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Any other business:

Circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources

Impact of ADR and work programme of the Working Party

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

1. At its last session a member of the secretariat informed the Working Party that the ECE Executive Committee (EXCOM), at its session on 21 July 2021, decided to seek input from its subsidiary bodies on themes for high-level discussions and to report to the Commission at its session in 2022. This concerns, in particular, the development of effective and measurable solutions to promote a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources to facilitate the achievement of the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (see [E/2021/37-E/ECE/1494](#) and particularly decisions A (69) and B (69) in Chapter IV).
 2. Delegations wishing to do so were invited to present information on that subject at the 111th session of the Working Party.
 3. The secretariat didn't receive any input for this session.
 4. In accordance with the request from EXCOM, the secretariat would like to invite again the Working Party to consider:
 - How to promote further circular economy approaches and the sustainable use of natural resources by mainstreaming circularity and the sustainable use of natural resources in its work programme (decision A (69));
 - How to enhance the impact of ADR, in order to foster circular and more resource-efficient approaches (decision B (69)).
 5. As outlined in decision B (69) this may include options for replicating and scaling up existing approaches that facilitate broad and effective use of ADR and other appropriate instruments, including through capacity-building and knowledge-sharing activities. This may also include developing proposals in the programme of work, including possible collaboration across subprogrammes, for impactful and measurable solutions that promote a circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources and that can facilitate attaining the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
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