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Latest developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe

Decision relating to latest developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe

Submitted by Ukraine

Cosponsored by the European Union and its Member States

Revision

Draft Decision

1. Recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolution ES -11/1 “Aggression against Ukraine” and recalling decision ECE/EX/2022/L.6 relating to “Latest development in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe”, the Executive Committee (EXCOM) decides to revisit at the 124th meeting of EXCOM the extra-budgetary project ECE-E390, “Strengthening capacities of selected UNECE member States in sustainable and harmonious management of natural resources”, as further information concerning the sources of funding and the related due diligence are needed to confirm that the involved entities are not linked to activities undermining the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine.
2. EXCOM further decides, following the assessment of the information provided by the secretariat, that the secretariat may proceed with the implementation of all ongoing extra-budgetary projects except ECE-E390.
3. Member States will continue to follow closely the selection of recipients of funds in connection with the implementation of approved and ongoing extra-budgetary projects, in order to assess if third parties, whether entities, individuals or a group of individuals, selected by the United Nations, are linked to activities undermining the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine. In this regard, the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) shall cooperate with member States and continue to provide pertinent information on the implementation of extra-budgetary projects in accordance with relevant rules and regulations of the United Nations and within existing resources.
4. EXCOM also requests that the secretariat continue to provide an overview of projects, as was previously submitted on 31 March 2022, including projects approved after that date, and that the overview be published on the EXCOM website.



5. EXCOM requests that, when extra-budgetary projects are tabled for approval by EXCOM and where due diligence is required, the secretariat shall confirm that the required due diligence process has taken place, sufficient information was provided, and no inconsistencies were found. This provision does not affect the scope of the standing arrangements.

6. EXCOM reiterates its request that all committees and subsidiary bodies take into account the ongoing Russian Federation's aggression and gross violation of international law when deciding on nominations to the leadership positions, including chairmanship and seats on bureau and steering committees, and invitations to events of the Economic Commission for Europe.
