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DRAFT DECISION ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION
AND ITS FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Economic Commission for Europe

Recalling its resolution 1 (1992-S), in particular paragraph 2, sub-paragraphs A and B, and conscious of the important role of the ECE as an instrument for the implementation of the principles and aims of the United Nations Charter at the regional level,

Emphasizing the importance of the Charter of Paris for a New Europe, the Helsinki Document 1992 "The challenges of change" and the documents of other relevant meetings of the CSCE in particular the documents of the Bonn Conference on Economic Cooperation, and having in mind that these documents also contain recommendations directed towards the future work of the Commission,

Taking note of the Summary Document prepared by the secretariat for the Ad hoc Informal Meetings in January and March 1993, the Report of the Chairman of the Commission on his consultations with the bureaux of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies in accordance with decision B (46), paragraph 4, and the Executive Secretary's note on the programme of work for 1993-1997 (E/ECE/1277 and Add.1) and taking into account decision P (45) taken by its forty-fifth resumed annual session and the Medium-Term Plan for the period 1992-1997 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly during its forty-seventh session (A/47/6/Rev.1),

Recalling its mandate to initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for economic reconstruction of Europe, and appealing to other relevant international economic bodies, in a position to do so, to examine their possible contribution to that effect,

1. Reaffirms its determination to implement decisions O (45) and P (45) of the forty-fifth resumed session and requests its subsidiary bodies to carry out without delay the provisions of decision O (45) when reviewing and carrying out their programmes of work and to report on the action taken to the forty-ninth session of the Commission;

2. Requests its subsidiary bodies to take into account in their work the pertinent provisions of the relevant CSCE documents which call for multilateral implementation within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe and invites them to contribute in the appropriate manner to the practical follow-up of the CSCE Economic Forum held in Prague from 16-18 March 1993 on matters where the ECE has competence and can provide expertise and experience and which at the same time avoid possible duplication with activities undertaken by other international organizations;

3. Approves its programme of work for 1993-1994 and endorses, in principle, subject to review at its forty-ninth session, its programme of work for 1993-1997;

4. Takes note of the Executive Secretary's note (E/ECE/1279) on the implications of resolutions of the General Assembly and of ECOSOC for the work of the UN/ECE, including Assembly resolution 47/166 on international cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia, requests the Executive Secretary to bring the work of the Commission to the attention of the Secretary General to assist him in the preparation of the reports which he is required to submit to the Assembly and invites its subsidiary bodies to consider possible work within their competence and ongoing activities which could contribute to the implementation of General Assembly resolutions and to study possible action to contribute to global programmes of the United Nations including forthcoming or recent global Conferences or international years;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue to implement the provisions and recommendations contained in its decisions O (45) and P (45) where the work of the secretariat is concerned and to report to the forty-ninth session of the Commission;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to transmit the present decision as well as other decisions of this session, together with the views expressed or agreed in relation thereto by member Governments, to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned and requests them to take these into account in their work and when reviewing their respective programmes.