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NOTE: UNOG Conference Services have recently changed their policy and no longer permit remote interventions during official meetings. This decision was communicated to us only recently, and it is beyond the control of the UNECE Secretariat. As a result, planned remote interventions had to be replaced with pre-recorded statements. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding. Please note that this situation is not due to any decisions made by the UNECE Secretariat, and we have done our best to adapt under these new constraints.

Thursday, 17 October 2024	
10:00 – 10:15	Agenda item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening statements, Nicholas Bonvoisin, Section Chief, Environment Division, UNECE - Adoption of the Agenda (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2024/1)
10:15 – 10:45	Agenda item 2. Adoption of the report of the twentieth session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the outcomes of the twentieth session and status of implementation of the decisions and recommendations, Christine Kitzler, UNECE - Adoption of the report of the twentieth session (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2023/2).
10:45 – 11:10	Agenda item 3. Implementing the mandate and terms of reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on next steps regarding the possible conversion of the Joint Task Force into a Joint Working Group on Environmental Statistics and Indicators - Conclusions and way forward
11:10 – 11:30	Comfort break
11:30 – 13:00	Agenda item 4. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of developments on the production and sharing of environmental statistics and indicators by international and regional organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview on activities to support the implementation of the main outcomes of the Ninth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference with relevance for the Joint Task Force, Nicholas Bonvoisin, UNECE ○ Overview of main outcomes of the 26th session of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, Christine Kitzler, UNECE ○ Discussion on proposed indicators for the 8th pan-European environmental assessment (ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2024/3) and indicators to be produced with the help of earth observations, Christine Kitzler, UNECE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview on the outcomes of recent work of the UNECE Statistics Division, Michael Nagy, UNECE ○ Updates on Global Work on Environment and Climate Change Statistics, Marcus Newbury, United Nations Statistics Division, pre-recorded <p>- Discussion</p>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 16:55	<p>Agenda item 4 cont. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste and circular economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developments on statistics related to food waste, plastics and circular economy, Therese El Gemayel, UNEP, pre-recorded ○ Revision and consultation of e-waste statistics guidelines, Kees Balde, UNITAR, pre-recorded - Sustainable and resilient infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction: UNECE ○ Panel discussion on development of a common definition of a sustainable and resilient infrastructure / Statistics and indicators to measure a sustainable and resilient infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helen Ng, UNDRR ▪ Rowan Palmer, UNEP ▪ P�line Atamer, OECD ▪ Reflection by selected countries (Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; others to be confirmed) <p>- Discussion</p>
16:55 – 17:15	Comfort break
17:15 – 17: 50	<p>Agenda item 4 cont. Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National developments in the production and sharing of environmental indicators and statistics including on revised UNECE air related indicators, statistics on sustainable infrastructure, biodiversity, chemicals and waste and/or circular economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Albania: Rozana Bineri, National Environmental Agency ○ Austria: Johannes Mayer, Environment Agency Austria <p>- Discussion</p>
17:50 – 18:00	Conclusions of the first day

Friday, 18 October 2024	
10:00 – 11:35	<p>Agenda item 4: Ongoing developments with relevance for the work of the Joint Task Force (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National developments cont. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Belarus: Katsiaryna Maslouskaya, National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus ○ Bosnia and Herzegovina: Œevala Korajčević, Agency for Statistics of Bosnia and Herzegovina

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Montenegro: Gordana Djukanovic, Environment Protection Agency of Montenegro ○ Serbia: Nebojša Redžić, Serbian Environmental Protection Agency ○ Armenia: Gayane Shahnazaryan (Ministry of Environment and Nelli Baghdasaryan (Statistical Committee), Republic of Armenia) <p>- Discussion</p>
11:35 – 11:55	Comfort break
11:55 – 13:00	<p>Agenda item 5: Review of the Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview on latest developments and presentation of the Publication on the revised Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators – 2023 Edition, Michael Nagy, UNECE - Feedback on indicator metadata sheets for non-priority indicators from individual experts - Conclusions and next steps, Michael Nagy, UNECE
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break (including taking a group picture)
15:00 – 16:15	<p>Agenda item 7. Data needs, statistics and indicators to manage environment-related human health issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vijendra Ingole, UK Office for National Statistics - Integration of environment and health data for public health action, Ariana Zeka, INPHET Steering Committee, pre-recorded - Overview on WHO work related to environment and health indicators, Sinaia Netanyahu, WHO Regional Office for Europe, pre-recorded <p>Discussion and conclusions</p>
16:15 – 16:30	Comfort break (if time allows)
16:30 – 17:40	<p>Agenda item 6. Ongoing and planned capacity development activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU4Environment: Water and Environmental Data programme, Johannes Mayer, Environment Agency Austria - Lessons learned and conclusions from Sector review on Environment Statistics in Georgia, Irakli Apkhaidze (National Statistics Office of Georgia) and Maia Javakhishvili (Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia) - Initial results and expectations from Sector Review on Environment Statistics in Kazakhstan, Aida Issabekova, Bureau of National Statistics of the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan - Ongoing and planned capacity development activities by UNECE Statistics Division, Michael Nagy, UNECE - Discussion
17:40 – 18:00	<p>Agenda items 9 and 10: Other business and closure of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any Other business Member States and partners are invited to inform the Secretariat of any other business prior to the meeting - Adoption of decisions and recommendations