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**PROGRAMME PLANNING AND EVALUATION: PRIORITIZATION AND SELECTION
OF PROJECTS FOR EVALUATION**

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Note by the secretariat

INTRODUCTION

1. Monitoring and evaluation are considered to be of strategic importance in strengthening results-based management at ESCAP with a view to supporting the efforts of member States to achieve their development goals.
2. During the preparations for the ESCAP monitoring and evaluation framework under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009,¹ the secretariat identified a number of projects for discretionary internal evaluation in the areas of environment and sustainable development, and information, communication and space technology.

**I. PROJECTS FOR EVALUATION RELATED TO ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT, AND INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND SPACE
TECHNOLOGY**

3. The project on green growth is proposed to be evaluated in 2009. This project aims at improving the quality of economic growth in Asia and the Pacific by ensuring environmental sustainability while maintaining economic growth. As progress on action taken by the secretariat with regard to the green growth approach should be reviewed by the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, to be held in 2010, monitoring and evaluation of the project will be carried out in 2009.

¹ A/62/6 (Sect. 18).

4. In relation to information and communication technology, the project on empowering rural areas through community e-centres is proposed to be evaluated in 2008. The project aims to develop a sustainable community e-centre model to provide information and communication technology access and relevant applications to rural people to improve their socio-economic development.

5. In addition to scheduled evaluation, as mandated by the Commission in its resolution 61/6 of 18 May 2005 on the establishment of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development, a report on the performance of the Centre will be prepared in early 2008, which will serve as the basis for a mid-term review by the Commission at its sixty-fourth session in 2008.

II. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The Committee is invited to provide the secretariat with guidance on the prioritization and scope of the projects selected for evaluation to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of subprogramme 6, Environment and sustainable development, and subprogramme 7, Information, communication and space technology.

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