

**Annual Session of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6)
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Decisions submitted to silence procedure following the formal session of WP.6 with remote participation

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1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_2021_01_Rev.1_E.pdf 	The Working Party adopted the revised agenda of its thirty-first session (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/1/Rev.1) without modification. (Decision 1)
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See elections tab: https://unece.org/info/Trade/WP.6-Meetings/events/352542 	The Annual Session, in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedures and established practice, elected Ms. Heidi Lund (Sweden) as Chairperson and Ms. Gabrielle White (Canada) as Vice-Chairperson and Ms. Rosie Seville (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as Vice-Chairperson for the period of 2021–2023. (Decision 2)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE_CTCS_WP6_2020_2EN.pdf 	The Working Party adopted the Chair's Note on the Informal Virtual Consultation of November 2020 (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2020/2) and the 12 conclusions therein, through ECE Silence Procedure. (Decision 3)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://unece.org/DAM/trade/wp6/documents/2020/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_2020_11E.pdf 	The Working Party approved, through an ECE Silence Procedure, the revised Recommendation P on Crisis Management in Regulatory Systems in document ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2020/11 after its Informal Virtual Consultation of November 2020. (Decision 4)
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_03_E.pdf 	The Working Party adopted the report of Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (MARS) (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/3). It mandated the secretariat and the Advisory Group to continue to report on an annual basis on its activities. (Decision 5)
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_04_E.pdf 	The Working Party adopted the report of the Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM) (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/4). It mandated the secretariat and the Group of Experts to continue to report on an annual basis on these activities. (Decision 6)
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_05_E.pdf 	Member States approved the new Recommendation V on Addressing Product Non-Compliance Risks in International Trade (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/5). They mandated the secretariat to report on its implementation. They encouraged the donor community to make resources available for capacity-building projects to assist member States in its implementation. (Decision 7)

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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 280 797 341">• https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_06_E.pdf 	<p data-bbox="1034 225 1995 379">The Working Party adopted the report on the sectorial initiatives (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/6). It requested the secretariat and the Ad Hoc Team of Specialists on Standardization and Regulatory Techniques (START) to continue to report on an annual basis on these activities and encouraged member States to report on interest and feasibility of these sectorial initiatives. (Decision 8)</p>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 443 797 504">• https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_07_E.pdf 	<p data-bbox="1034 406 1973 523">The Working Party took note of the update on activities under the START-Ed initiative (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/7) and thanked participating delegates and experts for their contributions. The Working Party recommended the continuation of this initiative. (Decision 9)</p>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 619 797 679">• https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_08_E.pdf 	<p data-bbox="1034 550 1995 735">The Working Party adopted the report on activities of the Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative 2020–2021 (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/8). It encouraged member States to engage in dialogue with standards bodies in their jurisdiction to become signatories of the ECE Declaration for Gender-Responsive Standards and Standards Development. It further requested the secretariat to continue its awareness-raising efforts and to report on activities at the next session. (Decision 10)</p>
8a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 810 797 871">• https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_09_E.pdf 	<p data-bbox="1034 758 1980 916">The Working Party took note of the progress report on the Standards for Sustainable Development Goals project, phase II (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/9) and thanked the Government of Germany and Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) for their generous contribution. The Working Party requested the secretariat to continue to report on the technical activities of this project. (Decision 11)</p>
8b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 959 797 1019">• https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_10_E_0.pdf 	<p data-bbox="1034 938 1984 1027">The Working Party adopted the programme of work of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies for 2022 (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/10). (Decision 12)</p>
8b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 1102 797 1163">• https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_10_E_0.pdf 	<p data-bbox="1034 1050 1989 1208">The Working Party recommended the extension of the mandates of the MARS Group, of the START Team and of the GRM Group as proposed in the annexes of document ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/10 and requested the secretariat to seek, as appropriate, the approval of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and of the ECE Executive Committee. (Decision 13)</p>
8c		<p data-bbox="1034 1230 1928 1319">The Working Party took note of the information provided by other organizations. It requested the secretariat to continue to explore options for cooperation with other organizations within the remit of the scope of Working Party 6. (Decision 14)</p>
8d		<p data-bbox="1034 1342 1966 1398">The Working Party took note of the ECE evaluation and the proposal to review and update its terms of reference. It asked the Bureau to follow up on the recommendations</p>

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		set out in the evaluation and to present a revised terms of reference to the next annual session, as appropriate. (Decision 15)
9		The Working Party took note of the theme of the ECE sixty-ninth session (circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources) and the links that this theme can have with the core activities of the Working Party. It requested the Bureau to explore these links and propose options for supporting the transition to a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources within available resources and in cooperation with relevant international and regional organizations and development partners, as appropriate. (Decision 16)
10		The Working Party decided to hold its thirty-second session from 2 November 2022 (afternoon session only) to 4 November 2022 (all day). It may be preceded by a half-day meeting without interpretation of the Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative. (Decision 17)
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="309 715 806 778">• https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/ECE_CTCS_WP.6_2021_02_E_0.pdf 	The Working Party adopted the decisions and the report of its thirty-first session. It requested the secretariat to edit it as necessary and finalize it for publication. (Decision 18)