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**Draft decision of the Economic Commission for Europe on the extension of the
mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development**

(for approval)

EXCOM is invited to submit the below draft decision to the seventieth session of the Commission for consideration under agenda item 7 “Other issues calling for decision by the Commission.”

Draft decision of the Economic Commission for Europe on the extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

The Economic Commission for Europe,

1. *Recalling* its decisions B (67) to establish the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and B (68) and C (69) to extend its mandate;
2. *Reaffirming* the provisions contained therein on the role, objectives and format of the Regional Forum;
3. *Noting with appreciation* the successful organization of the previous sessions of the Regional Forum as a platform for peer learning and the exchange of policy experiences and good practices in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;
4. *Taking note* of the evaluation of the added value of the Regional Forums held in 2021 and 2022 prepared by the secretariat (document E/ECE/XXX);
5. *Decides* to continue to convene annual sessions of the Regional Forum to follow-up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in close cooperation with the entities of the regional United Nations system and with the active engagement of other relevant stakeholders;
6. *Requests* the secretariat to develop the agenda of each session of the Regional Forum in close consultation with member States, and to align it with the respective themes and programme of work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of ECOSOC, with a focus on those aspects that are particularly relevant to the ECE region;
7. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue to publish a yearly report on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the ECE region to support the discussions at the sessions of the Regional Forum, with a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals under review by the high-level political forum for sustainable development that year, using existing data sets and statistics;
8. *Decides* to keep the Regional Forum aligned with the overall follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, taking into account General Assembly resolution A/RES/75/290 B entitled “Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level” and future decisions on the theme and focus of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.;
9. *Also decides* to submit the reports of the annual sessions of the Regional Forum, including the Chair’s summary of the discussions with key messages, to the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of ECOSOC, as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda.