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### Report on activities of the Executive Committee

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### Note by the Chairperson of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (EXCOM) acts on behalf of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) between the biennial sessions of the Commission and is competent on all matters related to ECE activities in conformity with its Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure (ECE/EX/3/Rev.2). As stipulated in paragraph 4, EXCOM shall submit to the biennial session of the Commission a full report on its activities and plans.

The present document is being submitted to the seventieth session of ECE to inform deliberations under agenda item 6 and covers a reporting period from May 2021 to January 2023, covering the 116th to the 126th meetings of the EXCOM.



## I. Introduction

1. The Executive Committee (EXCOM) was established by ECE member States as a result of the Reform of 2005. Between the biennial sessions of the Commission, it acts on behalf of the Commission and is competent on all matters related to ECE activities in conformity with its terms of reference (ECE/EX/3/Rev.2).
2. At its sixty-ninth session in 2021, the Commission elected Austria as its Chair, and Switzerland and Turkmenistan as its Vice-Chairs for a two-year period.
3. EXCOM met on a regular basis, and the agenda of each meeting was set by the Chairperson in consultation with the Vice-Chairpersons and the Executive Secretary. The full documentation of the proceedings of EXCOM is available on the [website of the Commission](#).

## II. Ensuring business continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic

4. Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and related protective measures taken by the host country and the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), respectively, constraints for the servicing of meetings continued during the reporting period. While in-person meetings remained temporarily suspended at the Palais des Nations in Geneva (second and third quarters of 2020), UNOG set up remote meeting facilities as a business continuity measure that allowed for virtual meetings, which could eventually be provided with remote simultaneous interpretation (RSI) services. When meeting rooms could be reopened for in-person meetings again in the fourth quarter of 2020, social distancing arrangements necessitated a temporary reduction of capacity in meeting room occupancy and the overall entitlement for meeting servicing (number of meetings and length of sessions). Thus, so-called “hybrid” meeting formats were developed that allowed for a combination of in-person and remote participation. UNOG procured capacity to host platforms capable of delivering RSI and upgraded conference rooms to allow meetings with interpretation to resume. The capacity to host such meetings increased progressively throughout 2021. An overview on the scope of the reduced meeting servicing capacity available to ECE subsidiary bodies between 2020 and 2022 is contained in annex I.
5. ECE member States welcomed the efforts undertaken by the secretariat to strengthen business continuity measures related to the delivery of its calendar of official meetings and adopted special procedures that temporarily adjusted the meeting and decision-making modalities of EXCOM, aligned to the meeting servicing arrangements available at different phases of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### A. Special procedures during the COVID-19 period

6. Annex II lists decisions on the extension of special procedures that were adopted during the reporting period to facilitate business-continuity, should the convening of formal in-person meetings not be possible (most recently through decision ECE/EX/2022/L.15, adopted at its 125th meeting held on 30 November 2022). It thereby authorized the Chair of the Commission to continue using the Special Procedures during the COVID-19 period, initially adopted on 6 April 2020, for taking decisions of EXCOM until 15 May 2023.
7. Further it extended, until 15 May 2023, the Special Procedures approved for subsidiary bodies of the:
  - (a) Inland Transport Committee, as contained in document ECE/EX/2020/L.4, initially adopted on 29 May 2020;
  - (b) Committee on Sustainable Energy, as contained in document ECE/EX/2020/L.4, initially adopted on 29 May 2020;
  - (c) Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards, as contained in document ECE/EX/2020/L.10, initially adopted on 5 October 2020; and

(d) Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships, as contained in document ECE/EX/2020/L.11, initially adopted on 5 October 2020.

8. As stipulated in the special procedures, these arrangements are exceptional and time-limited. The secretariat reported back to EXCOM on their implementation regularly.

## **B. Procedures to take decisions in formal meetings with remote participation**

9. With regard to “hybrid” meetings, EXCOM continued to extend the “Procedures to take decisions in formal meetings with remote participation” (ECE/EX/2020/L.12), initially adopted on 5 October 2020 (most recently through decision ECE/EX/2022/L.15, adopted at its 125th meeting on 30 November 2022). These procedures require all decisions agreed during meetings with remote participation to be confirmed through a silence procedure, a safeguard measure in case a registered participant was not able to participate remotely in the meeting for technical reasons.

10. Annex III lists all meetings held during the reporting period for which this procedure was applied. For all 90 such meetings, the related silence procedure concluded without objections. The secretariat reported back to EXCOM on their implementation regularly. Further details are available on the EXCOM website under “[silence procedure](#)”.

## **C. The importance of full availability of meeting services**

11. When UNOG finally lifted its remaining protective measures, effective 1 January 2023, the special procedures were retained as a risk mitigation mechanism, as adopted through 15 May 2023.

12. In its decision ECE/EX/2022/L.15, EXCOM “reiterated the importance of availability of meeting services in support of the official ECE calendar of meetings should a *force majeure* situation arise. This would include the exceptional provision of hybrid meeting support services and RSI, as needed. In this regard, EXCOM requested the ECE secretariat to continue its dialogue with relevant Secretariat entities at United Nations Headquarters to advance related contingency planning on the understanding that implementation of business continuity measures would not be funded from Section 20 of the budget. Further, it invited the General Assembly to take the above into account when considering the solutions to challenges related to conference management.”

## **III. Main accomplishments**

13. In the period between May 2021 and January 2023, EXCOM held 10 formal meetings and 17 informal consultations. One more formal meeting is expected to be held before the session of the Commission in April 2023.

14. In line with paragraph 3 of its terms of reference the Executive Committee reviewed, evaluated and approved the programmes of work of the Sectoral Committees, namely the:

- (a) Committee on Environmental Policy;
- (b) Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry;
- (c) Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management;
- (d) Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships;
- (e) Committee on Sustainable Energy;
- (f) Conference of European Statisticians;
- (g) Inland Transport Committee;
- (h) Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards;

## (i) Standing Working Group on Ageing.

15. It approved the set-up, renewal, terms of reference and work plans of groups under the Sectoral Committees, examined with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Sectoral Committees, their reports on the implementation of their Programme of Work and other relevant issues. The list of decisions approved by EXCOM related to all of these ECE bodies is contained in annex IV of this document.

16. Over the past intersessional period, EXCOM was also seized on a number of other items that are listed in alphabetical order in annex V.

17. EXCOM actively engaged in the preparations of the 2021 and 2022 Regional Forums on Sustainable Development (RFSD) for the ECE Region and was briefed on their outcomes. Both RFSDs were held in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and focused on ensuring sustainable development goals (SDG) progress while responding to and recovering from the pandemic. The RFSDs combined hybrid and virtual elements and were held in Geneva on 17 and 18 March 2021 and 6 and 7 April 2022, respectively. The RFSD reports with the summaries by the chairs of the discussions were submitted to the 2021 and 2022 High-level political forums on sustainable development as official inputs from the ECE region. Further information is available on the Regional Forum [website](#).

18. EXCOM adopted the establishment of the Forum of Mayors as a subsidiary body of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management that will be convened annually in Geneva.

19. The secretariat reported to EXCOM on evaluation activities and presented its annual reports on evaluation for 2020 and for 2021, respectively. EXCOM adopted the Evaluation Policy, updated from its 2014 version and reflecting the latest mandates on evaluation. Further, EXCOM revised the Evaluation workplan for 2022 and approved the Evaluation workplans for 2023 and for 2024. Four evaluations are delivered each biennium: three at the subprogramme and one at the programme level. EXCOM was also briefed on the outcome of the evaluation of engagement with the private sector.

20. In the area of technical cooperation, EXCOM adopted the Technical Cooperation Strategy of ECE that was revised to reflect the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, SDGs and other internationally agreed development goals as well as outcomes of the United Nations Development System Reform and pertinent recommendations made by the Office of Internal Oversight. Further, through the Annual Technical Cooperation reports for 2020 and 2021, the secretariat reported to EXCOM on support provided to 17 United Nations programme countries in the ECE region through implementation of extrabudgetary projects, the Regular Programme on Technical Cooperation and technical cooperation projects funded by United Nations Development Account (UNDA). 274 technical cooperation activities were completed in 2020 and 473 in 2021. The reports also contained revised resource mobilization plans, pursuant to the approval in 2020 of the revised Resource Mobilization Strategy.

21. The secretariat presented the partnership report 2021–2022, informing EXCOM of the purpose, impact and opportunities of formal and informal partnerships maintained by the eight subprogrammes of ECE.

22. EXCOM also reviewed the ECE proposed programme plans for 2023 and 2024.

23. EXCOM was appraised of the work of the Special Programme for Central Asia (SPECA) and related activities.

24. The secretariat informed EXCOM that ECE held the Coordinator role of the five Regional Commissions in 2022, an opportunity to share the special expertise of ECE and the other Commissions in various global discussions and increase the visibility of the regional dimension of the work of the United Nations.

25. EXCOM was briefed on the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy in ECE. Through the work of its subprogrammes, ECE continued to mainstream relevant inclusiveness aspects into its programmes and projects, and considered disability-related perspectives in the development of norms and standards.

### Preparation of the seventieth session of the Commission

26. At the request of EXCOM, the secretariat studied advantages and disadvantages of remote participation at the sixty-ninth session of the Commission, including through hybrid meeting formats, the contribution of pre-recorded messages, and a webcast functionality. These lessons have been considered in the preparation of the seventieth session.

27. Drawing on the experience from the sixty-ninth session of the Commission, EXCOM also decided to designate a cross-cutting theme for the high-level segment of its next session early, i.e. at the end of the Commission year, to facilitate broad participation of its subsidiary bodies in the preparations. In December 2021, EXCOM thus designated the cross-cutting high-level theme for 2023 as follows: “Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region”.

28. Throughout the reporting period, subsidiary bodies were engaged in the implementation of decisions from the sixty-ninth session, especially with regard to the cross-cutting theme “Promoting circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources in the ECE region.” EXCOM was periodically updated on the status of this work. A progress report is being presented to the seventieth session.

## IV. Latest developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe and implication for the work of the Commission

29. At the 121st meeting of EXCOM, the representative of Ukraine requested the inclusion of an additional agenda item, entitled “Latest developments in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe.” As no consensus could be reached on this request, member States voted to include the item in the agenda by a recorded vote of 34 to 2, with 4 abstentions.

30. During the same meeting, two decisions were proposed under this item, by the delegation of Ukraine and by the delegation of the United States, respectively. Following a discussion about the ECE mandate and the procedural framework governing EXCOM, member States decided to adjourn the meeting in order to obtain more clarity about the application of the rules of procedure.

31. At the resumed 121st meeting, EXCOM adopted decision ECE/EX/2022/L.6, submitted by Ukraine, by a recorded vote of 40 to 2, with 6 abstentions. EXCOM also adopted decision ECE/EX/2022/L.7, submitted by the United States, by a recorded vote of 39 to 2, with 8 abstentions.<sup>1</sup>

32. At the 123rd meeting of EXCOM, under the same agenda item, member States adopted decision ECE/EX/2022/L.12/Rev.1, submitted by the delegation of Ukraine and co-sponsored by the delegation of the European Union and its member States, by a recorded vote of 32 to none, with 2 abstentions.

33. At the 124th meeting of EXCOM, the discussion on the agenda item continued, in follow up to related decisions taken earlier.

## V. Challenges and way ahead

34. The latest developments in the region of the ECE cast a dark shadow over the work of the Commission. In EXCOM decision ECE/EX/2022/L.6, member States, *inter alia*, noted “the extraordinary situation in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe, and recalled United Nations General Assembly resolution ES-11/1 “Aggression against Ukraine”.

<sup>1</sup> Details of related deliberations are contained in the Chair’s Conclusions of the meeting that were adopted at the subsequent meeting and are available on the [EXCOM meetings website](#).

35. In 2022, ECE marked the 75th year of its establishment. The value it adds to the peoples of the region continues to be strong, and the pronouncement made by its member States on the occasion of the sixty-seventh Commission session<sup>2</sup> remains valid:

UNECE has been and remains an effective platform where countries convene to solve challenges through concerted action within its mandate. The history of UNECE shows the flexibility and the effectiveness with which it has been used in the past to jointly search for concrete responses to different problems. Looking towards 2030, this platform can contribute towards greater economic integration and cooperation to maintain and strengthen the economic relations of the European countries, both among themselves and with other countries of the world, and support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. An important task of the economic dialogue is to promote a sustainable, inclusive, peaceful, and prosperous future across the region, guided by the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, including the full respect for international law.

36. As the International Community is seized on addressing multiple crises facing the planet, effective multilateral collaboration is indispensable. The seventieth session of the Commission offers a platform for further joint action, in particular the high-level segment that will be convened under the theme “Digital and green transformations in the region of the ECE.” Member States have set themselves an ambitious agenda to bring about further change: “A green transformation is urgently needed to address pressing challenges, including sustainable energy transition and deployment of low carbon solutions, to fight climate change, biodiversity losses, and reduction of environmental pressures. Digital technologies are opening up new possibilities for economic development, policy implementation and the management of public services, as well as offer the potential for an improved management of natural resources and facilitate the shift towards a circular economy ...”<sup>3</sup>

37. The challenges facing the ECE region and the world are daunting – ECE has the expertise to make a significant contribution to defining approaches on the way forward in the areas of its mandate and support member States in their efforts to accelerate the green transformation of their economic systems in order to achieve SDGs and the goals and commitments defined in the Paris Agreement.

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<sup>2</sup> E/ECE/1483, para 3.

<sup>3</sup> E/ECE/1502, para 3.

## Annex I

### COVID-related reductions in Conference Management services<sup>1</sup>

		<i>RSI sessions</i>	<i>in-room participants</i>
<b>2020</b>			
3rd quarter	In-room meetings cancelled		0
4th quarter	1 meeting per day with interpretation	2-hour sessions	5
<b>2021</b>			
1st quarter	1 meeting per day with interpretation	2-hour sessions	5
2nd quarter	1 meeting per day with interpretation	2-hour sessions	15
3rd quarter (3rd week of September 2021)	2 meetings per day with interpretation (one UNOG moderated, one ECE moderated) <sup>2</sup>	3-hour sessions	15
4th quarter	2 meetings per day with interpretation (one UNOG moderated, one ECE moderated)	3-hour sessions	15
<b>2022</b>			
1st semester (April 2022)	2 meetings per day with interpretation (both meetings UNOG moderated)	2-hour sessions	N/A
2nd semester	3 meetings per day with interpretation (all meetings UNOG moderated)	2-hour sessions (as of June 2022, 2-hour RSI meeting with interpretation may be followed by one-hour RSI in English only)	N/A

<sup>1</sup> The regular meeting servicing entitlement for ECE comprises three meetings per day, with 3-hour sessions, fully serviced and interpreted in the working languages (E/R/F). The table indicates how the established in-room format was administered under evolving pandemic conditions. Additional meetings were held virtually under the Special Procedures adopted by EXCOM.

<sup>2</sup> To maximize available meeting capacity, for some time, ECE staff assumed technical moderation functions to assist with the set up and management of remote meeting participation functions until UNOG scaled its staffing capacity to these evolving needs.

**Annex II****Special Procedures during the COVID-19 period**

EXCOM authorized the Chair of the Commission to continue using the Special Procedures during the COVID-19 period, initially adopted on 6 April 2020, during the reporting period as follows:

<i>EXCOM meeting</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Expiry date</i>
116	<u>ECE/EX/2021/L.9</u>	31 July 2021
117	<u>ECE/EX/2021/L.10/Rev.1</u>	31 December 2021
119	<u>ECE/EX/2021/L.15/Rev.1</u>	30 June 2021
122	<u>ECE/EX/2022/L.9</u>	31 December 2022
125	<u>ECE/EX/2022/L.15</u>	15 May 2023



## Annex III

### Meetings of subsidiary bodies for which “Procedures to take decisions in formal meetings with remote participation” were administered

As stipulated in decision ECE/EX/2020/L.12, procedures to take decisions in formal meetings with remote participation were administered for the meetings listed below. EXCOM was regularly informed about the application of these procedures that, without exception, confirmed the decisions taken in the hybrid meeting formats.

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116	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 183rd session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations;</li> <li>- 82nd session of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety;</li> <li>- 42nd session of the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management;</li> <li>- Joint Meeting of the RID Committee of Experts and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;</li> <li>- 121st session of the Working Party for General Safety Provisions;</li> <li>- 27th session of the UN/CEFACT Plenary;</li> <li>- 84th session of the Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling;</li> <li>- 23rd session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment</li> </ul>
117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 83rd session of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy;</li> <li>- 157th session of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport;</li> <li>- 14th session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships;</li> <li>- 72nd session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics;</li> <li>- 59th session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation;</li> <li>- 184th session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations;</li> </ul>
118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6th session of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards;</li> <li>- 69th session of the Conference of European Statisticians;</li> <li>- 38th session of the ADN Safety Committee;</li> <li>- 1st session of the Group of Experts on Drafting a New Legal Instrument on the Uof Automated Vehicles in Traffic;</li> <li>- 74th session of the Working Party on Noise and Tyres;</li> <li>- 34th annual session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics;</li> <li>- 83rd session of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety;</li> <li>- 11th session of the Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles;</li> <li>- 82nd session of the Committee on Housing, Urban Development and Land Management;</li> </ul>
119	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 158th session of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport;</li> </ul>

- 116th session of the Working Party on Road Transport;
- 122nd session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions;
- 64th session of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics;
- 85th session of the Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling;
- 27th session of the Committee on Environmental Policy;
- 65th session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport;
- 77th session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs;
- 110th session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;
- 84th session of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy;
- 185th session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations;
- 79th meeting of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI), and its joint session with the 41st session FAO European Forestry Commission;
- 5th session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships;
- 14th meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing;
- 75th session of the Working Party on Rail Transport;
- 2nd session of the Group of Experts on Drafting a New Legal Instrument on the Use of Automated Vehicles in Traffic;
- Special session of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety;
- 70th session of the Working Party on Passive Safety;
- 120 - 30th session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy;
- 121 - 85th session of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy;
- 12th session of the Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles;
- 39th session of the ADN Safety Committee;
- 75th session of the Working Party on Noise and Tyres
- 122 - 84th session of the Inland Transport Committee;
- 84th session of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety;
- 186th session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations;
- 123rd session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions;
- 24th session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment;
- 123 - 86th session of the Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling;
- 78th session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs;
- 71st session of the Working Party on Passive Safety;
- Special session of the Committee on Environmental Policy;
- 111th session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

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- 3rd session of the Group of Experts on Drafting a New Legal instrument on the Use of Automated Vehicles in Traffic;
  - 13th session of the Working Party on Automated/ Autonomous and Connected Vehicles;
  - 17th meeting of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development;
  - 86th session of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy;
  - 43rd session of the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management;
  - 160th session of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport;
  - 15th session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships;
  - 187th session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations;
  - 70th plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians;
  - 7th annual session of the Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standardization;
  - 73rd session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics;
  - 61st session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation;
  - 40th session of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN Safety Committee);
  - 4th session of the Group of Experts on Drafting a New Legal Instrument on the Use of Automated Vehicles in Traffic;
  - 35th session of the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics;
  - 76th session of the Working Party on Noise and Tyres;
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- 85th meeting of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety;
  - 14th session of the Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles;
  - 124th session of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions;
  - 161st session of the Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport;
  - 28th session of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) Plenary;
  - 31st session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy;
  - 66th session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport;
  - 117th session of the Working Party on Road Transport;
  - 65th session of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics;
  - 87th session of the Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signaling;
  - 79th session of the Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs;
  - 112th session of the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;
  - 188th session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations;

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- 76th session of the Working Party on Rail Transport;
  - 77th session of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards;
  - 6th session of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships;
  - 72nd session of the Working Party on Passive Safety;
  - 5th session of the Group of Experts on Legal Instrument on Automated Vehicles.
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## Annex IV

### Decisions of the Executive Committee relating to subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Europe taken in the intersessional period (May 2021–January 2023)

<i>Subsidiary bodies</i>	<i>Decisions</i>	<i>EXCOM meeting</i>
Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP)	- Extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators until 30 June 2023	119
	- Programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2022	
	- Programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2023	126
	- Extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment until 31 December 2023	
	- Extension of the mandate and terms of reference of the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators until 31 December 2023	
Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI)	- Revised mandate and terms of reference of the Expert Group on Environmental Performance Reviews for 2023–2026	
	- Programme of work of the Forests and Forest Industry subprogramme for 2022	120
	- Revised Terms of Reference of the Team of Specialists on Forest Products and Wood Energy Statistics with a possibility of being renewed to 2025	
	- Extension of mandate for 2022–2023 of the Team of Specialists on boreal forests, Team of Specialists on monitoring sustainable forest management, Team of Specialists on sustainable forest products, Team of Specialists on forest communication (Forest Communicators' Network)	
	- Programme of work of the Forests and the Forest Industry subprogramme for 2023	125
Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management (CUDHLM)	- Renewal of the mandate of the Joint ECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management for 2022–2026	
	- Programme of work of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022	119
	- Programme of work of the Housing and Land Management Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population Subprogramme for 2023	126
	- Extension of the mandate of the Real Estate Market (REM) Advisory Group under the name REM "Advisory Group on climate-neutral, energy-efficient and sustainable buildings and cities" for 2023–2024, and its revised terms of reference and programme of work 2023–2024	
	- Mandate and Terms of Reference of the Forum of Mayors, as well as other elements for 2023–2024	
Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP)	- Programme of work of the Economic Cooperation and Integration (ECI) subprogramme for 2021	118
	- Programme of work of the ECI subprogramme for 2022	

<i>Subsidiary bodies</i>	<i>Decisions</i>	<i>EXCOM meeting</i>
	- Renewal of the mandate of the Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitive Policies for 2022–2023	
	- Programme of Work of the ECI subprogramme for 2023	124
	- Renewal of the mandate of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships for 2023–2027	
Committee on Sustainable Energy (CSE)	- Revised strategic review of the sustainable energy subprogramme	120
	- Programme of work of the sustainable energy subprogramme for 2022	
	- Renewal of the mandates of four Groups of Experts for 2022–2023	
	- Change of name of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane to the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition, its revised terms of reference and the renewal of the mandate until 31 December 2023	
	- Programme of work of the sustainable energy subprogramme for 2023	125
	- Extension of the mandates of two Task Forces under the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2023–2024	
Conference of European Statisticians (CES)	- Programme of work of the Statistics subprogramme for 2022	120
	- Terms of reference of the Teams of Specialists: Task Force on measuring circular economy (2022–2023), Task Force on data stewardship (2022–2023) and Task Force on the role of national statistical offices (NSOs) in achieving national climate objectives (2022–2024)	
	- Programme of Work of the Statistics subprogramme for 2023	126
	- Terms of reference of five teams of specialists established under the Conference of European Statisticians for 2023–2027	
Inland Transport Committee (ITC)	- Programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2022	122
	- Mandate and terms of reference of the Group of Experts on the Operationalization of the e-CMR procedure for 2022–2023	
	- Mandate and terms of reference of the Group of Experts on cycling infrastructure for 2022–2024	
Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards (SCTCS)	- Programme of work of subprogramme 6 on Trade for 2022	118
	- Programme of work of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6) for 2021	
	- Programme of work of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7) for 2021	
	- Programme of work of subprogramme 6 on Trade for 2023	124
	- Programme of work of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6)	
	- Programme of work of the Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards (WP.7)	
	- Terms of reference and the mandate of the Team of Specialists on Gender-Responsive Standards until 2024	
United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic	- Programme of work of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business for 2021–2022	117

<i>Subsidiary bodies</i>	<i>Decisions</i>	<i>EXCOM meeting</i>
Business (UN/CEFACT)	- Mandate and terms of reference of the Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy for mid-2021–mid-2023	
	- Mandate and terms of reference of the Advisory Group on the United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (UN/LOCODE) for 2022–2023	121
	- Programme of Work of UN/CEFACT for 2023–2024	125
	- Extension of the mandate of the Team of Specialists on Environmental, Social and Governance Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Circular Economy of UN/CEFACT for 2023–2025	
Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA)	- Programme of work of the Population component of the subprogramme on Housing, Land Management and Population for 2022	121

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### Other items discussed

<i>Other issues discussed</i>	<i>EXCOM Meeting</i>
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