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Brief summary of outputs and activities organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Education for Sustainable Development Youth Platform in Nicosia during the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference”¹

Item 10 of the provisional agenda:

Education for sustainable development and youth: update on the activities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Education for Sustainable Development Youth Platform held since the previous meeting:

- (a)** Briefing on youth involvement in the Nicosia Ministerial Conference (side events, declaration, other meetings) organized during the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference) (information paper No. 6).

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1. The Steering Committee will be briefed on the outputs and activities (declaration, side events and other meetings), organized by the UNECE ESD Youth Platform in Nicosia during the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference.
2. The brief summary of outputs and activities organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Education for Sustainable Development Youth Platform in Nicosia during the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference is provided below. This information note includes also a brief outline of post-Nicosia and current activities of the Youth Platform.

Brief summary of outputs and activities organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Education for Sustainable Development Youth Platform in Nicosia during the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

1. During the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, the UNECE ESD Youth Platform organized a side event to mark the official launch of the publication titled 'Engaging Young People in the Implementation of ESD in the UNECE Region: Good Practices in the Engagement of Youth in Education for Sustainable Development'. This launch was subsequently used by the youth members present at the Ministerial Conference to issue a statement calling for greater and meaningful participation in future Ministerial Conferences.

2. The Youth Platform has since then been engaged in the UNECE Youth Dialogue organized by the UNECE in December 2022, as well as a side event of the regional forum on sustainable development 2022 and a side event to the 70th session of the UNECE. Additionally, the Youth Platform was approached to inquire whether we could attend and support the 18th session of the Group of Experts on Coal, Mine, Methane and Just Transition on Youth Engagement. The coordinator of the youth platform is currently supporting the youth task force of the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health scheduled to take place in July 2023.

3. An overall ongoing activity for 2023 will also include improving the operational effectiveness of the Youth Platform, this will include but is not limited to:

- Improving its online visibility, through for example the UNECE website;
- Establishing clear guidelines for membership, leadership positions, participation, etc.; (in part the coordinator role, with the current coordinator now based outside the region)
- Raising a possible paid youth position at the Secretariat;
- Fundraising efforts, including a grant writing workshop.