

## Decisions of the special session of the Committee on Environmental Policy, 9-12 May 2022

Agenda item	Document No (link)	Decision
1	<p>Annotated provisional agenda for the special session (ECE/CEP/2022/1)  <a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/ECE_CEP_S_2022_1_E.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/ECE_CEP_S_2022_1_E.pdf</a></p> <p>Provisional time schedule of the special session of the Committee on Environmental Policy                      Information paper No. 1/Rev.1  <a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_TimeSchedule.IP_1.Rev1_e.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_TimeSchedule.IP_1.Rev1_e.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopts the agenda for its special session (ECE/CEP/2022/1), taking into account the proposed timetable as presented in information paper No. 1/Rev.1</li> </ul>
2	<p>Sustainable development in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes note of the information provided by the secretariat on developments in the ECE region linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Takes note of the statement provided by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Takes note of the statement provided by the representative of the Russian Federation<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Takes note of the statements provided by the European Union and its Member States<sup>3</sup>, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom in support of Ukraine</li> <li>• Takes note of the information provided by Austria on the outcomes of the Pan-European Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations 2023 Water Conference (Geneva and online, 12-13 April 2022)</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> “Statement of Ukraine on the environmental consequences of the Russian military aggression against Ukraine” <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2022/05/statement-ukraine-agenda-item-2>

<sup>2</sup> “ВЫСТУПЛЕНИЕ представителя Российской Федерации в ходе Специальной сессии Комитета ЕЭК ООН по экологической политике” <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2022/05/statement-russian-federation-agenda-item-2>

<sup>3</sup> “Déclaration de l’UE et de ses EM” <https://unece.org/environment/documents/2022/05/statement-eu-and-its-member-states-agenda-item-2>

3 (a, i, j)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcomes the information provided by the Republic of Cyprus on the host country preparations for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, including the Third High-level Meeting of Education and Environment Ministries, and expresses strong appreciation to Cyprus for its commitment to preparing the successful Ministerial Conference and gratitude to the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment for his active participation in the special session of the Committee</li> </ul>
3(b)	<p>Draft thematic document for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference: Greening the economy in the pan-European region: working towards sustainable infrastructure  <a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/Sustainable_infrastructure.IP_2.e_0.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/Sustainable_infrastructure.IP_2.e_0.pdf</a></p> <p>Draft thematic document for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference: Applying principles of circular economy to sustainable tourism  <a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/Sustainable_tourism.IP_3.e.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/Sustainable_tourism.IP_3.e.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expresses appreciation for the work undertaken by the Bureau, with the assistance of the secretariat and the ECE consultants, OECD, UNEP and UNWTO, to prepare the revised drafts of background thematic documents on the themes for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference;</li> <li>• Asks the Bureau, with support from the secretariat and in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, to further refine and finalize the two drafts and issue them as official documents for the Nicosia Conference;</li> </ul>
3 (c)	<p>Europe's Environment: the seventh pan-European environmental assessment: Draft summary for policymakers  <a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/CEP-SS_Assessment_summary.IP_4.e.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/CEP-SS_Assessment_summary.IP_4.e.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reiterates its appreciation to those member States that have provided financial contributions to support preparation of the seventh pan-European environmental assessment, namely Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and Switzerland</li> <li>• Expresses its appreciation to those that provided comments on the draft assessment</li> <li>• Congratulates the secretariat for the excellent work in support of the preparation of the pan-European environmental assessment</li> <li>• Welcomes the summary for policymakers from the pan-European environmental assessment as set out in Information paper no. 4</li> <li>• Agrees to submit the summary for policymakers to the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference as an official document in English, French and Russian</li> </ul>

	<p>Key messages and recommendations on the Shared Environmental Information System</p> <p><a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/CEP-SEIS_Key_messages_and_recommendations.IP_13.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/CEP-SEIS_Key_messages_and_recommendations.IP_13.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests the secretariat to publish the full pan-European environmental assessment in time for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference</li> <li>• Welcomes the information provided by the secretariat on key messages and recommendations on the Shared Environmental Information System as set out in Information paper no. 13</li> </ul>
3 (d)	<p>Progress report on the implementation of the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy</p> <p><a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_BIG-E_progress_report_2022.IP_5.e.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_BIG-E_progress_report_2022.IP_5.e.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expresses its appreciation to the secretariat for the preparation of the draft progress report on the implementation of the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy</li> <li>• Asks the Bureau, with support from the secretariat and in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, to finalize the progress report on the implementation of the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy and issue it as an official document for the Nicosia Conference;</li> <li>• Expresses its gratitude to Switzerland for its leadership and the members of the group of experts in green economy with support from the secretariat and UNEP for developing the draft list of possible green economy actions</li> <li>• Takes note of “the List of possible green economy actions” (Information paper No. 6) to be used as a reference to help the stakeholders in the process of identifying their voluntary commitments and asks the secretariat to issue it as an information document for the Nicosia Conference</li> <li>• Invites interested Committee members, observers, and other stakeholders to submit voluntary commitments to the Batumi Initiative on Green Economy, and requests the secretariat to actively facilitate the process of submission of voluntary commitments in consultation with the Bureau;</li> </ul>
3(e)	<p>Final report on the implementation of the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air</p> <p><a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_BACA_Final_Report.IP_7.e.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_BACA_Final_Report.IP_7.e.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expresses its appreciation to the secretariat and the ECE consultant for the preparation of the draft final report on the implementation of the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air</li> <li>• Asks the Bureau, with support from the secretariat and in cooperation with relevant stakeholders, to finalize the report on the implementation of the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air and issue it as an official document for the Nicosia Conference;</li> </ul>
3 (f)	<p>Draft annotated provisional agenda for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference</p> <p><a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/CEP-SS_IP_6.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/CEP-SS_IP_6.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invites its Bureau, with support from the secretariat to submit the document ECE/CEP/2021/6 as an official document of the Nicosia Conference</li> </ul>

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3 (g)	<p>Draft Ministerial Declaration of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference</p> <p><a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/ECE_CEP_S_2022_4_E.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/ECE_CEP_S_2022_4_E.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_Draft_Ministerial_Declaration.IP_12.e.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_Draft_Ministerial_Declaration.IP_12.e.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invites the Bureau, with support from the secretariat, to further develop the draft of the ministerial declaration, based on follow-up comments and revisions to the draft in track changes received by 30 June 2022 from Committee members and observers, and to submit it as an official document to the Committee at its special session in October 2022</li> </ul>
3 (h)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomes the contributions and pledges made since the twenty seventh session of the Committee in November 2021 by Germany, Italy and Serbia for preparing of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference;</li> <li>Invites interested countries and organizations to make contributions (in cash and in kind) for the preparation of the Nicosia Conference</li> </ul>
4	Environmental performance reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomes the information provided on the activities of the Programme on EPRs and the on-going EPRs being conducted in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan</li> <li>Also, welcomes the requests for an EPR from Mauritania and Tajikistan</li> <li>Requests the Expert Group on EPRs with support from the secretariat to prepare its revised mandate and terms of reference to be submitted to the special session of the Committee in October 2022</li> <li>Expresses appreciation to countries and organisations providing support to the Expert Group on EPRs: Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Romania, Switzerland and UNEP, and invites members of the Committee to nominate their representatives to the Expert Group on EPRs</li> <li>Takes note of the information provided by the secretariat and thanks Austria, Germany and Switzerland for financial support</li> <li>Also, thanks France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, UNEP and the European Investment Bank for providing expertise, UN Country Teams for substantive support, and UNDP for logistical support</li> <li>Encourages delegations to provide in-kind (expert) and financial support to the Programme on EPRs</li> </ul>
5	Presentation and exchange of views on the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcomes the information provided by UNEP on the outcomes of the resumed meeting of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP (Nairobi, 28 February to 2 March 2022), and invites UNEP to continue to inform the Committee of relevant developments under the Assembly</li> <li>Expresses appreciation to Bruno Pozzi, Director of the UNEP Regional Office for Europe, for long fruitful cooperation under the Environment for Europe process and other matters of the Committee on Environmental Policy</li> </ul>

	Nations Environment Programme	
6	Election of officers <a href="https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_Bureau.IP_.11.Rev_.3.e.pdf">https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-05/CEP-SS_Bureau.IP_.11.Rev_.3.e.pdf</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decides to elect the Bureau of the Committee as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Elisabete Quintas Da Silva (Portugal) – Chair</li> <li>2. Mr. Michael Bass (Germany) - Vice-Chair</li> <li>3. Ms. Alessandra Fidanza (Italy) - Vice-Chair</li> <li>4. Mr. Kaupo Heinma (Estonia) - Vice-Chair</li> <li>5. Ms. Maria Nagornii (Republic of Moldova) - Vice-Chair</li> <li>6. Ms. Martine Rohn Brossard (Switzerland) - Vice-Chair</li> <li>7. Mr. Jakhongir Talipov (Uzbekistan) - Vice-Chair</li> <li>8. Ms. Nino Tkhilava (Georgia) - Vice-Chair</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Expresses appreciation to the outgoing members of the Bureau, Mr. Matthias De Moor, Ms. Sandra Dokic, Mr. Youssef Elkei, Mr. Nuritdin Inamov, Ms. Larissa Lukina for their work</li> </ul>
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decides to include an agenda item on extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators until the end of 2023 in the provisional agenda for its special session in October 2022</li> </ul>
8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agrees to the proposal by Portugal to organize additional Bureau meeting tentatively at the beginning of July 2022 and thanks Portugal for the offer to host it in Lisbon</li> <li>• Decides to organize the Committee's special session in Nicosia, from 3 (afternoon session) to 4 (morning and afternoon sessions) October 2022</li> <li>• Requests the Bureau and the secretariat to follow up on the Committee's decisions, including by preparing the documents and reports necessary for the Committee's work at its next special session and for the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference</li> <li>• Expresses gratitude for the work of the Zoom technical team in servicing the present meeting</li> <li>• Expresses appreciation for the work of the interpreters in servicing the present meeting</li> <li>• Expresses appreciation for the work of the ECE secretariat in preparation of the present meeting</li> </ul>