuente, Institute for Applied Automotive Research (IDIADA)**, highlighted some practical challenges faced by the ECE Working Party 29 on vehicle regulations and Working Party 1 on road safety. For instance, intelligent cars require a new approach to vehicle homologation due to numerous and varied driving scenarios and frequent updates of onboard software. One of the main challenges is for national and international regulatory frameworks to keep pace with speedy technological innovations in an integrated and coordinated manner. Another is the increasing number of automated vehicles, which will have to share the roads with the current car fleet for many years.

In the ensuing discussion, a clear correlation between urban transport infrastructure and road safety in Geneva was highlighted. Cities face the challenge of creating an urban multimodal transport infrastructure that meets the needs of all users, including for cars, public transport, pedestrians and bicycles.

In his conclusions, the moderator emphasized the need for increased cross-sectoral, and cross-border cooperation. At the level of industry, he noted the need for increased harmonization of standards, both with regard to automated and semi-automated urban mobility solutions.

## Segment 4: Reducing the Environmental Footprint of Cities

The roundtable was moderated by **Ms. Maia Bitadze, Deputy Mayor of Tbilisi and Chair of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)**. In her opening remarks, she highlighted that contemporary urban planning needed to prioritize the reduction of a city's environmental footprint. Information on urban planning projects also needs to be shared with the public early to ensure broad participation and support.

**Ms. Marie-Pierre Meganck, Adviser Environment - Transport, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in Geneva**, highlighted the need for an integrated approach to land-use planning for sustainable and safe cities. This approach should consider industrial risks, population density, water protection, food supply, energy, waste management, climate change, and the interdependencies between these and other urban issues. ECE instruments, in particular the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention), the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, and the Aarhus Convention, can contribute in this context. All actors, local, national and international, need to be involved in collectively managing risk and devising appropriate solutions.

**Mr. Andrei Isac, NGO Eco-Contact**, highlighted that strategic environmental assessment (SEA) allows for early consideration of environmental issues at the planning, policy and legislative levels. An SEA pilot project in infrastructure planning in a city of 33,000 inhabitants in the Republic of Moldova had successful and transformative outcomes. It identified alternative development options, including a change in the location of the city's landfill facility and its wastewater treatment plant, and the formal recognition of protected areas of environment. Actively engaging civil society led to improved outcomes and public acceptance of the decisions made.

**Mr. Jan Zeitler, Mayor of Überlingen**, presented the masterplan for the 2020 Regional Garden Show as an innovative approach to sustainable and green urban planning. The new greenbelt through the city will create green spaces along the lakefront that will be protected from development. Innovative traffic strategies such as decentralized parking and shuttle services have been devised to accommodate the one million visitors expected, including those from neighboring countries. He noted that this experience could provide best practice for enhancing sustainable urban planning, also in a transboundary context.

In the ensuing discussion, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) expressed interest to continue cooperation with ECE on smart sustainable cities and noted the importance of ECE instruments for integrated policy-making. The Council of Europe highlighted the need for good governance, public participation, active engagement with civil society and the private sector, and inter-municipal and transboundary cooperation.

In their concluding remarks, the moderator and speakers reiterated the importance of implementing the legal instruments of ECE, such as the Industrial Accidents Convention, Espoo Convention, Protocol on SEA and Aarhus Convention, to bring about integrated land-use planning approaches and inclusive decision-making. Adopting such approaches, together with the development of strong institutions and policies, will support the achievement of the SDGs, especially SDGs 11 and 16.

Offering a municipal perspective on some key take-aways from the roundtable, Mr. Teubner highlighted the need for an integrated approach to sustainable development which breaks silos and leaves no one behind, including those living in smaller cities. Governments should

aim to support the transition to smart sustainable cities with appropriate resources. The Day of Cities and the sixty-eighth Commission session demonstrated the usefulness of the conventions and standards of ECE at the local level.

Offering a secretariat perspective, the Executive Secretary reiterated the need to engage all stakeholders. She noted the KPIs are a critical tool for monitoring progress towards the SDGs and that mayors had urged governments to support their use and that of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities implementation platform. New business models are needed, combined with political will, capacity building and digitalization. She noted that many innovative ideas, concrete proposals and good practices had been shared that would be considered further under the umbrella of ECE.

The Chair remarked that cities have to become smart to achieve the SDGs, all the more so given dwindling public funds.



## Annex III

[English only]

## List of meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and conventions administered by the ECE secretariat between 28 April 2017 and 10 April 2019

<i>Body and officers</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Symbol of report</i>
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### A. The Commission

Economic Commission for Europe

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. J. Karklins (Latvia)	68th session	E/2019/37
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. J. Ambrazevich (Belarus)	9–10 April 2019	E/ECE/1488
	Mr. E. Jay (Switzerland)		

Executive Committee

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. J. Karklins (Latvia)	92nd meeting	
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. Y. Ambrazevich (Belarus)	23 June 2017	
	Mr. D. Chambovey (Switzerland)		
		93rd meeting	
		26 September 2017	
		94th meeting	
		6 November 2017	
		95th meeting	
		11 December 2017	
		96th meeting	
		30 January 2018	
		97th meeting	
		19 March 2018	
		98th meeting	
		18 May 2018	
		99th meeting	
		4 July 2018	
		100th meeting	
		21 September 2018	
		101st meeting	
		31 October 2018	
		102nd meeting	
		14 December 2018	

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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Karklins (Latvia)	103rd meeting	
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. Y. Ambrazevich (Belarus)	1 February 2019	
	104th meeting	
	11 March 2019	
Working Group on Ageing		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. E. Martinho (Portugal)	10th meeting	ECE/WG.1/2017/3
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. A. Strand (Norway)	23–24 November 2017	
	11th meeting	ECE/WG.1/2018/2
	19–20 November 2018	
International Conference on Population and Development		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. D. Kostadinova (Bulgaria)	1–2 October 2018	ECE/AC.32/2018

## B. Meetings held under the auspices of the Commission

Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment  
Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

<b>Chair:</b> Mr. V. Donchenko (Russian Federation)	15th session	ECE/AC.21/SC/2017/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. R. Thaler (Austria)	6–8 November 2017	EUPCR1612201/4.1/SC15/2
	Mr. I. Salaru (Republic of Moldova)	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. R. Thaler (Austria)	16th session	ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. V. Ronning (Norway)	12–14 December 2018	EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/2
	Mr. V. Donchenko (Russian Federation)	

Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE  
Region

<b>Chair:</b> Mr. M. Gerber (Switzerland)	1–2 March 2018	ECE/RFSD/2018/2
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. O. Manastirliu (Albania)	21–22 March 2019	ECE/RFSD/2019/2

## C. Meetings of the sectoral committees and other meetings held under their auspices

### Committee on Environmental Policy

<b>Chair:</b> Ms. E. Quintas da Silva (Portugal)	23rd session	ECE/CEP/ /2017/5
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. M. Philipuyuk (Belarus)	14–17 November 2017	
	Ms. M.-C. Delvaux (Belgium)	
	Mr. L. Pokorný (Czechia)	
	Mr. N. Fairise (France)	
	Ms. N. Tkhilava (Georgia)	



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Ms. A. L. Shalabekova (Kazakhstan) Ms. M. Nagornii (Republic of Moldova) Mr. V. Ivlev (Russian Federation) Ms. G. Petkovic (Serbia) Ms. M. Rohn-Brossard (Switzerland) Mr. A. Mayer (United States)	24th session 29–31 January 2019	ECE/CEP/S/2019/2
Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators (organized jointly with the Conference of European Statisticians)		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. A. Yepbayeva (Kazakhstan)	13th session	ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2017/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. N. Shashlova (Russian Federation)	29–30 June 2017	
	14th session 2–3 October 2017	ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2017/6
	15th session 25–26 October 2018	ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2018/2
Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. K. Nikolovska (North Macedonia)	19th session	ECE/CEP/AC.10/2017/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. M. Javakishvili (Georgia) Mr. Y. Tsaturov (Russian Federation)	27–28 June 2017	
	20th session 3–4 September 2018	ECE/CEP/AC.10/2018/2
Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. A. Zachariou (Cyprus)	13th session	ECE/CEP/AC.13/2018/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. J. Duishenova (Kyrgyzstan)	3–4 May 2018	
<b>Inland Transport Committee</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Kleniewski (Poland)	80th session	ECE/TRANS/274, Add.1
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. I. Paillet (France) Mr. S. Andreev (Russian Federation)	20–23 February 2018	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. K. Schockaert (Belgium)	81st session	ECE/TRANS/288, Adds 1 to 2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. M.-P. Meganck (France) Mr. J. Kleniewski (Poland) Ms. M. M. Grigore (Romania) Mr. S. Andreev (Russian Federation)	19–22 February 2019	
Working Party on Road Traffic Safety		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. L. Iorio (Italy)	75th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/159

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<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. J. Valmain (France) Mr. D. Mitroshin (Russian Federation)	19–22 September 2017	
Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. L. Iorio (Italy)	Special session	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/S/161
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. J. Valmain (France) Mr. D. Mitroshin (Russian Federation)	6–7 December 2017	
	76th session 19–23 March 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/163
	Special session 3–4 May 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/S/165
	77th session 18–21 September 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/165
	78th session 25–29 March 2019	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/167
Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. K. Hofman (Belgium)	11th session 29–30 May 2017	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/22
	12th session 30–31 August 2017	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/24
	13th session 21–22 November 2017	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/26
	14th session 15–16 February 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/28
	15th session 31 May–1 June 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/30
	16th session 4–5 September 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/32
	17th session 22–23 November 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/35
	18th session 7–8 February 2019	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/36
Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. I. Dettbarn (Germany)	30th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/62
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. A. Kirillova (Russian Federation)	4–6 September 2017	

<i>Body and officers</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Symbol of report</i>
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. I. Dettbarn (Germany)	31st session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/64
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. S. Andreev (Russian Federation)	3–5 September 2018	
Group of Experts on Euro-Asian Transport Links		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. A. Kirillova (Russian Federation)	16th session 16–17 May 2017	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.2/32
Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation For Transport Networks and Nodes		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Kleniewski (Poland)	13th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/26
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. A. Leuxe (France)	22–23 June 2017	
	14th session 7–8 June 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/28
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<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. P. De Wildt (Netherlands)	29–30 January 2019	
Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Maciejewski (Poland)	3rd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.4/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. L. Ünal (Turkey)	10–11 July 2017	
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Working Party on Transport Statistics		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. O. Kastlova (Czechia)	67th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.6/173
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. P. Smeets (Netherlands)	7–9 June 2017	
	68th session 12–14 June 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.6/175

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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. T. Nobre (Portugal)	73rd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.11/237
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. E. Devin (France) Mr. K. de Putter (Netherlands)	10–13 October 2017	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. T. Nobre (Portugal)	74th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.11/239
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. K. de Putter (Netherlands)	8–12 October 2018	
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. A. Franco (Portugal)	102nd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/237
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. A. Roumier (France)	8–12 May 2017	
	103rd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/239
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	104th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/242
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	105th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/244
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Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France)	19–29 September 2017	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/148
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. H. Rein (Germany)	12–16 March 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/150
	17–21 September 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/152
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France)	18–22 March 2019	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/154
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. S. Garcia Wolfrum (Spain)		
Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (and Safety Committee)		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. H. Rein (Germany)	31st session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/64
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria)	28–31 August 2017	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. H. Rein (Germany)	32nd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/66
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria) Mr. H. Langenberg (Netherlands)	22–26 January 2018	
	33rd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. H. Langenberg (Netherlands)	34th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/70
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria)	21–25 January 2019	

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<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria)	31 August 2017	
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	21st session	ECE/ADN/46
	31 August 2018	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. H. Langenberg (Netherlands)	22nd session	ECE/ADN/49
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria)	25 January 2019	
Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. I. Isik (Turkey)	60th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.24/141
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. M. Costa (Italy)	23–24 November 2017	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. M. Costa (Italy)	61st session	ECE/TRANS/WP.24/143
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World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Erario (Italy)	172nd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1131
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Kisulenko (Russian Federation)	20–23 June 2017	
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	175th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1139
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	176th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1142
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<b>Chairs:</b> Mr. B. Kisulenko (Russian Federation)	177th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1145
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. A. Erario (Italy)	12–15 March 2019	
Working Party on Noise (GRB)		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. S. Ficheux (France)	66th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/64
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. A. Bocharov (Russian Federation)	4–6 September 2017	
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Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling (GRE)		
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. M. Loccufier (Belgium)	78th session
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. D. Rovers (Netherlands)	24–27 October 2017
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Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)		
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. A. Rijnders (Netherlands)	75th session
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Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)		
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Frost (United Kingdom)	84th session
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. H. Morimoto (Japan)	19–22 September 2017
	85th session 11 December 2017	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/85
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Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (GRVA)		
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Frost (United Kingdom)	1st session
	25–28 September 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/1
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Erario (Italy)	113th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/92
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. K. Hendershot (Canada)	10–13 October 2017	
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Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)		
<b>Chairs:</b> Mr. N. Nguyen (United States) Mr. J.W. Lee (Republic of Korea)	61st session 8–12 May 2017	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/61
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Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport		
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<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. O. Fedorov (Ukraine)	16–19 October 2018	
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. H. Mayer (Austria)	66th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/135
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. F. Valiyev (Azerbaijan)	12 October 2017	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. F. Valiyev (Azerbaijan)	67th session 8 February 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/137
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<b>Chair:</b> Ms. V. Raun Bøg (Denmark)	68th session 7 February 2019	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/141
Group of Experts on Legal Aspects of the Computerization of the TIR Procedure		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Marco Ciampi (Italy)	4th session 16–17 May 2017	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/GE.2/8
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Informal Ad Hoc Expert Group on the Conceptual and Technical Aspects of Computerization of the TIR Procedure		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. K. Markó (Hungary)	26th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2017 /22
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. H. Greven (Netherlands)	18–19 May 2017	
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. H. Greven (Netherlands)	28th session 28–29 June 2018	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/2018 /22
Working Party on Road Transport		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)	112th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/408
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. K. Lewczak (Poland)	17–18 October 2017	
	Special session 4–6 April 2018	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/398
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)	113th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/S/410
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. K. Lewczak (Poland)	16–18 October 2018	
Group of Experts on European Agreement concerning Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)		
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)	19th session 15 October 2018	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/45
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. K. Kulesza (Poland)	71st session	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/228
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. A. Rom (Israel) Mr. H. Groot (Netherlands)	27–29 November 2017	
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Group of Experts towards Unified Railway Law		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Druzhinin (Russian Federation)	15th session 22–24 May 2017	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2017/2
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. K. Kulesza (Poland)	16th session 1–3 November 2017	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2017/4
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Druzhinin (Russian Federation)	17th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2018/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. M. Urbańska (Poland)	9–11 July 2018	
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Druzhinin (Russian Federation)	19th session 2–4 April 2019	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/GEURL/2019/2
Working Party on Inland Water Transport		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. B. Van Acker (Belgium)	61st session 4–6 October 2017	ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205
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<b>Chair:</b> Ms. M. Bruun (Finland)	65th plenary session	ECE/CES/93
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Mr. K. Pesendorfer (Austria)		
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Mr. M. Kristof (Croatia)		
Mr. J. Santaella (Mexico)		
Ms. L. MacPherson (New Zealand)		
Mr. J. Pullinger (United Kingdom)		
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	14th session 2–3 October 2017	ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2017/6
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Group of Experts on Business Registers		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. L. Ryan (Australia)	15th session 27–29 September 2017	ECE/CES/GE.42/2017/2
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. M. Hamel (Canada)	4–6 October 2017	ECE/CES/GE.41/2017/2
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Group of Experts on Consumer Price Indices		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Tucker (United Kingdom)	14th session	ECE/CES/GE.22/2018/2
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<b>Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. O. Calmac, (Republic of Moldova)	4th session	ECE/CTCS/2018/2
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	Mr. D. Mukashev (Kyrgyzstan)	
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<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. I. Watt (Australia)	30 April-1 May 2018	
	Mr. T. Khan (India)	
	Mr. R. Fantetti (Italy)	
	Mr. H. Jan van Burg (Netherlands)	
	Ms. E. Igwe (Nigeria)	
	Mr. A. Grangård (Sweden)	
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Team of Specialists on Sustainable Fisheries		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. F. van Diepen (Netherlands)	1st session	ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2018/21
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Advisory Group on the United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (UN/LOCODE)		
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<b>Chair:</b> Ms. A. Sudol (Poland)	73rd session	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/2017/2
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<b>Chair:</b> Ms. U. Bickelmann (Germany)	65th session	ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2017/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. K. Mattsson (Sweden)	2–5 May 2017	
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. U. Bickelmann (Germany)	66th session	ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.1/2018/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. C. Julius (South Africa)	30 April–2 May 2018	
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. D. LaFond (United States)	64th session	ECE/TRADE/C/WP.7/GE.2/2017/2
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. D. LaFond (United States)	65th session	ECE/CTCS/WP.7/GE.2/2018/2
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<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Gwartney (United States)	6 November 2017	
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Mr. B. Worthington (GECEP)		
Mr. R. Pilcher (GECMM)		
Mr. A. Dukovski (GEEE)		
Mr. F. de la Flor Garcia (GEG)		
Mr. R. Adam (Israel)		
Mr. S. Garribba (Italy)		
Mr. R. Zhampiissov (Kazakhstan)		
Mr. H. Schwarz (Poland)		
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<b>Chairs:</b> Mr. D. MacDonald (United States)	8th session	ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2017/2
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12th session

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**Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry**

**Chair:** Ms. M. Gaworska (Poland) 75th session ECE/TIM/2017/2  
**Vice-Chairs:** Ms. M. Sokolenko (Russian Federation) 9–12 October 2017  
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Mr. G. Robertson (United States)

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5–8 November 2018

Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management

**Chair:** Mr. J. Prestemon (United States) 40th session ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2018/2  
**Vice-Chairs:** Mr. J. Hangler (Austria) 22 March 2018  
Mr. M. Dieter (Germany)

**Chair:** Mr. M. Dieter (Germany) 41st session ECE/TIM/EFC/WP.2/2019/2  
**Vice-Chairs:** Ms. M. Wolicka (Poland) 27–29 March 2019  
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**Committee on Housing and Land Management**

**Chair:** Ms. E. Szolgayová (Slovakia) 78th session ECE/HBP/190  
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Working Party on Land Administration

**Chair:** Mr. F. Zetterquist (Sweden) 11th session ECE/HBP/WP.7/2019/2  
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<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. S. Yavuz Noyan (Turkey)	13th session
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<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. A. Smith (United States)	9th session
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<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	Mr. S. Tabuchi (Japan) Mr. A. Smith (United States)	10th session
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<b>Chair:</b>	Mr I. Bortnik (Russian Federation)	10th session
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. H. Leo (Austria) Mr. S. Shuba (Belarus) Ms. S. Ivic-Pavlovski (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	19–20 October 2017

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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. S. Zecchini (Italy)	11th session	ECE/CECI/ICP/2018/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr S. Shuba (Belarus)	1–2 November 2018	
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## D. Conventions administered by the ECE secretariat

### Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range  
Transboundary Air Pollution

<b>Chair:</b> Ms. A. Engleryd (Sweden)	37th session	ECE/EB.AIR/140
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. S. Vasiliev (Russian Federation)	11–14 December 2017	
Mr. R. Ballaman (Switzerland)		
Ms. K. Weber (United States)		

38th session  
10–14 December 2018

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Joint Session of the Steering Body to the EMEP and the Working  
Group on Effects

<b>Chairs:</b> Ms. L. Rouil (France)	3rd session	ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2017/2-
Ms. I. Rabago (Spain)	11–15 September 2017	ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2017/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. T. Dirnbock (Austria)		
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Mr. J. Bak (Denmark)		
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Ms. A. De Marco (Italy)		
Mr. X. Querol (Spain)		
Ms. S. Augustin (Switzerland)		
Mr. R. Weber (Switzerland)		

4th session  
10–14 September 2018

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Working Group on Strategies and Review

<b>Chair:</b> Ms. J. Kerr (Canada)	55th session	ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/118
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. I. Angelov (Bulgaria)	31 May-2 June 2017	
Ms. D. Pritula (Canada)		
Mr. T. Spranger (Germany)		

56th session  
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## **Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes**

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. P. Kovacs (Hungary)	8th session	ECE/MP.WAT/54. Add. 1 and 2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. H. Liiv (Estonia)	10–12 October 2018	
	Mr. A. Zebeshev (Kazakhstan)		

Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management

<b>Chairs:</b>	Ms. H. Jekel (Germany)	12th meeting	ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2017/2
	Ms. L. Kauppi (Finland)	5–6 July 2017	
		13th meeting	ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2018/2
		29–30 May 2018	

Implementation Committee of the Water Convention

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. A. Tanzi (Italy)	8th meeting	ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2017/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms. V. Grigorova (Bulgaria)	23–24 May 2017	
		9th meeting	ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2018/2
		7–9 March 2018	

## **Protocol on Water and Health**

Compliance Committee

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. J. E. Viñuales (Switzerland)	15th meeting	ECE/MP.WH/C.1/2017/4
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms. Z. Kocsis-Kupper (Hungary)	13–14 November 2017	EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2017/CC2/06
		16th meeting	ECE/MP.WH/C.1/2018/2
		6–7 March 2018	EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2018/CC/06
		17th meeting	ECE/MP.WH/C.1/2018/4
		5–6 November 2018	EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2018/CC2/06

Working Group on Water and Health

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. K. Tvietan (Norway)	10th session	ECE/MP.WH.WG.1/2017/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. A. Drazdova (Belarus)	15–16 November 2017	EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2017/WGWH/06
	Ms. Ana Albuquerque (Portugal)	11th session	ECE/MP.WH.WG.1/2019/2
		3–4 April 2019	

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<b>Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment</b>		
Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environment and Assessment		
<b>Chairs:</b>	Mr. G. Kremlis (European Commission) Ms. I. Malkina (Belarus) Mr. N. Dimov (Bulgaria)	7th and 3rd sessions 13–16 June 2017 ECE/MP.EIA/23 ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/7
<b>Chairs:</b>	Mr. G. Kremlis (European Commission) Mr. H. Brattskar (Norway)	Intermediary sessions 5–7 February 2019 ECE/MP.EIA/27 ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/11
Working Group on Environment Impact and Strategic Environment Assessment		
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. V. Kolar-Planincič (Slovenia).	7th meeting
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. S. Kazakevich (Belarus) Ms. M. Shymkus (Ukraine)	28–30 May 2018 ECE/MP.EIA/WG.2/2018/2
Implementation Committee		
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Švedas (Lithuania)	39th session
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. M. do Carmo Figueira (Portugal) Mr. V. Buchko (Ukraine)	5–7 September 2017 ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2017/3
		40th session 5–7 December 2017 ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2017/2
		41st session 13–16 March 2018 ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/2
		42nd session 11–14 September 2018 ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/4
		43rd session 4–7 December 2018 ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2018/6
		44th session 12–15 March 2019 ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2019/2
<b>Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents</b>		
<b>Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents</b>		
<b>Chairs:</b>	Ms. T. Tandberg (Norway) Ms. J. Karba (Slovenia)	10th meeting 4–6 December 2018 ECE/CP.TEIA/38 ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. A. Struckl (Austria)	

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<b>Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters</b>		
Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. M. Bitadze (Georgia)	6th session 11–13 September 2017	ECE/MP.PP/2017/2
Working Group of the Parties to the Convention		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. M. Bitadze (Georgia) <b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. N. Bouman (Netherlands) Ms. B. Berglund (Norway)	22nd meeting 19–21 June 2018	ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2018/2
Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Ebbesson (Sweden) <b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. A. Kodjabashev (Bulgaria)	57th meeting 27–30 June 2017	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2017/6
	58th meeting 10–13 September 2017	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2017/10
	59th meeting 11–15 December 2017	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2017/23
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Ebbesson (Sweden) <b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. A. Kodjabashev (Bulgaria) Ms. Á. Ryall (Ireland)	60th meeting 12–16 March 2018	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2018/2
	61st meeting 2–6 July 2018	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2018/4
	62nd meeting 5–9 November 2018	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2018/5
	63rd meeting 11–15 March 2019	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2019/2

**Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers  
to the Aarhus Convention**

Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and  
Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information,  
Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in  
Environment Matters

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<b>Chair:</b> Ms. T. Skårman (Sweden)	3rd session 15 September 2017	ECE/MP.PRTR/2017/6
Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. T. Skårman (Sweden)	6th meeting	ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2018/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. M.-R. van den Hende (Belgium) Ms. U. Schüler (Germany)	9 November 2018	
Compliance Committee under the PRTRs Protocol		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. McGlone (United Kingdom)	5th meeting	ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2017/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. G. Movsisyan (Armenia)	22–23 May 2017	
	6th meeting 14–15 September 2017	ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2017/4
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. L. Martin Ortega (Spain)	7th meeting	ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2019/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. G. Movsisyan (Armenia)	1–2 April 2019	
Joint High-level segment under the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environment Matters		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. P. Radulović (Montenegro)	14 September 2017	ECE/MP.PP/201716- ECE/MP.PRTR/20172

## **E. Meetings of other bodies serviced by the ECE secretariat**

### **ECOSOC Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

<b>Chair:</b> Ms. M. Maureen (United States)	8th session	
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. D. Pfund (United States)	9 December 2017	
	9th session 7 December 2018	



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<b>ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. D. Pfund (United States)	51st session	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/102
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France)	3–7 July 2017	
	52nd session 27 November- 6 December 2017	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/104
	53rd session 25 June-4 July 2018	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/106
	54th session 26 November - 4 December 2018	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/108
<b>ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. M. Ruskin (United States)	33rd session	ST/SC/AC.10/C.4/66
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. R. Foster (United Kingdom)	10–12 July 2017	
	34th session 6–8 December 2017	ST/SC/AC.10/C.4/68
	35th session 4–6 July 2018	ST/SC/AC.10/C.4/70
	36th session 5–7 December 2018	ST/SC/AC.10/C.4/72
<b>ECOSOC Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. M. Ruskin (United States)	9th session	ST/SG/AC.10/46, Adds 1 to 3
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. Robin Foster (United Kingdom)	7 December 2018	
<b>Expert Group on Environmental Performance Review</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. H. Liiv (Estonia)	28th session	
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. X.Tschumi Canosa (Switzerland)	23–27 October 2017	
	29th session 9–11 January 2019	

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