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Annual programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2024 and outline of key components of the programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2025

Draft programme of work of the Environment subprogramme for 2024

Note by the secretariat*

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Environment subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2024. The Committee on Environmental Policy (“the Committee”) is invited to adopt it and recommend it to the Executive Committee for approval. Any subsequent additional, carried over or terminated deliverables will be reflected in the United Nations Umoja system used by the secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme.
2. The draft programme of work applies a broad results-based management approach, which establishes a logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – results – objectives – impact) known as the “results chain”, the resources (human and financial) known as “inputs” and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) that can prevent achievement of the objective.
3. The objective, the strategy, the planned results and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) proposed programme budget for 2024 (A/78/6 (Sect. 20)). The work of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE areas where multiple Sustainable Development Goals converge.¹ This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the

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¹ The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) cross-sectoral collaboration areas are as follows: (a) circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources; (b) sustainable and smart cities for all ages; (c) sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; (d) measuring and monitoring progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals; and (e) digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region.



efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables; and (d) communication deliverables.

4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in annex I to the present document. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific to the subprogramme are listed in annex II to the present document.

I. Objective

5. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to improve environmental governance and performance for safeguarding the environment and health.

II. Strategy

6. Responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the ECE Environment Division.

7. To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will:

(a) Support the implementation of outcomes of global and regional summits and conferences, and support and promote the implementation by countries of the ECE multilateral environmental agreements, contributing to achieving mainly Sustainable Development Goals 3, 6, 9, 11–13 and 15–17, through the core interlinked functions of international policy dialogue, normative work, capacity-building and the dissemination of good practices and lessons learned in the areas of air quality, water, industrial safety, public participation, impact assessment, environmental monitoring and assessment, environmental performance, education for sustainable development and the mainstreaming of environmental concerns into other dimensions of sustainable development;

(b) Support and promote the implementation of the ECE policy tools, including the ECE Environmental Performance Review Programme, contributing to achieving mainly Sustainable Development Goals 6, 11–13 and 15; the ECE Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Programme, contributing to achieving mainly Goal 17; the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development, contributing to achieving Goals 4 and 12–13; and the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme, contributing to achieving mainly Goals 3, 11, 13 and 17;

(c) Support and promote the sharing of information (e.g., through the Shared Environmental Information System), experiences and good practices in the ECE region;

(d) Promote synergies among ECE multilateral environmental agreements;

(e) Conduct environmental performance reviews, assisting countries in the implementation of the recommendations from those reviews, and monitor the impact of the recommendations on national policies;

(f) Using a country needs-based approach, support countries, with a focus on countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, in environmental policymaking, monitoring, assessment and management, including by providing an intergovernmental decision-making platform, organizing capacity-building activities and providing advisory services;

(g) Work with interested non-ECE countries, including those wishing to join the multilateral environmental agreements that are open to global accession;

(h) Support member States in addressing emerging issues related to the work of the subprogramme, including those resulting from international and regional processes by, among other things, providing advisory support and developing policy packages and/or

recommendations, and supporting countries in the development of regionwide approaches to such emerging issues (e.g., on sustainable infrastructure).

8. The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:

- (a) Improved environmental governance and performance by member States;
- (b) Strengthened integration of environmental concerns into member States' sectoral policies, including the post-coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic economic recovery phase;
- (c) More effective development and implementation of environmental legislation and policy by member States;
- (d) Improved response to environmental challenges by member States;
- (e) Enhanced cross-border cooperation between countries and effective international and national cooperation;
- (f) Strengthened implementation of ECE multilateral environmental commitments and increased geographical coverage.

III. Planned results for 2024

9. The planned results for 2024 include results 1 and 2, which are updates of results presented in the preceding programme plans and therefore show both the programme performance in 2022 and the proposed programme plan for 2024. Result 3 is a new planned result.

Result 1: improved information for strengthening transboundary water cooperation

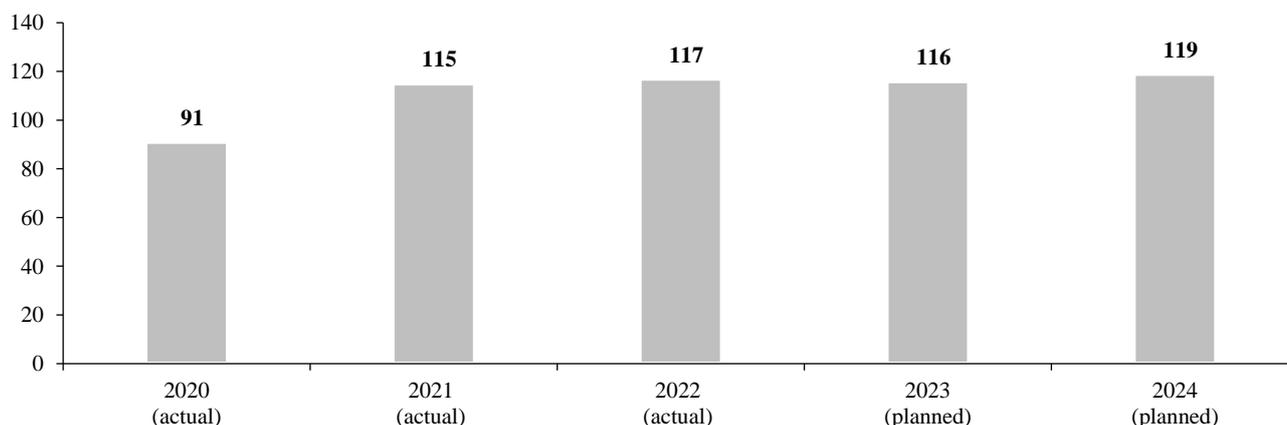
Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

10. The subprogramme's work contributed to 117 countries for which data on the transboundary river and lake component of indicator 6.5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals were submitted to the Statistical Commission in 2022, which exceeded the planned target of 97 countries.

11. Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 is presented in the performance measure contained in figure 1 below.

Figure 1

Performance measure: number of countries for which data on transboundary river and lake component of indicator 6.5.2 are submitted to the Statistical Commission (Cumulative)



Result 2: strengthened industrial safety governance in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

12. The subprogramme's work contributed to one meeting of the Serbian national policy dialogue and supported the review by Serbia of its policies and legislation to align with the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention), which met the planned target. Owing to the suspension of a project to launch the national policy dialogues on industrial safety by the donor, the target of launching a national policy dialogue on industrial safety in Central Asia was not met.

13. Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure contained in table 1 below.

Table 1
Performance measure

| 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (actual) | 2023 (planned) | 2024 (planned) |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Serbia initiated development of terms of reference for steering committee on national policy dialogues | Serbia established national policy dialogue steering committee | Serbian national policy dialogue meeting addresses issues of national concern, involving relevant authorities | National policy dialogues sustained and implemented by Serbia and 5 Central Asian countries | National policy dialogues sustained and implemented by Serbia |
| Central Asian countries began activities to launch national policy dialogues | Central Asian countries reviewed industrial safety legislation to align with Industrial Accident Convention's requirements | Finalization of review of industrial safety legislation to align with Industrial Accident Convention's requirements | | Serbia finalizes national programme on industrial safety |

Result 3: increased number of States Members of the United Nations becoming parties to multilateral environmental agreements serviced by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Proposed programme plan for 2024

14. The subprogramme carries out activities to strengthen the capacity of States Members of the United Nations for accession to and effective implementation of multilateral environmental agreements serviced by ECE, dissemination of best practices and lessons learned. In 2022, those efforts led to the accession by Ukraine to the Industrial Accidents Convention. Since 2018, countries outside the ECE region have begun to accede to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), and a similar trend is expected for the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) by 2023, thereby expanding the benefits of these instruments beyond the ECE region.

Lessons learned and planned change

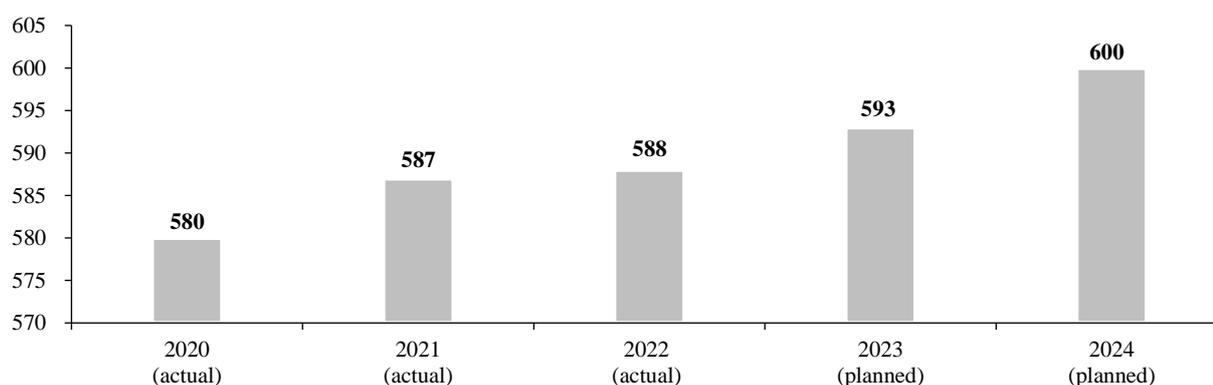
15. The lesson for the subprogramme was that it needed to apply more effort and resources to strengthen the accession and implementation capacity of countries, including beyond the ECE region, especially regarding benefits, costs and mechanisms for multisectoral involvement, to ensure commitment from all sectors concerned by implementation. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will adapt and enhance outreach efforts to all sectors

concerned by the implementation of the instruments, fostering an integrated and multisectoral approach, to encourage accession and ensure effective implementation.

16. Expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure contained in figure 2 below.

Figure 2

Performance measure: number of parties to multilateral environmental agreements serviced by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
(Cumulative)



IV. External factors

17. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective on the assumption that:

(a) Member States continue to guide ECE intergovernmental processes, support the work of ECE, and give high priority to regional and subregional cooperation and integration, with a view to achieving sustainable development;

(b) All relevant stakeholders at the national level have the political will and sufficient capacity to integrate the environmental dimension into policy formulation and to implement national legislation in accordance with the ECE multilateral environmental agreements;

(c) All relevant stakeholders at the national level have sufficient awareness of environmental issues and the active support of the public in the implementation of national and regional policies;

(d) Voluntary resources continue to be available;

(e) At the country level, there is no critical impact on resource availability owing to global, regional or national economic developments.

V. Deliverables to be implemented in 2024

18. Table 2 below lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

Table 2

List of deliverables, by category and subcategory

| <i>Deliverables</i> | <i>2024 plan</i> |
|---------------------|------------------|
|---------------------|------------------|

A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies:

Parliamentary documentation (No. of documents)

168

| <i>Deliverables</i> | <i>2024 plan</i> |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Documentation for the Committee on Environmental Policy and subsidiary bodies | 16 |
| 2. Documentation for the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention and subsidiary bodies and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health and subsidiary bodies | 26 |
| 3. Documentation for the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention and subsidiary bodies | 15 |
| 4. Documentation for the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention) and subsidiary bodies | 24 |
| 5. Documentation for the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and subsidiary bodies and the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo Convention and subsidiary bodies | 16 |
| 6. Documentation for the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and subsidiary bodies and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Aarhus Convention and subsidiary bodies | 60 |
| 7. Documentation for the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and subsidiary bodies | 3 |
| 8. Documentation for the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development | 8 |
| Substantive services for meetings (number of 3-hour meetings) | 219 |
| 9. Meetings of the Committee on Environmental Policy and subsidiary bodies | 26 |
| 10. Meetings of the Parties to the Water Convention and subsidiary bodies and Meetings of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health and subsidiary bodies | 44 |
| 11. Meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention and subsidiary bodies | 15 |
| 12. Meetings of the Executive Body for the Air Convention and subsidiary bodies | 27 |
| 13. Meetings of the Parties to the Espoo Convention and subsidiary bodies and Meetings of the Parties to the Espoo Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo Convention and subsidiary bodies | 34 |
| 14. Meetings of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention and subsidiary bodies and Meetings of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers and subsidiary bodies | 65 |
| 15. Meetings of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and subsidiary bodies | 2 |
| 16. Meetings of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development | 6 |
| B. Generation and transfer of knowledge: | |
| Seminars, workshops and training events (No. of days) | 30 |
| 17. Workshops on environmental issues, including on air quality, water, industrial safety, public participation, environmental assessment, monitoring and performance and education for sustainable development, for government officials and other stakeholders in the ECE region to improve environmental governance and performance | 30 |
| Publications (No. of publications) | 18 |

| <i>Deliverables</i> | <i>2024 plan</i> |
|---|------------------|
| 18. Guidance, policy briefs, good practice publications on environmental issues and multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme | 10 |
| 19. Progress reports and performance reviews on environmental issues | 7 |
| 20. Publications on the multilateral environmental agreements administered by the subprogramme | 1 |
| C. Substantive deliverables: | |
| Consultation, advice and advocacy: advisory services for some 100 government officials and other stakeholders of States participating in the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia on water, energy and other environmental issues | |
| D. Communication deliverables: | |
| Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: environmental performance review highlights to facilitate broad dissemination of key messages and recommendations to representatives of Governments, local authorities, academia, business and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as media outlets in the reviewed countries | |
| External and media relations: press releases on environmental issues | |
| Digital platforms and multimedia content: website of the subprogramme | |

Annex I

Details of proposed publications and information materials for 2024

A. Publications

| <i>Item No.</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>Mandate</i> | <i>Print and/or electronic</i> | <i>Trim size</i> | <i>No. of pages</i> | <i>Original language(s)</i> | <i>Translated language(s) and source of funding (RB or XB)</i> | <i>No. of copies and language(s)</i> |
|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | You(th) empowered: From words to action | ECE/CEP/AC.1 3/2023/2, forthcoming | Print and electronic | A4 | 200 | E, F, R | F and R (all RB) | 300E, 50F, 100R |
| 2 | Guiding framework for twenty-first century competences for innovation and entrepreneurship | ECE/CEP/AC.1 3/2022/4 | Print and electronic | A4 | 180 | E, F, R | F and R (all RB) | 300E, 50F, 100R |
| 3 | A practical guide for implementing whole institution (or whole school) approach to ESD, supported by a self-assessment tool | ECE/CEP/AC.1 3/2022/4 | Print and electronic | A4 | 180 | E, F, R | F and R (all RB) | 300E, 50F, 100R |
| 4 | 20 years of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme under ECE Industrial Accidents Convention | ECE/CP.TEIA/44/Add.1, item 6.2, ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/11, item 6.2 | Print and electronic | A4 | 20 | E | F and R (all RB) | 500E, 200F, 500R |
| 5 | Revision of equitable access score-card | ECE/MP.WH/2 4– EUCHP/22195 33/3.1/2022/M OP-6/06, forthcoming | Print and electronic | A4 | 60 | E | F and R (all RB) | 300E, 80F, 100R |
| 6 | Integrated management of surface waters and groundwaters and source-to-sea approach | Mandate expected in 2023 | Print and electronic | A4 | 61 | E | A, F, R, S (all RB) | 100A, 300E, 300F, 100R, 100S |

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|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 7 | Third progress report on implementation of Water Convention | ECE/MP.WAT/63, para. 82 (e) | Print and electronic | A4 | 188 | E | A, F, R, S (all RB) | 100A, 300E, 300F, 100R, 100S |
| 8 | Third report on Sustainable Development Goal indicator 6.5.2 | ECE/MP.WAT/63, para. 82 (f) | Print and electronic | A4 | 79 | E | A, F, R, S (all RB) | 100A, 300E, 300F, 100R, 100S |
| 9 | Guidance document on reducing emissions from maritime shipping | ECE/EB.AIR/152 (forthcoming) | Electronic | | 32 | E | F (RB): Translated into F only if it is an official language in the reviewed country | |
| 10 | Guidance document on methane mitigation technologies | ECE/EB.AIR/152 (forthcoming) | Electronic | | 32 | E | F (RB): Translated into F only if it is an official language in the reviewed country | |
| 11 | Fourth Review of the Implementation of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (2019–2021) | Mandate will be provided by Meeting of the Parties at its 5th session (Dec. 2023) | Electronic | | 45 | E, F, R | F, R (all RB) - Only about 5 pages to be translated | |
| 12 | Seventh Review of the Implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (2019–2021) | Mandate will be provided by the Meeting of the Parties at its 5th session (Dec. 2023) | Electronic | | 40 | E, F, R | F, R (all RB) - only about 5 pages to be translated | |
| 13 | Synergies and cooperation | Mandate will be provided by the Meeting of the Parties at its | Print and electronic | A4 | 85 | E | A, F, R (all RB) - one part of text (up to | 20A, 30E, 40F, 10R |

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|-----------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | activities in marine regions | 5th session (Dec. 2023) | | | | | 10,700 words) is likely to be available in E,R and F. | |
| 14 | Guide on protection of environmental defenders | ECE/MP.PP/20 21/2/Add.1, ECE/MP.PP/20 21/2, para. 96 | Print and electronic | A4 | 80 | E | F, R (all RB) | 1000E, 1000F, 1000R |
| 15 | Reprint of Aarhus Convention (once GMO amendment enters into force) | ECE/MP.PP/20 14/2, para. 22 | Print and electronic | A4 | 180 | E, F, R | A, C, F, R, S (all RB) - only about 5 pages will need to be translated | 500A, 500C, 1000E, 1000F, 1000R, 300S |
| 16 | Guidelines on Environmental Monitoring and Reporting | ECE/CEP/AC.1 0/2021/4, annex, para. 3 (c) (v), ECE/EX/2021/L.3 | Print and electronic | A4 | 100 | E | F, R (all RB) | 100E, 50F, 100R |
| 17 | Environmental performance review of a specific member country | ECE/NICOSIA .CONF/2022/2/Add.1, para. 18, ECE/CEP/2020 /2, para. 50 (b) | Print and electronic | A4 | 500 | E | R (RB): Translated into R only if it is an official language in the reviewed country | 500E, 800R |
| 18 | Environmental performance review of a specific member country | ECE/NICOSIA .CONF/2022/2/Add.1, para 18, ECE/CEP/2020 /2, para. 50 (b) | Print and electronic | A4 | 500 | E | F (RB): Translated into F only if it is an official language in the reviewed country | 500E, 800F |

B. Information/promotional materials

| <i>Item No.</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>Mandate</i> | <i>Print and/or electronic</i> | <i>Trim size</i> | <i>No. of pages</i> | <i>Original language(s)</i> | <i>Translated language(s)^a</i> | <i>No. of copies and language(s)</i> |
|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Environmental performance review of specific member country - Highlights | ECE/ASTANA. CONF/2011/2/Add.1, para. 13; ECE/CEP/S/2011/2, paras. 72–73 and 84 (v) | Print and electronic | A4 | 32 | E | - | 100E |
| 2 | Environmental performance review of specific member country - Highlights | ECE/ASTANA. CONF/2011/2/Add.1, para. 13; ECE/CEP/S/2011/2, paras. 72–73 and 84 (v) | Print and electronic | A4 | 32 | E | - | 100E |

Abbreviations: A, Arabic; E, English; ESD, education for sustainable development; F, French; GMO, genetically modified organism; R, Russian; RB, regular budget; S, Spanish; XB, extrabudgetary.

^a Due to resource constraints, translation of promotional materials should be covered mainly from extrabudgetary resources. Otherwise, it will decrease the subprogramme's quota for translation of planned publications.

Annex II

Legislative mandates

A. Overall United Nations Economic Commission for Europe legislative mandates

1. General Assembly resolutions

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|------------|--|
| 66/288 | The future we want |
| 67/10 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community |
| 67/290 | Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development |
| 69/277 | Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations |
| 69/283 | Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 |
| 69/313 | Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda) |
| 70/1 | Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development |
| 71/16 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization |
| 71/256 | New Urban Agenda |
| 72/279 | Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| 73/10 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative |
| 73/195 | Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration |
| 74/122 | Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly |
| 74/128 | Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly |
| 74/144 | Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: accessibility |

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|----------------|--|
| 74/216 | Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development |
| 74/231, 76/215 | Development cooperation with middle-income countries |
| 74/235 | Women in development |
| 74/271 | Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat |
| 74/297 | Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| 75/8, 77/15 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM |
| 75/9, 77/16 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States |
| 75/12 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization |
| 75/216; 76/204 | Disaster risk reduction |
| 75/221 | Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all |
| 75/233 | Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| 75/290 B | Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council 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 High-level political forum on sustainable development |
| 75/324 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization |
| 77/185 | South-South cooperation |

2. Economic and Social Council resolutions

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|------------|--|
| 1998/46 | Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields |
| 2006/38 | Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission |

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|-------------------------|--|
| 2013/1 | Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of the Economic Commission for Europe |
| 2022/18 | Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system |

3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|------------|--|
| A (64) | The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe |
| A (65) | Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE |
| A (66) | Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region |
| A (69) | High-level statement |
| B (69) | Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources |
| C (69) | Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development |

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. General Assembly resolutions

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|------------------------------|---|
| 2994 (XXVII) | United Nations Conference on the Human Environment |
| 47/193 | Observance of World Day for Water |
| 62/68 | Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm |
| 64/200 | International Strategy for Disaster Reduction |
| 67/291 | Sanitation for All |
| 69/172 | Human rights in the administration of justice |
| 69/215 | International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005–2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources |
| 69/235 | Industrial development cooperation |
| 70/169 | The human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation |
| 70/209 | United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005–2014) |
| 71/222 | International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 |

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|------------------------|--|
| 71/313 | Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development |
| 72/222 | Education for sustainable development in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development |
| 73/226 | Midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 |
| 73/238 | The role of the international community in the prevention of the radiation threat in Central Asia |
| 75/212 | United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028 |

2. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|--|--|
| CEP/AC.13/2005/2 | Report of the High-level meeting of Environment and Education Ministries (2005) adopting the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development |
| ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/4/Add.1 | Statement on Education for Sustainable Development by the Ministers of Education and of the Environment of the UNECE region adopted at the joint session on education for development of the Sixth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2007 |
| ECE/AC.21/2021/2– EUHP2018924/4.3.2 | Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment and of the special session of the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme |
| ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1 | Declaration: “Save water, grow green!” by Ministers of the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, report of the Seventh Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2011 |
| ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/2/Add.1 | Declaration: “Greener, cleaner, smarter!” by Ministers of the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, report of the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2016 |
| ECE/BATUMI.CONF/2016/2/Add.2 | Batumi Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development adopted by the High-level Meeting of Education and Environment Ministries of the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, report of the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2016 |
| ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/Add.1 | Ministerial Declaration of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference, 2022 |
| ECE/NICOSIA.CONF/2022/Add.2 | Nicosia Ministerial Statement on Education for Sustainable Development |

3. Relevant decisions of the governing bodies of the multilateral environmental agreements of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

| <i>No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|---|--|
| ECE/EB.AIR/148 and Add.1 | Report of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on its forty-first session |
| ECE/MP.PRTR/ 2021/6 and Add.1 | Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters on its fourth session |
| ECE/MP.PP/2021/2 and Add.1 | Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) on its seventh session |
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