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## **Economic Commission for Europe**

### **Biennial Report covering the period from 19 April 2023 to 9 April 2025**

#### **Introduction**

1. The present Biennial Report is based on the report adopted unanimously by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) at its seventy-first session on 10 April 2025.

#### **Chapter I** **Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention**

2. At its seventy-first session, the Commission adopted decisions A (71) Climate action and resilient infrastructure for a sustainable future; B (71) Sequential review procedure of the programme of work; C (71) Strengthening the United Nations Forum of Mayors; D (71) Strengthening integration of statistics and geography; E (71) Multilingualism in meetings under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes; F (71) Economic and Social Effects of Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine. The texts of all decisions are contained in Chapter IV. (For the account of the proceedings, see Chapter III).

3. The Commission, as part of its high-level segment, discussed the theme "Climate action and resilient infrastructure for a sustainable future". (For the Chair's summary of the discussions, see annexes I and II).

#### **Chapter II** **Work of the Commission since its seventieth session**

4. The Commission, the Executive Committee and the subsidiary bodies of the Commission held their meetings, including other meetings organized under their auspices, serviced by the ECE secretariat.

5. A list of meetings held since the seventieth session is contained in annex III, showing in each case the dates, the officers, and the symbols of the report. These reports record the agreements reached and decisions taken.

#### **Chapter III** **Seventy-first session of the Commission**

##### **A. Attendance and organization of work**

6. The seventy-first session of the Commission was held from 9 to 10 April 2025 in person in Geneva. At the opening session, the Commission heard remarks by the Chair, the Executive Secretary, and the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). The Chair's summary of these statements is contained in annex I.

7. The session was chaired by Switzerland on 9 and 10 April. It was agreed that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland would act as Rapporteur during the session.

8. The session was attended by representatives of the following States: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro,

Netherlands (Kingdom of the), North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

9. The session was attended by representatives of the European Union.
10. A complete list of participants can be found on the ECE website ([www.unece.org](http://www.unece.org)).

## **B. Agenda**

11. The Commission adopted its agenda (E/ECE/1511).
  1. Opening and adoption of the agenda.
  2. High-level dialogue.
  3. Roundtables.
  4. Consideration of the high-level statement.
  5. Report on activities on the high-level theme of the seventieth session:  
“Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe.”
  6. Report on activities of the Executive Committee.
  7. Other issues calling for decision by the Commission.
  8. Election of officers.
  9. Other business.
  10. Adoption of the report of the session.

## **C. Election of Officers (Agenda item 8)**

12. In accordance with Rule 12 of its Rules of Procedure (E/ECE/778/Rev.5), the Commission elected Italy as Chair, and Kazakhstan and Montenegro as Vice-Chairs of the seventy-second session.

## **D. Account of proceedings**

### **High-level dialogue (Agenda item 2)**

13. Under this item the Commission had before it background document E/ECE/1513, submitted by the secretariat, entitled “Climate action and resilient infrastructure for a sustainable future: Activities of the Economic Commission for Europe”.
14. The Chair’s summary of discussions under this item is contained in annex I.

### **Roundtables (Agenda item 3)**

15. As part of its high-level segment, the Commission held a roundtable on the theme “Advancing climate action and resilient infrastructure”. It covered perspectives from the ECE membership and discussed scaling up ECE initiatives for climate action and resilient infrastructure and deepening collaboration with project financiers.
16. The Chair’s summary of discussions under this item is contained in annex II.

### **Consideration of the high-level statement (Agenda item 4)**

17. The Commission did not consider a high-level statement.



**Report on activities on the high-level theme of the seventieth session: “Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe” (Agenda item 5)**

18. Under this item the Commission had before it background document E/ECE/1515 “Progress report on the work of the Commission on the digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the region”, submitted by the secretariat. The Commission heard a presentation by the Executive Secretary on the work carried out by ECE since that session.

19. The Commission welcomed the work carried out by ECE on the high-level theme of the seventieth session since that session.

**Report on activities of the Executive Committee (Agenda item 6)**

20. Under this item the Commission had before it document E/ECE/1514 providing a report on the activities and the main achievements of the Executive Committee since the last Commission session.

21. The Russian Federation inquired why annex IV had been included in E/ECE/1515, as Commission decision A (70), which this annex referenced, did not contain a request to report on activities carried out in Ukraine at the seventy-first session of the Commission.

22. The Chair explained that decision A (70) requested ECE subsidiary bodies to implement it. As these bodies all reported to the Executive Committee during the intersessional period, including on their activities in Ukraine, these activities had been reflected in E/ECE/1515.

23. The Commission noted the initiatives taken during the intersessional period to reflect on future challenges for the ECE, and requested that the Executive Secretary continue consultations with member States on ways to enhance the agility and efficiency of ECE.

**Other issues calling for decision by the Commission (Agenda item 7)**

24. The Commission adopted draft decisions A, B and E, as contained in document E/ECE/1516, draft decisions C and D, as contained in document E/ECE/1516 with amendments, and the draft decision contained in E/ECE/2025/L.1. In relation to draft decisions C, D and E, the secretariat read out the accompanying oral statements on programme budget implications before their consideration.

25. In relation to decision A, the Commission considered amendments proposed by the United States of America to draft decision A, as contained in E/ECE/2025/L.2.

26. The representative of the United States of America said that the amended version as contained in E/ECE/2025/L.2 would be the only one acceptable to all member States and the only one to not contain any references explicitly rejected during discussions on agenda item 2, and urged the Commission to adopt it by consensus highlighting to member States the option described by the Chair to dissociate from decisions while still allowing for adoption.

27. Several delegations opposed the amendments proposed by the United States of America and supported the original version as contained in E/ECE/1516.

28. On behalf of Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Malta, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland called to vote on the adoption of the amendments proposed by the United States of America.

29. The representative of the United States of America requested the vote be administered by roll call.

30. The results of the roll call was one vote in favour, 35 votes against, and nine abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

United States of America

*Against:*

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

*Abstaining:*

Belarus, Canada, Hungary, Kazakhstan, North Macedonia, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

31. Following the rejection of the proposed amendments, the Commission considered decision A in its original version as contained in E/ECE/1516.

32. The representative of the United States of America stated that the United States of America did not support the decision, as it sought to focus the work of ECE on climate policy at the expense of other critical issues in the mandate of ECE. The United States of America urged member States to instead focus the Commission's work over the next two years on practical issues beneficial to all member States.

33. The representative of the European Union and its member States supported the decision.

34. The Chair noted no vote had been requested and sought clarification with respect to the position of the United States of America in light of the reservations and the representative of the United States of America called for a vote by roll call on the adoption of decision A as contained in E/ECE/1516.

35. The results of the roll call was 42 votes in favour, one vote against, and five abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

*Against:*

United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Belarus, Canada, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan

36. The Commission adopted decision B as contained in E/ECE/1516 by consensus.

37. In relation to decisions C and D, the Commission considered amendments proposed by the United States of America to draft decisions C and D, as contained in document E/ECE/2025/L.2 and as subsequently revised.

38. The United States of America expressed appreciation to other member States for their flexibility and willingness to adopt its amendments to decisions C and D.

39. Several delegations reiterated the importance of references to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Pact for the Future and the Paris Agreement, but voiced a willingness to support the simplified texts as contained in the amendments proposed by the United States of America given the importance of

transferring the programme budget requests to United Nations Headquarters, and in the spirit of consensus.

40. The representative of the Russian Federation recalled that the amendments had not been circulated to member States in all working languages of ECE according to the deadlines stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, but expressed willingness to make an exception given the importance of approving decisions C and D by consensus.

41. Following the adoption by consensus of the amendments, the Commission adopted decisions C and D, as amended, without a vote.

42. In relation to decision E, the representative of the United States of America did not support the draft decision as contained in E/ECE/1516, as it sought to increase funds significantly for a project that should not require this level of resources.

43. Several delegations expressed support for the decision.

44. The Chair noted no vote had been requested and sought clarification with respect to the position of the United States of America in light of the expression of opposition to the adoption of decision E as contained in E/ECE/1516 and the representative of the United States of America called for a vote by roll call on its adoption.

45. The results of the roll call was 40 votes in favour, one vote against, and four abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

*Against:*

United States of America

*Abstaining:*

Belarus, Canada, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

46. In relation to decision E/ECE/2025/L.1, the representative of Ukraine, who had submitted the decision on behalf of Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, noted the profound impact on the ECE region of the aggression by the Russian Federation on Ukraine and urged all member States to support the decision.

47. Several delegations made statements in favour of the adoption of the draft decision.

48. The Russian Federation objected to the adoption of draft decision E/ECE/2025/L.1 and stated that it was submitted without proper discussion, in violation of the established practice of preparing draft decisions for consideration by the Commission.

49. Belarus objected to the adoption of draft decision E/ECE/2025/L.1 as contradicting to the mandate of the Commission and misleading. The representative of Belarus stressed the negative impact of the unilateral coercive measures on food security, energy, economic development and integration on Europe and the global economy.

50. In the absence of consensus, the representative of Poland called for a vote on the adoption of decision E/ECE/2025/L.1.

51. The Russian Federation requested that this vote be carried out by roll call.

52. The results of the roll call was 38 votes in favour, two votes against, and nine abstentions. The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

*Against:*

Belarus, Russian Federation

*Abstaining:*

Armenia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United States of America

53. The representative of the United States of America made a statement after the vote explaining that the United States of America abstained from the decision because the decision was not conducive to achieving peace in Ukraine. The representative of the United States of America said that the Russia-Ukraine war must end, and that the United States of America remains fully engaged in the rigorous diplomacy needed to reach that goal.

54. The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement after the vote, expressing that such politically motivated decisions undermine the credibility of ECE. The Russian Federation stated that the transformation of ECE into a subsidiary body of the European Union would completely discredit the Commission and render its future functioning meaningless.

**Other business (Agenda item 9)**

55. The Commission agreed to hold its seventy-second session in 2027.

**Adoption of the report of the session (Agenda item 10)**

56. The report of the seventy-first session was adopted.

## **Chapter IV**

### **Decisions adopted by the seventy-first session of the Economic Commission for Europe**

#### **A (71) Climate action and resilient infrastructure for a sustainable future**

*The Economic Commission for Europe,*

*Recalling* Resolution A/Res/79/1, Pact for the Future,

*Further recalling* the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

*Further recalling* the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of all previous Conferences of the Parties,

*Reaffirming* the importance of accelerating action to address and counter the adverse impacts of climate change and multiple sustainability crises and promote sustainable, inclusive, resilient economic growth,

*Reaffirming* the commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

*Recognizing* the measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic development and integration of the region of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), in particular, the normative, standard-setting and policy work already undertaken by ECE to

address climate change and its implications across multiple sectors, including in connection with the design, deployment and maintenance of resilient infrastructure in different contexts,

*Further recognizing* also that infrastructure development contributes to better connectivity within the ECE region,

1. *Emphasizes* the need to further strengthen the work of the Commission in support of climate action and resilient infrastructure, within its mandate and subject to the availability of resources, ensuring that no one is left behind and that the transition to a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions/carbon-neutral economy is inclusive, just and fair;

2. *Requests* the relevant sectoral committees and bodies reporting directly to the Executive Committee, and their subsidiaries, to consider how to enhance the impact of relevant existing ECE instruments, in order to foster climate action and resilient infrastructure for a just and sustainable future, including by proposing ways to identify, assess and fill gaps in governance, develop good practices and strengthen coherence;

3. *Stresses* the importance of international cooperation in support of climate action and promotion of resilient infrastructure and invites these subsidiary bodies to replicate and scale up existing approaches that facilitate broad and effective use of the appropriate instruments, including through capacity-building and knowledge-sharing activities;

4. *Further invites* these subsidiary bodies, as appropriate, to consider developing proposals in their respective programmes of work, including possible collaboration across subprogrammes, for impactful and measurable solutions that promote climate action and resilient infrastructure and that can facilitate attaining the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by addressing actual and potential climate risks in an integrated and forward-looking manner;

5. *Requests* the secretariat to systematically integrate a climate mitigation and adaptation perspective within its work on assisting ECE countries on infrastructure planning to help improve their resilience to the impacts of climate change and related economic vulnerabilities;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to further promote partnerships related to climate action and resilient infrastructure, including within the United Nations system, other international organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector, to explore opportunities for synergies to broaden the use of relevant ECE instruments;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to present a progress report on the work of the Commission on climate action and resilient infrastructure for a sustainable future, as outlined in the above decision, for consideration at its seventy-second session.

## **B (71) Sequential review procedure of the programme of work**

*The Economic Commission for Europe,*

*Recalling* its decision A (65) of 11 April 2013,

*Recalling* also the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,<sup>1</sup> by which the relevant programmes and subprogrammes of the proposed strategic framework shall be reviewed by the relevant sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies, if possible during the regular cycle of their meetings,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 77/267 of 30 December 2022,

1. *Reiterates* the need for member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

<sup>1</sup> ST/SGB/2018/3.

2. *Takes note* with appreciation of the document “Sequential review of the proposed programmes of work of ECE subprogrammes”<sup>2</sup>, approved by the Executive Committee at its 115th meeting on 5 March 2021;

3. *Decides* to further strengthen the sequential nature of the review and requests ECE sectoral committees to formally adopt during their annual sessions the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the relevant subprogramme for the “Year+2”, noting that this document will be subsequently reviewed by the Executive Committee as part of the ECE Programme Plan for the Year +2<sup>3</sup> and finally considered by the Committee for Programme and Coordination, before final approval by the General Assembly;

4. *Invites* member States to provide recommendations, as necessary, on the “Outline of key components of the programme of work of the relevant subprogramme for the Year+2”, during the annual sessions of the sectoral committees;

5. *Requests* the secretariat and the ECE sectoral committees to increase time allocated for appropriate detailed discussion of the programmes of work during the annual sessions;

6. *Decides* that the Executive Committee shall review the consolidated ECE Proposed programme plan for the Year+2 during the last meeting of the year or the first meeting of the next year, to enable the secretariat to incorporate comments before transmission to the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance, and further review by the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

7. *Decides* to revise para. 3(b) of the Terms of Reference of the Executive Committee, as contained in document ECE/EX/3/Rev.2, accordingly, to read: “review and evaluate annually, in due time, the Programme of work of the sectoral committees, as reflected in the consolidated ECE Proposed programme plan, including intersectoral activities and relations with other international organizations based on the criteria which the Executive Committee shall define. These criteria will include coherence with the overall objectives of the ECE, coordination with ECE subprogrammes and resource implications”;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to define a transition mechanism for the implementation of this decision in 2025 while the preparation of the 2027 Proposed programme plan is already on its way, and requests full implementation to start in 2026 with the preparation of the 2028 Proposed programme plan.

## **C (71) Strengthening the United Nations Forum of Mayors**

*The Economic Commission for Europe,*

*Recalling* decisions ECE/EX/2023/L.4 and ECE/EX/2024/L.16 of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) to establish and extend the Forum of Mayors as a subsidiary body of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, in the form of a team of specialists of a standing nature, to be convened annually, in Geneva, immediately prior to the Committee session,

*Noting* the unique nature of the Forum of Mayors as a United Nations body for enhancing coherence and complementarity between the local, regional and global levels in the furtherance of a stronger, more networked and inclusive multilateral system,

*Recognizing* the existence of other relevant United Nations and other international processes addressing urban issues and the importance of cooperating with them,

*Taking note* of the Pact for the Future,

*Acknowledging* that the organization of the meetings of the Forum of Mayors requires adequate funding,

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<sup>2</sup> Informal Document 2021/8.

<sup>3</sup> If the Executive Committee review occurs in December, it looks at the Programme plan of the “Year+2”, however if the review occurs in January of the following year, it looks at the Programme plan of the “Year+1”. For consistency purpose only “Year +2” is used.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the secretariat resources and establish dedicated new additional capacities to support the Forum of Mayors;
2. *Decides* to transmit to the Economic and Social Council at its session of 2025 a draft resolution on this issue for consideration and possible adoption.

### **Draft resolution of the Economic and Social Council on strengthening the United Nations Forum of Mayors**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the adoption by the seventy-first session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (Geneva, 9 and 10 April 2025) of decision C (71) on strengthening the United Nations Forum of Mayors,

*Endorses* decision C (71) of ECE and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the secretariat resources and establish dedicated new additional capacities to support the Forum of Mayors with a view to advancing the effective implementation of the mandate of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management.

### **D (71) Strengthening integration of statistics and geography**

*The Economic Commission for Europe,*

*Considering* decision 2011/24 (E/CN.3/2012/31) of the Economic and Social Council on establishing the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), Resolution 2016/27 of the Economic and Social Council on strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management (E/RES/2016/27), and Resolution 2022/24 of the Economic and Social Council on enhancing global geospatial information management arrangements (E/RES/2022/24),

*Noting* at its seventy-first session, the critical importance of geospatially referenced information for evidence-based decision making,

*Recalling* that the regular budget support for the ECE Statistics subprogramme, including staffing, has remained unchanged for the past many years,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the role of the ECE secretariat in strengthening interlinkages between the statistical and geospatial communities, and in developing interoperability methodologies for integrating statistics/data and geography under the Statistics subprogramme of ECE;
2. *Decides* to transmit to the Economic and Social Council at its session of 2025 a draft resolution on this issue for consideration and possible adoption.

### **Draft ECOSOC resolution on the implementation of decision to strengthen integration of statistics and geography**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the adoption by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) at its seventy-first session, held in Geneva on 9 and 10 April 2025, of decision D (71) on strengthening interlinkages between the statistical and geospatial communities, and developing interoperability methodologies for integrating statistics/data and geography, by which the Commission recommended that the Economic and Social Council endorse the decision,

*Endorses* decision D (71) of ECE, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen interlinkages between the statistical and geospatial communities, and develop interoperability methodologies for integrating statistics/data and geography under the Statistics subprogramme of ECE.

## **E (71) Multilingualism in meetings under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes**

*The Economic Commission for Europe,*

*Recognizing* the significant progress made since the entry into force in 1996 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), which has provided a sound legal framework and an effective intergovernmental platform for the promotion of cooperation and the sustainable management of water resources at the basin, regional and international levels that are key for peaceful and sustainable development,

*Recalling* decision III/1<sup>4</sup> of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention opening the Convention to accession by all United Nations Member States and its entry into force in 2013,

*Welcoming* the significant global interest in acceding to the Water Convention, which since 2018 counts 12 new Parties from Africa (Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Zambia, and Zimbabwe), one from Latin America (Panama) and one from the Middle East (Iraq),

*Welcoming also* the fact that more than 20 other countries are in the process of acceding to the Water Convention and should soon become Parties, including five Spanish-speaking countries and two Arabic-speaking countries,

*Highlighting* that, in addition to the current 55 Convention Parties, around 80 other countries take part in meetings and activities under the Convention, making a total of more than 130 participating United Nations Member States,

*Emphasizing* that the Convention offers the only United Nations intergovernmental framework for policy and technical discussions on the sustainable management of transboundary water resources, and that its platform and work are useful to all countries sharing water resources, not only to Parties,

*Recalling* multiple resolutions of the General Assembly on multilingualism, including A/RES/71/328 of 2017, A/RES/73/346 of 2019 and A/RES/76/268 of 2022 which emphasize the paramount importance of the equality of the six official languages of the United Nations,

*Noting* the adoption, at the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (Ljubljana, 23 to 25 October 2024), of Decision X/3 on promoting equal and effective participation of all Parties in sessions of the Meeting of the Parties and other meetings under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes through translation and interpretation into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish,

1. *Decides* that translation of all official Convention documents and publications into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish shall be ensured in order to enable equal and effective participation of all current and future Parties and other countries in Convention activities;

2. *Also decides* that interpretation into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish at sessions of the Meeting of the Parties and other official Convention meetings shall be ensured in order to enable equal and effective participation of current and future Parties and other countries in Convention activities;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Secretary-General to provide translation and interpretation services into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish, in addition to English, French and Russian, at future sessions of the Meeting of the Parties and other meetings under the Convention from the United Nations regular budget, including the translation of official documents and publications of the Convention into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish, in order to enable effective and equal participation by all Parties and other countries;

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<sup>4</sup> ECE/MP.WAT/14.



4. *Decides* to transmit to the Economic and Social Council at its session of 2025 a draft resolution on this issue for consideration and possible adoption.

**Draft resolution of the Economic and Social Council on multilingualism in meetings under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the adoption by the seventy-first session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (Geneva, 9 and 10 April 2025) of decision E (71) on multilingualism in meetings under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes by which the Economic Commission for Europe recommended to the Economic and Social Council endorsing the said decision,

*Endorses* decision E (71) of ECE and requests the Secretary-General to provide translation and interpretation services into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish, in addition to English, French and Russian, at future sessions of the Meeting of the Parties and other meetings under the Water Convention from the United Nations regular budget, including the translation of official documents and publications of the Convention into Arabic, Chinese and Spanish, in order to enable effective and equal participation by all Member States.

**F (71) Economic and Social Effects of Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine**

*The Economic Commission for Europe,*

*Reaffirming* the paramount importance of the Charter of the United Nations in the promotion of the rule of law among nations,

*Reaffirming* General Assembly resolution A/RES/ES-11/7 on advancing a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine,

*Noting* with concern that the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation has persisted for three years and continues to have devastating and long-lasting consequences not only for Ukraine, but also for other regions and global stability, Reiterating that the early achievement of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace would constitute a significant contribution to strengthening international peace and security, Noting with deep concern the ongoing adverse impact of the war on global food security, energy, the global economy, nuclear security and safety and the environment,

*Reaffirming* the commitment of the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe (ECE) to facilitating the economic development and integration of Europe, to raising the level of European economic activity, and to maintaining and strengthening the economic relations of countries in the ECE region,

*Recalling* its decision A (70) on the economic and social effects of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, as well as decisions ECE/EX/2022/L.6 and ECE/EX/2022/L.12 of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) relating to "Latest development in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe,

1. *Calls for* a de-escalation, an immediate cessation of hostilities and a peaceful resolution of the war against Ukraine, marked by enormous destruction and human suffering, including among the civilian population, in line with the Charter of the United Nations and international law and in full respect of Ukraine's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders;

2. *Reaffirms* its decision A (70) on the economic and social effects of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, adopted during its seventieth session on 18–19 April 2023;

3. *Welcomes* the past and ongoing technical cooperation and capacity-building activities of ECE in Ukraine;

4. *Appreciates* the overview of these activities provided by the ECE secretariat in annex IV of document E/ECE/1514;
5. *Requests* the ECE secretariat and relevant subsidiary bodies to continue and intensify efforts towards the implementation of its projects on the reconstruction of Ukraine;
6. *Requests* the ECE secretariat to continue to assist Ukraine and neighboring member States in recovering and rebuilding from the economic, environmental, infrastructure, energy, and social effects of Russia's aggression to the extent possible within available resources and within the context of existing mandates.

## Annex I

### Item 1: Opening and adoption of the agenda

#### Chair's summary of the discussions

**Ms. Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)**, welcomed delegates and looked forward to their discussions about national policies and actions for making infrastructure more climate-resilient. An ongoing liquidity crisis in the United Nations Secretariat was threatening mandate delivery, and shifting perspectives and approaches had arisen among member States regarding some of the core ECE mandates. ECE would face these challenges by establishing appropriate priorities and becoming more efficient and nimble, in line with the broader UN80 initiative announced by the Secretary-General.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the Commission heard opening remarks as follows:

**Mr. Alexandre Fasel, Chair of ECE**, emphasized the critical importance of resilient infrastructure, which was vital to everyday life. Climate change presented significant threats to infrastructure. Designing climate-resilient infrastructure was therefore essential. ECE, with its eight subprogrammes, was well-equipped to reflect and act on these issues. Ongoing activities already offered valuable opportunities for further policy development. The high-level segment of the session would provide a platform to discuss actions, challenges, and opportunities, focusing on how ECE can best support national efforts to build climate-resilient infrastructure.

**Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva**, noted the relevance of the theme of the high-level segment to the Pact for the Future, which called for accelerated action to address climate change while emphasizing resilient infrastructure as an important element of sustainable development. The international community needed to decisively limit long-term warming. Multilateralism was indispensable in this context, with institutions such as ECE providing platforms for translating the global goals into reality. By setting shared norms, ECE enabled countries to reduce risk and attract green finance, and fostered cross-border cooperation.

### Item 2: High-level Dialogue

#### Chair's summary of the discussions

The item was moderated by **Mr. Alexandre Fasel, Chair of ECE**.

To open the discussion, **Ms. Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary of ECE**, noted the tremendous opportunity that infrastructure transformation presented for building resilience, accelerating decarbonization and enabling sustainable growth. Numerous ECE instruments supported these objectives. The following issues merited further consideration: better understanding of the potential climate impacts on infrastructure; identification of risks that undermine resilience; sharing of information across stakeholders; technical assistance to ensure broad adoption of relevant ECE standards and guidelines; integrated, cross-sectoral approaches; involvement of multiple governance levels, and innovative mechanisms to finance climate-resilient infrastructure projects.

Several delegations welcomed the choice of “Climate action and resilient infrastructure for a sustainable future” as the theme of the session, highlighted the urgency of adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change, and underlined the critical role of resilient infrastructure in this context. Several delegations also highlighted the need to enhance international cooperation and multilateralism and agreed that ECE, as a multi-stakeholder convening platform, had an important role to play.

## Statements

**Mr. Khojamyrat Geldimyradov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan**, stated that the National Strategy on Climate Change focused on adaptation measures and reducing emissions. Turkmenistan had joined the Global Methane Pledge, established an intersectoral commission to reduce methane emissions, and was working with international partners on this topic. Adaptation measures included forest restoration, improved land use, creation of green belts around cities, water-saving irrigation methods, and participation in the ECE Trees in Cities initiative. Turkmenistan supported efforts to solve issues in the Aral Sea basin. Electric transport was being promoted in Turkmen cities to enhance decarbonization.

**Mr. Damjan Ćulafić, Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Development of the Northern Region of Montenegro**, said that resilient infrastructure that could withstand the challenges of climate change, combined with increased use of renewable energy and green technologies, was essential for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With a view to transitioning to a low-carbon, sustainable society, Montenegro had invested significantly in energy infrastructure, achieving better energy efficiency, emission reductions, and implementation of advanced, cleaner technologies. With proper financing, cross-sectoral approaches could be enhanced. Montenegro would continue to strengthen its regulatory framework to attract additional investments in green projects.

**Mr. Wopke Hoekstra, European Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth**, stated in a video message that climate-resilient infrastructure was crucial for reducing emissions and preparing for ever growing climate risks. The Preparedness Union Strategy of the European Union (EU) therefore emphasized "resilient by design" infrastructure. The EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change supported regional and local efforts, as cooperation at all levels was essential. Despite geopolitical challenges, in particular the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the EU remained committed to climate action, investing up to €300 billion in smart, clean infrastructure globally through the Global Gateway strategy, in SDG-aligned projects.

**Ms. Boglárka Illés, State Secretary for Bilateral Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary**, recalled that Hungary was chairing the Protocol on Water and Health. Hungary had seen a strong reduction in carbon emissions since 1990 and sought to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. In this context, nuclear energy contributed to carbon reduction. Hungary was also at the forefront of solar power plant production as part of a successful renewable energy production policy.

**Mr. Zdenko Lucić, State Secretary for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia**, noted that Croatia was eighth in the world on SDG implementation based on the 2024 Sustainable Development report. Croatia supported the Pact for the Future, the Paris Agreement and the EU Green Deal. Croatia had adopted strategies for climate change adaptation and disaster risk management, was pursuing efforts to analyse cross-border risks, and had established a climate change adaptation centre. Investments in resilience were crucial. Given the interconnected nature of infrastructure and the cross-border spillover effects of climate change, international cooperation remained paramount.

**Mr. Elnur Aliyev, First Deputy Minister of Economy of Azerbaijan**, delivered a joint statement on behalf of Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan. The Trans-Caspian International East-West Transport Corridor (Middle Corridor) has strong potential for connecting European and Asian markets. In the context of rising global demand for diverse supply chains, ensuring efficient and safe operation of the Middle Corridor was crucial. Participating countries would continue to coordinate investments and harmonize procedures for the success of the corridor. The Middle Corridor Group consisting of respective Permanent Missions in Geneva has been established to support this endeavour.

**Mr. Arman Kassenov, Vice Minister of National Economy of Kazakhstan**, said that construction of the first nuclear power plant in the country would significantly change the national energy profile. The Carbon Neutrality Strategy until 2060 emphasized renewable

energy development, electric vehicles, natural gas, and sustainable agriculture production. Kazakhstan was integrating green economy principles into regional and national infrastructure plans, and developing infrastructure for artificial intelligence. A recent General Assembly resolution decided to establish a United Nations Regional Centre for the Sustainable Development Goals for Central Asia and Afghanistan in Almaty. Kazakhstan would host the United Nations Regional Climate Summit in 2026.

**Ms. Fatma Varank, Deputy Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Türkiye**, said that energy efficient buildings, green infrastructure investments and sustainable transportation solutions were cornerstones of the national Long-Term Climate Change Strategy. Relevant efforts included increasing renewable and nuclear energy use, climate-resilient building standards, railway electrification, increasing the share of railways in logistics, recycling, investments in disaster risk reduction and early warning and forecasting systems, and national- and provincial-level emission tracking. Türkiye hosted the Regional Activity Centre for Climate Change under the Barcelona Convention and hoped to host the thirty-first Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change. Türkiye aligned with the statement made by Azerbaijan and emphasized that this initiative would be complementary with past and ongoing efforts, including through the Coordination Committee established at the ECE Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics ECE.

**Mr. Sanzhar Bolotov, Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan**, stated that Kyrgyzstan saw the green economy as both a necessity and a path to sustainable growth and improved living standards. Key initiatives included reducing carbon emissions, promoting sustainable energy (especially hydropower), green farming, soil preservation, and waste management. Kyrgyzstan was developing green taxonomy to attract investment into green economy sectors, and was well-placed to develop ecotourism. While facing challenges from the disposal of batteries from electric vehicles, Kyrgyzstan was committed to international cooperation and contributing to regional and global green initiatives.

**Mr. Ivan Gospodinov, Director, United Nations and Global Affairs Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria**, acknowledged ECE as a key partner in promoting sustainable infrastructure. Strengthened cooperation, increased financial investments and integration of climate resilience into early-stage planning were crucial. The National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy set resilience targets and assessed climate risks in infrastructure projects. Bulgaria designated climate-neutral zones in major cities, promoted eco-friendly construction, and expanded protected green areas. Efforts towards sustainable, resilient transport infrastructure aligned with the Trans-European Transport Network objectives. Special attention was paid to disaster prevention and resilience, addressing floods and drinking water shortages.

**Ms. Katrin Saarsalu-Layachi, Special Envoy for Climate and Energy Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia**, said Estonia was accelerating clean technology deployment towards climate neutrality. National strategies integrated climate resilience, with local governments playing key roles in implementation. Sustainable buildings, energy efficiency, and safe transportation of goods were key focus areas. Estonia prioritized digitalization of transport and logistics, leading projects such as eFTI4EU to streamline international trade. Tallinn and Tartu were developing smart city models, integrating renewable energy into building retrofits, and using biogas in public transport. Estonia supported ECE efforts on green and sustainable reconstruction in Ukraine.

**Mr. Konrad Kiedrzyński, Deputy Director of the Global Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland**, stated that Poland supported infrastructure development and disaster risk reduction projects through its development cooperation and the European Union. The Three Seas Initiative promoted regional cooperation to accelerate development of cross-border energy, transport, and digital infrastructure. Poland had initiated the 2023 General Assembly resolution “Building global resilience and promoting sustainable development through regional and interregional infrastructure connectivity” and promoted resilient infrastructure in the Economic and Social Council. Relevant efforts should rely on green technology and take into account communities at risk of exclusion.

**Mr. Martin Lutz, Head of the Division of Development Policy, Agricultural Policy, United Nations and International Development Banks, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of Germany**, stressed the need for infrastructure renewal, also in light of devastating floods and a bridge collapse in Germany. A risk-informed approach to planning and building infrastructure was crucial. Infrastructure must not harm natural resources such as clean water. Europe should lead the way on resilient energy grids and modern building standards. Public-private partnerships could play a key role in bringing in the know-how of the private sector in retrofitting and renewing infrastructure.

**Mr. Gennady Gatilov, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation**, said the Russian Federation aimed for carbon neutrality by 2060, with 85 per cent of its energy mix already coming from renewable or low-emission sources. The large forest surface presented opportunities for decarbonization. Through public-private partnerships, infrastructure was being modernized and made more climate-resilient. Adaptation measures implemented included energy efficiency, waste recycling, urban greening, effective water management, reforestation, environmental monitoring and early warning systems. The politically motivated decisions adopted in gross violation of the Commission's mandate and Rules of Procedure, aimed at restricting the participation of Russia and Belarus in ECE activities, have significantly weakened its resource and expert potential. The responsibility for this laid entirely with the countries blinded by Russophobia, particularly the EU.

**Mr. Paul Bekkers, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**, noted the impact of rising sea levels in the Netherlands and the urgent need to address climate change through global cooperation, including private sector involvement. The Paris Agreement formed a strong foundation for adaptation to climate change. Resilient infrastructure, particularly water resilience, was crucial for the Kingdom of the Netherlands as rising seas, extreme rainfall, and droughts strain systems. Innovations like heat-resistant bridges and roads with built-in water storages are key. The Kingdom of the Netherlands valued its role as Chair of the ECE Inland Transport Committee.

**Mr. Vladimir Cuc, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova**, noted that the Republic of Moldova was extremely climate vulnerable and faced risks to its water resources due to extreme weather events. The country was committed to reducing its carbon footprint, transitioning to renewable energy and investing in sustainable practices, in line with its new national road map for infrastructure resilience. European Union accession was a priority, alongside increasing forested areas and achieving climate neutrality by 2050. While appreciating the readiness of ECE to continue raising efficiency, the Republic of Moldova expressed concerns about the financial constraints that ECE is facing, as these limitations could hinder its ability to effectively support member States, including countries going through the challenge of the war unleashed against them, such as Ukraine. The Republic of Moldova also called for enhanced dialogue and cooperation among Geneva-based economic agencies.

**Mr. Yevheniy Tsymbaliuk, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ukraine**, said that the damage caused by the Russian Federation on Ukrainian infrastructure and environment would undermine resilience for generations. The resulting impacts affected trade, energy and food security in the region. ECE played a critical role in supporting green and resilient recovery in Ukraine. A just and lasting peace was necessary for a sustainable future. Ukraine called on member States to support draft decision E/ECE/2025/L.1 that would be discussed under agenda item 7.

**Ms. Anita Pipan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Slovenia**, underscored the economic costs of inaction on climate change. Mitigation and adaptation strategies are needed for climate-resilient infrastructure. The circular economy supported mitigation by promoting material reuse and extending infrastructure lifespans. Adaptation required incorporating climate projections into planning and designing for resilience and sustainability. A new national Center for Climate Change will update projections and support such planning. The Regional Office for Climate Change supports local-level adaptation. Slovenia valued the contributions of ECE, particularly those of the Water Convention on sustainable water management.

**Mr. Darius Staniulis, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lithuania,** called for a holistic, inclusive and comprehensive approach and multistakeholder collaboration at all governance levels. The long-term goal of Lithuania is energy independence and generating all energy from renewable sources. Lithuania was developing a national hydrogen ecosystem and investing in infrastructure, including the Nordic-Baltic Hydrogen Corridor. The Rail Baltica infrastructure project is an example of dual-use and climate-resilient regional infrastructure project that contributes to both regional security and environmental objectives. Lithuania called on the international community to address the enormous damage caused by Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine. Russia's war against Ukraine has caused repercussions on the environment, transport infrastructure, global development, energy security, and nuclear safety all over the world, not just in the ECE region. Russia must be made accountable for the consequences of its actions.

**Ms. Hasmik Tolmajian, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Armenia,** acknowledged the role of ECE in assisting member States to implement the Sustainable Development Goals. Empowering women by enhancing their access to digital technologies could unleash their potential for innovation. As host of the seventeenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2026, Armenia highlighted the need to address biodiversity loss. Armenia stressed the potential of the Crossroads of Peace initiative to foster regional cooperation on multiple fronts, including to ensure a secure future and green and resilient infrastructure development for the benefit of the whole region.

**Ms. Désirée Schweitzer, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria,** said Austria addressed transport infrastructure resilience in strategic planning and had implemented adaptation measures such as hazard maps and hazard management systems for motorways and railways. GeoSphere Austria supported assessment of the climate vulnerabilities of infrastructure. The Action Programme Danube 2030 promoted flood protection systems and improvements in navigability. Austria supported the G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment.

**Mr. Erwin Bollinger, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland,** said reducing carbon emissions in transport, housing, energy, and industry was critical for the region. Developing resilient infrastructure required strong private sector involvement. ECE work on public-private partnerships should be reinforced. Innovative financing of infrastructures was crucial. Dialogue should be encouraged among all stakeholders to promote innovation for sustainable development. Local government participation was also key. The ECE Forum of Mayors was a unique platform that should be strengthened and broadened.

**Ms. Vasilika Hysi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Albania,** noted that hydropower had reduced emissions from energy production in Albania to almost zero. Nevertheless, given the vulnerability of hydropower to climate change, Albania was diversifying into solar, wind and other renewable energies. Establishing the first European Wild River National Park around the Vjosa River had promoted sustainable tourism and created employment, demonstrating the transformative power of nature-based solutions. Albania was enhancing early warning systems to protect vulnerable populations.

**Mr. Andrew Jackson, Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations Economic Agencies,** said that well-constructed, appropriately designed and well-maintained climate-resilient infrastructure was critical for achieving climate goals. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland welcomed the contributions of ECE to the Early Warning for All initiative. The Centre of Expertise in Green Cities, Infrastructure and Energy had delivered green infrastructure projects in 25 countries. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland supported the Coalition for Climate Resilient Investment. British International Investment de-risked institutional investment and supported reconstruction in Ukraine. The United Kingdom urged ECE member States to stand with Ukraine, who suffered from widespread destruction of infrastructure by the Russian Federation.

**Mr. Sharaf Sheralizoda, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Tajikistan**, recalled longstanding promotion by Tajikistan of the water and climate agenda at the global level. Tajikistan generated 98 per cent of its electricity from hydropower and planned to fully transition to renewable energy by 2032. Recognizing the critical role of glaciers in the regional climate balance, Tajikistan had spearheaded the declaration of 2025 as the International Year of Glacier Preservation. Electric vehicles were being promoted via tax incentives. Tajikistan was committed to electrifying all public transport.

**Ms. Joana Fisher, Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal**, highlighted the importance of long-term planning, strategic foresight, and early identification of emerging risks. Portugal was committed to carbon neutrality by 2050. The transition should encompass whole-of-government and whole-of-society efforts in order to leave no one behind, and local authorities must be empowered.

**Ms. Melanie Zimmerman, Acting Deputy Chief of the United States of America Mission to the United Nations**, called for an end to the war in Ukraine. The United States of America advocated for a course correction on climate ideology and rejected the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, finding them inconsistent with the sovereignty of nations. The United States of America sought a return to the original vision of the United Nations as a place for cooperation where countries could protect their sovereignty and security and promote their prosperity. ECE should not further expend valuable resources on negotiations that revolved around past resolutions and agreements.

A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Wrapping up the discussions, the Executive Secretary expressed gratitude for the insightful contributions from delegations and the support for ECE. Increased digitalization and innovation would be essential to advance the mission of ECE. The organization continued to provide expertise on its core mandate of economic cooperation and integration. There were numerous opportunities to move forward with the actions presented, leveraging ECE strengths in standardization and policy development. Building synergies with other Geneva-based organizations would be key to maximizing shared expertise and driving collective progress.



## Annex II

### Item 3: Roundtables

#### Chair's summary of the discussions

A roundtable was held on the theme of “Advancing climate action and resilient infrastructure”, which highlighted perspectives from member States and discussed scaling up ECE initiatives for climate action and resilient infrastructure and deepening collaboration with project financiers.

The roundtable was moderated by Mr. Dario Liguti, Director of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division.

In a keynote statement, **Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, United Nations Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda**, emphasized the critical intersection of nature, climate, and development amid international finance and trade challenges. Regional partnerships and collaboration were crucial in view of the issues to be discussed at the upcoming Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development. These included improving resource mobilization, optimizing investments in sustainability, and maintaining the integrity of the multilateral system. Official development assistance remained important for de-risking and capacity building. He encouraged better integration of financing for nature, climate and development through the Nationally Determined Contributions.

Opening the roundtable, **Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECE**, said that first, financing resilient infrastructure required viable, risk-based models for engaging the private sector at scale. This had to be supported by a strong dialogue with public (international finance institutions) and private (capital markets) financiers alike, to ensure resilience became part of investment projects by design. ECE had successfully supported the development of such models under its various work areas, for example through the Water Convention and the work on PPPs. Second, quality data needs to underpin development of resilient infrastructure. ECE was also leveraging technology for risk assessment and evidence-based planning, for example through the International Transport Infrastructure Observatory which hosted geographic information data on transport infrastructure networks and nodes across various modes. Third, it is key to consider social aspects of resilient infrastructure, addressed, for example, by the ECE Water and Health Protocol, and citizen involvement, for example, through the mechanisms of the Aarhus Convention.

**Mr. Arman Kassenov, Vice Minister of National Economy, Kazakhstan**, stated that the National Infrastructure Plan included 204 projects, evaluated for economic feasibility, climate resilience, and cross-border connectivity. A parliamentary commission for sustainable development had been established. Kazakhstan benefited from ECE platforms such as the Water Convention, the Forum of Mayors and the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane and Just Transition. A national Emissions Trading System helped move towards convergence with corresponding European Union mechanisms. Kazakhstan was expanding multi-level climate governance, empowering local regions and promoting private sector participation in decarbonization. Conducting a third ECE Environmental Performance Review was of interest. Kazakhstan invited all international partners to work with the recently established Multi-Partner Trust Fund under the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).

**Ms. Fatma Varank, Deputy Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, Chief Negotiator for Climate Change, Türkiye**, emphasized that fast, accessible, diverse, and concessional financing was crucial for building climate-resilient and sustainable infrastructure. Well-structured and responsibly implemented public-private partnerships (PPPs) offered effective mechanisms for mobilizing private sector resources while fostering innovation. Enhancing the role of development banks was important. In this respect, systematic integration of ECE technical standards, guidelines, and other tools into the frameworks of multilateral development banks would accelerate the transformation, enabling

the identification of gaps, the development of financing and investment solutions, and the strengthening of international cooperation.

**Mr. Sanzhar Bolotov, Deputy Minister of Economy and Commerce of Kyrgyzstan**, said that infrastructure projects should ensure “value for money”, “value for people” and “value for the planet”, generating immediate and longer-term net benefits for all stakeholders. PIERS had been a game changer, enabling Kyrgyzstan to develop finance-ready resilient infrastructure projects. The United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) also played an important role in fostering joint action. They recently launched the SPECA Multi-Partner Trust Fund aimed to strengthen connectivity across the Trans-Caspian transport and trade corridor and promote digitalization and innovation for the green economy. Additionally, ECE was an ideal platform to explore impact investment for resilient infrastructure from a public policy perspective.

**Ms. Hannie Meesters, Chair of the ECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC)**, highlighted the Model Rules on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock and Convention on the International Contract of Carriage of Goods by Rail as new ECE instruments promoting sustainable transport, in line with other ITC efforts to decarbonize and climate-proof the sector. The ITC Decarbonization Strategy provided a comprehensive framework. The ITC had also developed strategic guidance on areas key for investment decisions, such as evaluating transport system resilience and adaptation pathways for transport professionals. Integrating such ITC instruments and tools in investment planning could complement efforts by financiers.

**Ms. Elisabete Quintas da Silva, Chair of the ECE Committee on Environmental Policy**, said that the Committee was developing a region-wide approach for assessing infrastructure vulnerability to extreme weather. This would complement existing ECE tools, including the Espoo Convention, the Industrial Accidents Convention, the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, the Water Convention and the Environmental Performance Reviews. It involves a common framework with a system of indicators for measuring and monitoring risks, leveraging advanced technology such as data analytics and artificial intelligence. Reaping the expected benefits from ECE instruments requires developing new innovative financing mechanisms to bridge the significant gap facing governments.

**Mr. George Katapodis, Chair of the ECE Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships**, highlighted the ECE Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Evaluation and Rating System (PIERS) and the ECE Transformative Innovation Network (ETIN) as flagship tools that supported resilient infrastructure. PIERS helped governments assess infrastructure projects for technical feasibility as well as impact on social inclusion, resilience, economic effectiveness and fiscal sustainability. ETIN brought together innovation policymakers from across the region for peer learning and co-creation of solutions that support systems-level transformation. The Committee further worked on innovation-enhancing public procurement, which could unlock solutions for more agile, inclusive and sustainable infrastructure.

**Ms. Margalita Arabidze, Chair of the ECE Committee on Sustainable Energy**, mentioned ECE instruments such as the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources, the United Nations Resource Management System, the Carbon Neutrality Toolkit, and the High Performance Buildings Principles, which supported a secure, affordable, environmentally sustainable and resilient energy system. Cross-sector and cross-border cooperation was crucial. Investments needed to increase significantly, and also address all regions of the world. ECE worked with the United Nations High Level Climate Champions to provide financial solutions to critical transition issues and offered a space for project sponsors and financiers to meet.

**Mr. Damjan Ćulafić, Minister of Ecology, Sustainable Development, and Northern Region Development of Montenegro**, noted the need to reduce dependence on seasonal and coastal tourism to protect the sector from the impacts of climate change. Modernizing agricultural infrastructure would enhance resilience and enable stable food production. Strategically redefined land management policies would support sustainable development. New meteorological and hydrological stations with trained personnel would

improve response to climate hazards. Development of road infrastructure would improve rural-urban connectivity. Investments in renewable energy, and sustainable transport and modernization of existing facilities would reduce emissions. Public-private partnerships, international climate funds, bilateral assistance, international financial institutions and European Union funds were all important pillars of financing.

**Ms. Carmen Martínez, Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Spain**, said that in order to ensure that the climate resilience was part of the design and development of infrastructures, reliable and timely data for informed decision-making was essential. The development and production of climate change related statistics should respond to policy needs and provide relevant information on issues such as disaster risk-related indicators.

**Ms. Araksya Babikyan, Department of Development Cooperation and Multilateral Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia**, said that effective resilience and adaptation strategies, with sufficient and predictable means of implementation, were paramount. Armenia was investing in green and resilient infrastructure solutions, transport and digital connectivity, water management and ecosystem restoration. Armenia prioritized the development of economically viable and technically available renewable energy sources to ensure energy independence and security, and promoted electric vehicles. Reforestation campaigns, stricter regulations on illegal logging, and eco-tourism initiatives benefited the forest sector. Armenia was also enhancing energy efficiency in the building sector.

**Mr. Ivan Gospodinov, Director, United Nations and Global Affairs Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria**, said that public-private partnerships and innovative financial mechanisms such as green bonds and blended finance were crucial to bridge the climate finance gap. ECE could facilitate access to international climate funds such as the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund. Bulgaria planned to mobilize €3.2 billion for its green transition, including activities to promote the use of hydrogen technologies. The Bulgarian Development Bank supported small and medium enterprises, and fostered innovation in the field of green economy. The Bank also provided resources for the implementation of sustainable production models, training, renewal of technological capacity and environmental sustainability initiatives.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Mariyasın said that the complexity of infrastructure transformation and persistent lack of resources underscored the scale of the effort required from all sectors: public, private, domestic, and international. The discussions highlighted that mobilizing this concerted effort necessitated long-term planning, incorporation of resilience considerations into national development plans, addressing the local dimension, and promoting innovative financing mechanisms such as public-private partnerships. ECE was committed to supporting member States in building resilient infrastructure and would need to work across its sectoral committees to ensure a systems approach, focused on cross-cutting issues such as disruptions to global supply chains, as well as to address interdependencies.

## Annex III

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### List of meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies and conventions administered by the ECE secretariat between 20 April 2023 and 10 April 2025

<i>Body and officers</i>		<i>Session</i>	<i>Symbol of report</i>
<b>A. The Commission</b>			
Economic Commission for Europe			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Richard (Switzerland)	71st session	E/2025/37
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. D. Schweitzer (Austria)	9–10 April 2025	E/ECE/1512
	Ms. S. Milacic (Montenegro)		
Executive Committee			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Richard (Switzerland)	128th meeting	
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. D. Schweitzer (Austria)	15 May 2023	
	Ms. S. Milacic (Montenegro)		
		129th session	
		6 July 2023	
		130th session	
		9 October 2023	
		131st session	
		4 December 2023	
		132nd session	
		13 February 2024	
		133rd session	
		25 March 2024	
		134th session	
		1 July 2024	
		135th session	
		9 September 2024	
		136th session	
		15 November 2024	
		137th session	
		9 December 2024	
		138th session	
		15 January 2025	
		139th session	
		17 March 2025	

<i>Body and officers</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Symbol of report</i>
<b>Standing Working Group on Ageing</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Ferrante (Italy)	16th meeting	ECE/WG.1/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. M. Amberger (Germany)	20–22 November 2023	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Ferrante (Italy)	17th meeting	ECE/WG.1/2024/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. A. Chantler (Ireland) Mr. N. Marques (Portugal)	20–22 November 2024	
<b>B. Meetings held under the auspices of the Commission</b>		
<b>Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. B. Filipovic (Serbia)	21st session	ECE/AC.21/SC/2023/2-
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. U. Kaufman (France) Mr. I. Salaru (Republic of Moldova)	23–25 October 2023	EUCHP2219536/1.1/2
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. I. Salaru (Republic of Moldova)	22nd session	ECE/AC.21/SC/2024/2-
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. W. Unbehaun (Austria) Ms. R. Vuckovic (Serbia)	28–30 October 2024	EUCDE2422320/2.1/2
<b>Regional Conference on International Conference on Population and Development</b>		
<b>Co-Chairs:</b> Ms. A. Díaz-Rato Revuelta (Spain) Mr. A. Buzu (Republic of Moldova)	19–20 October 2023	ECE/AC.32/2023/2
<b>Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. E. Saiz (Spain)	11 March 2024	ECE/GCM/2024/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. J. Costachi (Republic of Moldova)		
<b>Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. R. Sršeň (Czechia)	13–14 March 2024	ECE/RFSD/2024/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. V. Kostanyan (Armenia)		
<b>Co-Chairs:</b> Mr. U. Abidkhadjaev (Uzbekistan) Mr. I. Ghikas (Greece)	2–3 April 2025	ECE/RFSD/2025/2
<b>Beijing +30 Regional Review Meeting</b>		
<b>Chairs:</b> Ms. L. Kaltayeva (Kazakhstan) Mr. M. Gómez Martínez (Spain)	21–22 October 2024	ECE/AC.28/2024/2
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<b>Committee on Environmental Policy</b>		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. E. Quintas da Silva (Portugal)	28th session	ECE/CEP/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. M. Bantsenko (Estonia) Ms. N. Tkhlava (Georgia) Ms. L. Bigot (Germany) Ms. A. Fidanza (Italy) Ms. M. Nagornii (Republic of Moldova) Ms. M. Rohn-Brossard (Switzerland)	1–3 November 2023	

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Mr. J. Talipov (Uzbekistan)			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. E. Quintas da Silva (Portugal)	29th session	ECE/CEP/2024/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. M. Bantsenko (Estonia)	6–8 November 2024	
	Ms. N. Tkhlava (Georgia)		
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	Ms. A. Fidanza (Italy)		
	Ms. M. Rohn-Brossard (Switzerland)		
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Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators (organized jointly with the Conference of European Statisticians)			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. Š. Korajčević (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	20th session	ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. I. Apkhaidze (Georgia)	16–17 October 2023	
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Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. M. Javakhishvili (Georgia)	25th session	ECE/CEP/AC.10/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. J. Mayer (Austria)	2–3 May 2023	
	Ms. K. Nikolovska (North Macedonia)		
		26th session	ECE/CEP/AC.10/2024/2
		18–19 April 2024	
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. G. Shahnazaryan (Armenia)	27th session	ECE/CEP/AC.10/2025/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. K. Asilbekova (Uzbekistan)	10–11 April 2025	
	Mr. R. Farret (France)		
Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. A. Zachariou (Cyprus)	18th session	ECE/CEP/AC.13/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms. J. Duisenov (Kyrgyzstan)	25–26 May 2023	
		19th session	ECE/CEP/AC.13/S/2024/2
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Inland Transport Committee			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. H. Meesters (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	86th session	ECE/TRANS/344, Add.1
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. R. Farret (France)	20–23 February 2024	
	Mr. A. Erario (Italy)		
	Ms. R. Rychter (Poland)		
	Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)		
		87th session	ECE/TRANS/356
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Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. L. Iorio (Italy)	87th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/185
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. K. Hofman (Belgium)	25–29 September 2023	
	Mr. B. Viegas (United Kingdom)		
		88th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/S/187
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	89th session 23–27 September 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/189
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Group of Experts on Drafting a New Legal Instrument on the Use of Automated Vehicles in Traffic (LIAV)		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. B. U. Rudolph (Germany)	6th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. M. Molina (France)	4–5 May 2023	
Mr. H. Berg (Sweden)	7th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2023/4
	30 November–1 December 2023	
	8th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2024/4
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	9th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.3/2024/5
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Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. E. de Wit (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	36th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/74
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Aykan (Türkiye)	4–6 September 2023	
	37th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/76
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Group of Experts on Cycling Infrastructure Module		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. M. Eder (Austria)	4th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/7
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. G. Steklačič (Slovenia)	6–7 November 2023	
	5th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/9
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	6th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.5/11
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Group of Experts on Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Inland Transport		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. S. Hänsel (Germany)	25th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/50
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. T. Popescu (France)	30–31 October 2023	
Mr. J. Kleniewski (Poland)		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. S. Hänsel (Germany)	26th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/52
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. T. Popescu (France)	7–8 March 2024	
	27th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/54
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	28th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.5/GE.3/56
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Working Party on Transport Statistics		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Wilkins (United Kingdom)	74th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.6/185
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<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. S. Scriven (Ireland)	24–26 April 2024	
Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. K. de Putter (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	80th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.11/251
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. O. Valet (France)	24–27 October 2023	
		81st session 29 October- 1 November 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.11/253
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods			
<b>Chairs:</b>	Ms. A. Roumier (France) Mr. A. Simoni (Italie)	113th session 15–17 May 2023	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/262
		114th session 6–10 November 2023	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/264
		115th session 2–5 April 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/267
		116th session 5–8 November 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/269
Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France)	19–27 September 2023	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/170, Add. 1
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms. S. Garcia Wolfrum (Spain)		
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. S. Garcia Wolfrum (Spain)	25–28 March 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/172
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. S. Mahesh (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	9–13 September 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/174
		24–28 March 2025	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/176, Add.1
Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN)			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. H. Langenberg (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	42nd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/86
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria)	21–25 August 2023	
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Beldman (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	43rd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/88
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria)	22–26 January 2024	
		44th session 26–30 August 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/90
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<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria)	25 August 2023	
	31st session	ECE/ADN/69
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	32nd session	ECE/ADN/72
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	33rd session	ECE/ADN/74
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Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. J. Elsinger (Austria)	66th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.24/153
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. P. Dohnaska Tomkova (Czechia)	18–20 October 2023	
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	67th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.24/157
	16–18 October 2024	
World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Erario (Italy)	190th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1173
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. T. Naono (Japan)	20–22 June 2023	
	191st session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1175
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	193rd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1178
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	195th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1184
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Working Party on Noise and Tyres (GRBP)		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. S. Ficheux (France)	78th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/76
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. B. Schüttler (Germany)	30 August -1 September 2023	
	79th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/77
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	80th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRBP/78
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Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling (GRE)			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. T. Kärkkäinen (Finland)	88th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/88
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. D. Rovers (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	25–28 April 2023	
		89th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/89
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		91st session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRE/91
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Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. A. Rijnders (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	89th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/89
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. D. Kay (United Kingdom)	30 May-2 June 2023	
		90th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/90
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		14–16 October 2024	
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. P. Öhlund (Sweden)	92nd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/92
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. T. Niikuni (Japan)	25–28 March 2025	
	Mr. D. Miles (United Kingdom)		
Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (GRVA)			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Damm (Germany)	16th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/16
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. C. Chen (China)	22–26 May 2023	
	Mr. T. Naono (Japan)		
		17th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/17
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<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Damm (Germany)	21st session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRVA/21
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. C. Chen (China)	20–24 January 2025	
	Mr. T. Naono (Japan)		
	Mr. E. Wondimneh (United States of America)		
Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. A. Erario (Italy)	126th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/105
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. K. Hendershot (Canada)	10–13 October 2023	
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Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. M. Koubek (United States of America)	73rd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/73
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. H.G. Kim (Republic of Korea)	15–19 May 2023	
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	75th session 27–31 May 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/75
	76th session 2–6 December 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/76
Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. V. Raun Boeg (Denmark)	163rd session	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/326
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. H. Azgaldyan (Armenia)	7 & 9 June 2023	
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Şenmanav (Türkiye)	165th session 6 & 9 February 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/330
	166th session 9 & 11 June 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/332
	167th session 4–7 October 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/334
	168th session 4 & 7 February 2025	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/336
Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. E. Khakimov (Uzbekistan)	81st session 11 October 2023	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/165
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. F. Coulon (Belgium)	82nd session 8 February 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/167
	83rd session 5 June 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/169
	84th session 10 October 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/171
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Şenmanav (Türkiye)	85th session 5–6 February 2025	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/173
Technical Implementation Body		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. P. Arsic (Serbia)	4th session	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/8
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. L. Jacobs (Belgium)	8–9 June 2023	

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<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. P. Arsic (Serbia)	7th session 4 June 2024	ECE/TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/TIB/14
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Working Party on Road Transport			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)	118th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/420
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. E. Mathevet (France)	17–19 October 2023	
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)	119th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/422
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. A. Novikova (Latvia) Mr. K. Lewczak (Poland)	29–31 October 2024	
Group of Experts on European Agreement concerning Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)	33rd session	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/72
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. E. Mathevet (France)	16 October 2023	
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. E. Mathevet (France)	34th session 19 February 2024	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/74
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)	35th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/76
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. E. Mathevet (France)	31 May 2024	
		36th session 28 October 2024	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/78
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Symonenko (Ukraine)	37th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.21/80
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. V. Van Doninck (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	10 February 2025	
Group of Experts on the Operationalization of eCMR			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. A. Novikova (Latvia)	7th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/12
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. E. Khakimov (Uzbekistan)	5–7 July 2023	
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. R. Bayramov (Azerbaijan)	8th session 22–24 May 2024	ECE/TRANS/SC.1/GE.22/14
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<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. J. Kapturzak (Poland)	Special session (Cont'd)	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/241
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. H. Groot (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	29 September 2023	
		77th session 15–17 November 2023	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/243
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<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. S. Grygiel (Poland)	13–15 November 2024	
Joint Meeting of the Working Party on Rail Transport and Intermodal Transport and Logistics			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. M. van Wortel (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	1st session	ECE/TRANS/WP.24/159-
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. G. Witkowski (Poland)	16–17 December 2024	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/249
Group of Experts on International Railway Passenger Hubs			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. H. Groot (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	5th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Hall (United Kingdom)	19–21 April 2023	
		6th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/HUBS/2023/8
		13–15 September 2023	
Group of Experts on Passenger Information in Stations and Hubs			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. A. Bunina (Belgium)	1st session	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/INFO /2024/2
		8–10 July 2024	
Revisions Committee of the Model Rules on the Permanent Identification of Railway Rolling Stock			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. M. Purcell (United Kingdom)	1st session	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/RC.1/2023/2
		30 August 2023	
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. B. Hall (United Kingdom)	2nd session	ECE/TRANS/SC.2/RC.1/2024/2
Working Party on Inland Water Transport			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. W. Vuylsteke (Belgium)	67th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.3/220
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. V. Dabrowski (Czechia)	11–13 October 2023	
		68th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.3/223
		23–25 October 2024	
Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. V. Dabrowski (Czechia)	63rd session	ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/126
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. T. Kocoń (Poland)	3–5 July 2023	
		64th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/128
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		65th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/130
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<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. T. Kocoń (Poland)	66th session	ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/132
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<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. D. Rozkrut (Poland)	72nd plenary session	ECE/CES/107
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. E. Dhuli (Albania) Mr. A. Loranger (Canada) Ms. J. Banim (Ireland) Ms. G. Marquez Colin (Mexico) Mr. M. Sowden (New Zealand) Mr. I. Diamond (United Kingdom) Mr. B. Begalov (Uzbekistan)	20–21 June 2024	
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<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. Š. Korajčević (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	20th session	ECE/CEP-CES/GE.1/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. I. Apkhaidze (Georgia)	16–17 October 2023	
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Group of Experts on Gender Statistics			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. H. Lof (Sweden)	15th session 10–12 May 2023	ECE/CES/GE.30/2023/2
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<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. G. Eding (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	22nd session 25–28 April 2023	ECE/CES/GE.20/2023/2
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. G. Eding (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	23rd session	ECE/CES/GE.20/2024/1
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. N. Massarelli (Eurostat) Ms. J. Ribarsky (IMF) Mr. E. Strassner (IMF) Mr. B. Edens (OECD) Mr. R. Kornfeld (United States of America of America) Mr. C. McLaren (United Kingdom) Ms. C. Van Rompaey (World Bank)	23–26 April 2024	
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Ducomble (Luxembourg) <b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. C. Baumgartner (Austria) Ms. M. do Carmo Figueira (Portugal)	56th session 2–5 May 2023	ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2023/4
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<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. Ducomble (Luxembourg) <b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Mr. C. Baumgartner (Austria) Mr. S. Vernij (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	58th session 27 February 2023–1 March 2024	ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2024/1
	59th session 18–21 June 2024	ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2024/4 .

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	60th session 14–17 October 2024	ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2024/6
	61st session 11–14 February 2025	ECE/MP.EIA/IC/2025/1

#### **Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents**

Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. T. Tandberg (Norway)	13th meeting	ECE/CP.TEIA/47
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. M.-C. Lhenry (France)	27–29 November 2024	

Working Group on Implementation

<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. H. Fridh (Sweden)	48th meeting	
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. A. Tsarina (Russian Federation) Mr. R. Gonzalez (Switzerland)	14 February 2023	
		49th meeting 31 January -1 February 2024	
		50th meeting 29–30 May 2024	

#### **Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters**

Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. A. Saladžius (Lithuania)	27th meeting	ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Ms. N. Gokhelašvili (Georgia) Ms. N. Bouman (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	26–28 June 2023	
		28th meeting 2–4 July 2024	ECE/MP.PP/WG.1/2024/2

Compliance Committee under the Aarhus Convention

<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. Á. Ryall (Ireland)	79th meeting	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2023/4
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b>	Mr. M. Clément (France) Mr. J. Jendroška (Poland) Mr. D. Skrynlikov (Ukraine)	13–16 June 2023	
		80th meeting 19–22 September 2023	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2023/6
		81st meeting 12–15 December 2023	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2023/8
		82nd meeting 20–23 February 2024	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2024/2
		83rd meeting 11–14 June 2024	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2024/4
		84th meeting 17–20 September 2024	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2024/6



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	85th meeting 10–13 December 2024	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2024/8
	86th meeting 11–14 March 2025	ECE/MP.PP/C.1/2025/2
Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers		
<b>Chair:</b> Ms. E. Shkurta (Albania)	10th meeting	ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2023/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. M. Kicia (European Union)	27–28 November 2023	
Mr. O. Ginépro (France)		
Ms. E. Bakoula (Greece)		
Ms. R.-L. Elysée (Haiti)		
Mr. G. Pasquini (Italy)		
Mr. S. Bolotov (Kyrgyzstan)		
Ms. J. Šarmavičienė (Lithuania)		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. A. Kvasič (Slovenia)	11th meeting	ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2024/2
<b>Vice-Chairs:</b> Ms. E. Shkurta (Albania)	21–22 November 2024	
Ms. M. Kicia (European Union)		
Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Register		
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. J. L. Martin Ortega (Spain)	14th meeting	ECE/MP.PRTR/C.1/2024/2
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. G. Movsisyan (Armenia)	18–19 April 2024	

#### **E. Meetings of other bodies serviced by the ECE secretariat**

##### **ECOSOC Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

<b>Chair:</b> Mr. D. Pfund (United States of America)	12th session	ST/SG/AC.10/52
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Ms. N. John (Austria)	6 December 2024	

##### **ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods**

<b>Chair:</b> Mr. D. Pfund (United States of America)	62nd session	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/124
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. C. Pfauvadel (France)	28 June–2 July 2023	
	63rd session	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/126
	27 November–6 December 2023	
<b>Chair:</b> Mr. D. Pfund (United States of America)	64th session	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/128
<b>Vice-Chair:</b> Mr. R. Dardenne (Belgium)	24 June–3 July 2024	
	65th session	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/130
	25 November–3 December 2024	

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<b>ECOSOC Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals</b>			
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. N. John (Austria)	44th session	ST/SC/AC.10/C.4/88
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms. L. Berndt-Weis (Canada)	10–12 July 2023	
		45th session	ST/SC/AC.10/C.4/90
		6–8 December 2023	
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms. N. John (Austria)	46th session	ST/SC/AC.10/C.4/92
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms. J. Carter (United States of America)	3–5 July 2024	
		47th session	ST/SC/AC.10/C.4/94
		4–6 December 2024	
<b>Expert Group on Environmental Performance Review</b>			
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr. H. Liiv (Estonia)	36th session	
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr. X. Tschumi Canosa (Switzerland)	22–24 May 2023	
		37th session	
		9–10 October 2023	
		38th session	
		9–12 September 2024	