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– Statement by the EU and its Member States –

Agenda Item 12: Implementation of the work programme for 2018–2021, including financial matters

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for providing the Report on the Implementation of the Convention’s work programme for 2018-2021, and the Report on contributions and expenditures in relation to the implementation of the Convention’s work programme for 2018–2021, with an overview of the implementation of the work for the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2021/6 and ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2021/7).

We appreciate the dedicated work of the Secretariat and its efforts to avoid duplication of work and the inefficient use of resources by pursuing synergies with activities under other United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) multilateral environmental agreements, United Nations agencies and other partners, and the adjustment to new methods of work in the light of restrictions associated with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

We believe that the implementation of the different work programme areas will further contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals across the whole 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly SDG 16.