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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Annual Report covering the period from 11 April 1987 to 21 April 1988

INTRODUCTION

1. The present Annual Report was adopted unanimously by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) at the tenth meeting of its forty-third session on 21 April 1988.

CHAPTER I

ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

2. The following decisions of the Commission, (for the full texts see Chapter IV), require action by the Council or are brought to its attention:

(a) Decision D (43) on the international codification system for medium- and high-rank coals, in operative paragraph 4 of which the Commission "Recommends to the Council to consider appropriate measures for a world-wide application of the international codification system for medium- and high-rank coals."

(b) Decision I (43) on EDIFACT (Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport), in operative paragraph 4 of which the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to draw the attention of the Council to the provisions of this decision, i.e. operative paragraph 3 which reads "Recommends that, given the desirability of the worldwide application of these Rules and associated documentation, they be named henceforth the United Nations Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT)."

(c) Decision M (43) on Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE, in operative paragraph 5 of which the Commission "Recommends to the Council to grant United Nations status to the Transport Study Centre for Eastern Mediterranean in Greece (Volos), the Transport Study Centre for Western Mediterranean in Spain (Barcelona) and the Transport Training Centre in Turkey (Istanbul), with the understanding that there will be no financial implications for the United Nations budget allocations to ECE, unless otherwise decided by the Commission at a later stage."

CHAPTER II

WORK OF THE COMMISSION SINCE ITS FORTY-SECOND SESSION

A. Activities of subsidiary bodies

3. A list of meetings held since the forty-second session is contained in Annex II, showing in each case the dates, the officers and the symbols of the report. These reports reflect the discussions held and record the agreements reached and decisions taken. The reports of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies contain also the programmes of work adopted by these bodies.

B. Other activities

4. Pursuant to the resolutions and decisions of the Commission, the Executive Secretary submitted to the forty-third session a number of progress reports on projects carried out under the direct authority of the Commission itself. (See Annex III)

5. In response to General Assembly resolution 41/213 and ECOSOC decision 1987/112, the Commission held a Special Session on 9-10 November 1987 at which it approved a report elaborated by the ad hoc Committee for the Review of the Structure and Functions of ECE established under Commission decision B (42). This report (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1), which supplemented the Commission's interim report (E/ECE(42)/L.1/Rev.1) of 30 April 1987, was submitted to the Special Commission of ECOSOC on the In-depth Study of the Intergovernmental Structure of the United Nations Economic and Social Sectors.

6. The secretariat serviced the regular and special sessions of the Commission, meetings of its subsidiary bodies, and other meetings held under its auspices. Periodic reviews, including the annual Economic Survey of Europe, the Economic Bulletin for Europe, a series of specialized statistical bulletins, and monthly statistical indicators of short-term economic changes in ECE countries, were published. Ad hoc publications prepared include a study on East-West Joint Ventures and the Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 (for a complete list see Annex III). The secretariat maintained close and regular liaison with United Nations Headquarters and co-operated with the Departments concerned, as well as with the secretariats of the other regional commissions on projects of common interest.

C. Relations with other United Nations Programmes

7. The co-operation of the Commission and its secretariat in 1987/88 with United Nations specialized agencies and other international organizations, as well as with their secretariats is described in document E/ECE/1156.

CHAPTER III

FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

A. Attendance and organization of work

8. The forty-third session of the Commission was held from 12 to 21 April 1988. At its opening session the Commission heard statements by the Chairman and by the Executive Secretary and a message from the Secretary General of the United Nations.

9. The forty-third session was attended by representatives from Albania; Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic; Canada; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Denmark; Finland; France; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of; Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Luxembourg; Malta; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey;

Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America and Yugoslavia.

10. Representatives of the Holy See participated under article 8 of the Commission's terms of reference.

11. Israel was represented under article 11 of the Commission's terms of reference.

12. Representatives of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the following specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations were in attendance: International Labour Organisation (ILO); International Monetary Fund (IMF); United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA); European Community (EC).

13. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: International Alliance of Women (IAW); International Chamber of Commerce (ICC); International Council of Women (ICW); International Organization for Standardization (ISO); World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU); International Bar Association (IBA); International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC); International Federation of University Women (IFUW); Jaycees International.

14. Also present at the invitation of the secretariat were representatives of the secretariat of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

15. A complete list of participants can be found in document E/ECE(43)/L.2 and Corr.1.

16. The Commission decided to pass to the Sessional Committee, in addition to agenda item 3(f) - Work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission - the following agenda items, for preliminary consideration:

3(e) - Concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work

7(a) - Co-operation in the field of transport

7(b) - Safety with regard to the transport of dangerous goods

7(c) - Co-operation in the field of protection and improvement of the environment

7(d) - Co-operation in the field of energy

7(e) - International harmonization of the technical content of building regulations

7(f) - Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe

- 7(g) - Standardization and related activities
 - 7(h) - Engineering industries and automation
 - 7(i) - An Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000
 - 7(j) - Management training for administrations and enterprises
 - 7(k) - Implementation by the Commission of proposals for action contained in its Supplementary Report to the Special Commission of ECOSOC
- 8 - Programme of work for 1988-1992

17. The Sessional Committee met from 12 to 18 April 1988. The account of the consideration by the Sessional Committee of item 3(f) can be found in paragraphs 97 to 219 below. The account of the discussion on those items which had been assigned to the Sessional Committee for preliminary consideration, referred to above, are contained in paragraphs 85-96, 231-270 and 280 below. For the recommendations of the Sessional Committee to the Plenary and the action taken by the Commission on these recommendations, see paragraphs 271 to 279 below.

B. Agenda

18. The Commission adopted its agenda (E/ECE/1152) which reads as follows:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Review of the economic situation in Europe
3. Work of the Commission as a whole, including:
 - (a) The Commission's activities and implementation of priorities in 1987 (Commission resolution 2 (XXV)) E/ECE/1153
 - (b) Resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly E/ECE/1154
 - (c) Commission's contribution to the United Nations programmes designed to assist developing countries E/ECE/1155
 - (d) Co-operation with other international organizations E/ECE/1156
 - (e) Concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work (Commission decision A (1987-S)) E/ECE/1157 and Add.1
E/ECE/1150/Rev.1
ECE/AC.17/4

- (f) Work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission 1/
4. Implications of the provisions of the Concluding Document of the Madrid Meeting 1980 of Representatives of the Participating States of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe for the further work of the Economic Commission for Europe E/ECE/1153
5. The work and future activities of the Commission and proposals in regard to all-European co-operation in the field of protection of the environment, development of transport, energy and other fields E/ECE/1153
6. Development of trade and industrial co-operation E/ECE/1158
ECE/TRADE/161
7. Follow-up action on relevant Commission decisions:
- (a) Co-operation in the field of transport (Commission decision C (42)) E/ECE/1159
- (b) Safety with regard to the transport of dangerous goods (Commission decision D (42)) E/ECE/1160
- (c) Co-operation in the field of protection and improvement of the environment (Commission decision F (42)) E/ECE/1161
- (d) Co-operation in the field of energy (Commission decision G (42)) E/ECE/1162

1/ Documentation for this sub-item:

Committee on Agricultural Problems	ECE/AGRI/96
Chemical Industry Committee	ECE/CHEM/67
Coal Committee	ECE/COAL/113
Conference of European Statisticians	ECE/CES/30
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems	ECE/ENVWA/3 & Adda.1 & 2
Committee on Electric Power	ECE/EP/76
Committee on Gas	ECE/GAS/92
Committee on Housing, Building and Planning	ECE/HBP/72
Inland Transport Committee	ECE/TRANS/72 & Add.1
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology	ECE/SC.TECH/33
Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments	ECE/EC.AD/31
Steel Committee	ECE/STEEL/60
Timber Committee	ECE/TIM/38
Committee on the Development of Trade	ECE/TRADE/161

- (e) International harmonization of the technical content of building regulations
(Commission decision H (42)) E/ECE/1163
 - (f) Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe
(Commission decision J (42)) E/ECE/1164
 - (g) Standardization and related activities
(Commission decision K (42)) E/ECE/1165
 - (h) Engineering industries and automation
(Commission decision M (42)) E/ECE/1166
 - (i) An Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000
(Commission decision N (42)) E/ECE/1167
 - (j) Management training for administrations and enterprises (Commission decision O (42)) E/ECE/1168
 - (k) Implementation by the Commission of proposals for action contained in its Supplementary Report to the Special Commission of ECOSOC
(Commission decision A (1987-S)) E/ECE/1157 and Add.1
8. Programme of work for 1988-1992 E/ECE/1169
9. Other business
10. Election of Officers
11. Annual Report of the Commission

C. Election of Officers
(Agenda item 10)

19. The Chairman of the forty-third session of the Commission was Mr. Peter Dietze (German Democratic Republic), and the Vice-Chairman was Mr. Ercüment Yavuzalp (Turkey).

20. The Chairman of the Sessional Committee was Mr. Emilio Aquiles de Oliveira (Portugal), and the Vice-Chairman was Mr. Gantcho Gantchev (Bulgaria).

21. Mr. Hans-Christian Kint (Belgium) and Mr. Alexandre Sytchev (Byelorussian SSR) were appointed Rapporteurs.

22. At its closing meeting the Commission unanimously elected Mr. Ercüment Yavuzalp (Turkey), Chairman and Mr. Bogumil Sujka (Poland), Vice-Chairman, of the forty-fourth session of the Commission.

23. On the understanding that the Commission would follow established practices and set up a Sessional Committee at its forty-fourth session, it

unanimously elected Mr. Gantcho Gantchev (Bulgaria), Chairman and Mr. Hans-Christian Kint (Belgium), Vice-Chairman of the Sessional Committee for the forty-fourth session.

D. Account of proceedings

Review of the economic situation in Europe
(agenda item 2)

24. For discussion of this item the Commission had before it, as background material, the Economic Survey of Europe in 1987-1988.

25. Delegations reported on recent economic developments in their countries, summarizing current economic policies and discussing prospects. They also discussed the outlook for the region as a whole and its implications for other regions and, especially, the developing countries.

26. Several delegations focused on the deceleration in output growth and unfavourable short-term prospects for a number of countries of the ECE region, as highlighted in the latest issue of the Survey, and commented on the underlying factors of this development. They also emphasized the need for more growth-oriented national economic policies and for international co-operation.

27. A number of delegations from the market economy countries agreed with the secretariat's assessment that growth in western Europe and North America would slacken in 1988 and that more attention should be paid to securing a stronger growth of domestic demand in western Europe. It was emphasized that more expansionary policies would need to be followed within a framework of west European co-ordination. However, members of the European Community underlined the statement of the representative of the European Community that medium-term prospects would receive a significant boost from the completion of the Community's internal market. A number of delegations stressed that the conditions for faster growth in their economies was very good. Nevertheless, although none was forecasting a recession, several delegations pointed to a number of short-term dangers such as the continuing large imbalances in current account positions, uncertainty as to exchange rates, the threat of increasing protectionism and the fragile position of the developing countries. Some delegations thought that there could still be some negative effects from the October 1987 crash in stock market values, but in general it was thought that these now appeared to be less severe than was expected at the end of 1987.

28. The CMEA member countries noted that they were continuing all-round intensification on the basis of speeding up scientific and economic progress, complex programmes of social and economic reforms were under way. Changes in management and planning were expected to contribute to the achievement of these objectives. Reference was made to the increased interdependence between the centrally planned and the market economies, and also the need for co-operation between all ECE member countries. Developments in individual centrally planned economies were discussed in the specific national statements.

29. Many delegations referred to the economic reforms now under way in most of the centrally planned economies. These reforms were important not only as a significant boost for internal developments in the centrally planned economies but also for economic co-operation between them and other countries of the ECE region. It was emphasized that various problems would not alter the determination of the centrally planned economies to continue with the implementation of the economic reforms. One delegation stressed that the realities objectively required that both sides change their approach to co-operation. They were entitled to expect the market-economy countries to readjust their approaches to the prospects for the expansion and strengthening of mutually advantageous co-operation. Delegations of both centrally planned and market economies expressed the hope that the reforms would extend the scope for mutually beneficial economic co-operation.

30. Delegations noted that international trade in 1987 grew slightly less than in the preceding year. Although imbalances in world trade remained large, it was noted that adjustments finally appeared to be under way. Against this background, east-west trade generally stagnated in 1987, thus continuing a tendency observed since 1984 of sluggishness or even contraction in the major components of east-west trade. It was pointed out by a number of delegations that the recent improvement in the political climate could none the less set the stage for exploiting the large potential for east-west economic exchanges.

31. The Economic Survey of Europe in 1987-1988 was welcomed by most delegations as providing a balanced and comprehensive analysis of economic developments in the ECE region. A number of delegations made various proposals for future studies in the Survey and the Economic Bulletin for Europe. Two delegations made comments on the structure of the Survey.

The Commission's activities and implementation of priorities in 1987 2/
(agenda item 3(a))

Documentation: E/ECE/1153

32. The Commission agreed to consider this item in conjunction with the following items:

Implications of the provisions of the Concluding Document of the Madrid Meeting 1980 of Representatives of the Participating States of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe for the further work of the Economic Commission for Europe

(agenda item 4)

and

The work and future activities of the Commission and proposals in regard to all-European co-operation in the field of protection of the environment, development of transport, energy and other fields

(agenda item 5)

2/ For agenda sub-items 3(b)-(d), also considered in the Plenary, see paragraphs 68-84 below.

33. Under these items the Commission heard statements by Mr. A. Mock, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria, and Mr. P. Mladenov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria. The following delegations also took the floor in this debate: Byelorussian SSR; Canada; Cyprus; Czechoslovakia; Finland; German Democratic Republic; Germany, Federal Republic of, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States; Hungary; Malta; Norway; Poland; Romania; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukrainian SSR; Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; United States of America; Yugoslavia; and the CMEA.

34. Many delegations observed that the forty-third session was taking place in an improved political climate in relations between east and west which opened up new prospects for enhanced co-operation and could be conducive to a fruitful outcome of the current session and future work of the Commission. Several delegations and CMEA drew attention to the conclusion of the Treaty on the elimination of medium-range and shorter-range nuclear missiles, the resumed negotiations on disarmament issues and many other peaceful initiatives. Delegations referred to the economic and social reforms introduced in the socialist countries which many speakers viewed as a basis for expanded economic co-operation between the countries of the region. The accelerated pace of integration processes taking place in various groupings of countries in the region was also seen as a source of new political dynamism in the ECE region. Particular reference was made to the entry into force in 1987 of the Single European Act and the EC's objective to establish a common internal market in 1992. Others referred to the progress in the process of multilateral co-operation and socialist economic integration of the CMEA member countries. Many delegations referred to the strengthening of co-operation between the EC and EFTA and to the negotiations between the EC and the CMEA aimed at establishing relations at an official level. Other delegations attached importance to the Free Trade Agreement signed between Canada and the United States. Delegations also referred to the Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the six Balkan countries which had taken place in Belgrade in February 1988, where agreement was reached on mutual co-operation in a wide range of economic activities. Noting ECE's previous contribution to activities fostering co-operation among Balkan countries, some delegations indicated that they would welcome ECE's assistance in the implementation of future work in this field. One delegation stressed that the development of co-operation on the subregional level, the transformation of the regions like the north of Europe, the Balkans and Mediterranean into zones of peace, mutual understanding and advantageous co-operation may become a significant positive factor in east-west relations as a whole. Delegations emphasized, however, that measures were needed to assure that internal integration processes among groupings of countries did not produce external disintegration among other countries in the region. This was particularly necessary as the world became increasingly interdependent.

35. In reaffirming their commitment to the ECE, delegations referred to its unique role as an instrument for region-wide multilateral co-operation in economic and related fields among countries with different economic and social systems and at different levels of economic development. All delegations participating in the debate confirmed their intention to ensure that the Commission's present session contributed to economic co-operation in the region. The hope was expressed that the ECE would meet future challenges with fresh approaches and achieve concrete results.

36. In the view of many delegations ECE's activities during the past year had been characterized by an endeavour to ensure not only the continuity of its work but also to enhance its efficiency. They reaffirmed their desire that ECE pursue efforts aimed at achieving concrete and practical results which would benefit countries in the region in a balanced way. Noting that it was unrealistic to ignore differences between member countries in the region, one delegation stressed that realism, objectivism and pragmatism were of the utmost importance and that ECE should create a working environment free from extraneous political considerations. Another delegation noted that Europe had always been and would continue to be a differentiated entity. However, it emphasized that increasing interdependence gave a new perspective to the question of European unity and the construction of a "common European house".

37. Several delegations and CMEA maintained that the Commission should continue to play a leading role in furthering co-operation in the spirit of the Final Act of the CSCE. Many delegations agreed that the Helsinki Final Act and the Madrid Concluding Document continued to make an important contribution to the promotion of economic co-operation in Europe and had provided a dynamic impulse to the ECE's work. They welcomed the valuable contribution that ECE had made to the multilateral implementation of the provisions pertaining to co-operation in the fields of economics, science and technology, the environment and co-operation in the Mediterranean.

38. Other delegations reiterated their conviction that the full implementation of all the pertinent provisions of the Final Act and the Madrid Concluding Document and the respect of all the principles contained therein were essential for the development of economic co-operation and the effective multilateral implementation of the pertinent provisions. One delegation stated that the ECE was responsible to its member States and not to the CSCE. It also drew attention to the fact that some CSCE participating States had stressed the need for unilateral implementation at the national level in some areas, notably relating to business contacts and economic information.

39. The hope was expressed that the current Follow-up Meeting of the CSCE in Vienna would yield substantive and balanced results which would contribute to the improvement of east-west relations as a whole and provide further significant impetus to the Commission's activities. Several delegations referred to the initiatives they had advanced at the Vienna Follow-up Meeting pertaining to the "second basket".

40. Delegations commented on the significance of the Special Session of the Commission at which a report had been adopted on the thorough review undertaken of the structures and programmes of the Commission. The report had been submitted to the Special Commission of ECOSOC on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields. The results of the Special Session were viewed as an important example of constructive joint efforts by all members to promote more efficiency and co-operation within the ECE. Moreover, at the Special Session member States had reconfirmed the importance which they attached to the Commission as the only permanent forum for east-west economic dialogue and co-operation. What was imperative now was the full implementation of the conclusions and guidelines adopted in order to ensure the Commission's credibility and the continued relevance of the ECE. Some delegations were

convinced that the Special Session had marked the beginning of a long-term process of renewal for the ECE, which would enable it to address new challenges in an effective and forward-looking manner.

41. Some delegations advocated that more attention be given to interdisciplinary activities, thereby allowing the Commission to allocate its limited resources in the most efficient manner possible. One delegation expressed the belief that the Sessional Committee should contribute more to the co-ordination of the work of the Commission as a whole. Another delegation stated that programmes should be of direct relevance to member Governments and that available resources should be allocated to a small number of priority programmes which clearly fell within the mandate of the Commission.

42. A number of delegations observed that economic developments in the region had been plagued by uncertainties. References were made to the deceleration of the average growth-rate in 1987 compared to 1986, the risk of recession, stagnating east-west trade, persistent protectionist pressures, and trade restrictions. They also spoke of the stock market crisis, volatile financial markets, persistent indebtedness, large trade imbalances, fiscal deficits and unemployment. These delegations underlined that a solution to such fundamental problems could only be found through closer co-operation between all groups of countries. The delegation of Canada drew attention to the Economic Summit of Seven Leading Western Industrial Powers to be held in Toronto in June 1988 at which it would urge its partners to work together to maintain economic growth while eliminating fiscal and trade imbalances.

43. A few delegations remarked on positive economic features, such as the lowering of inflation rates, the rising prices of primary commodities, reduction in interest payments as a result of the lower dollar, as well as the lower cost of oil imports. Since the contemporary world was becoming increasingly interdependent and interrelated, several delegations considered that the importance of ECE as a forum of all-European multilateral economic co-operation should be increased. It was, in their opinion, a forum in which constructive dialogue could take place to find solutions to the problems of an economic and more general nature transcending the narrower interests of various economic groupings. The development of this type of co-operation could also influence positively the whole climate of confidence and political co-operation in the region.

44. The work of the ECE during the past year was considered to have been positive. Many delegations expressed the opinion that in a large number of areas of east-west economic co-operation much progress had been achieved.

45. Many delegations welcomed the accomplishments in the field of the environment. The sustained progress regarding the further strengthening of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution was noted with satisfaction, in particular the entry into force of the Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or Their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30%, and the Protocol on the Long-term Financing of EMEP. Some delegations urged those Governments which had not yet done so to ratify or to accede to these Protocols as soon as possible. Those Parties which were not in a position to do so were requested to take effective measures to further reduce their emissions taking into account the commitments entered into at Helsinki in July

1985. The urgency of concluding the Protocol on NOx emissions was emphasized by several delegations. One delegation expressed its concern that some of the provisions of the NOx Protocol were inconsistent with the spirit and purpose of the Convention and hoped that these problems would be overcome during the final negotiations. Satisfaction was also expressed by several delegations that work had begun on the reduction of hydrocarbon emissions.

46. The work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems was highly commended. Many delegations expressed their appreciation of the finalization of the Strategy for Environmental Protection and the Rational Use of Natural Resources in the ECE Region up to the Year 2000 and Beyond and the Declaration on the Protection of Flora, Fauna and their Habitats. It was noted with satisfaction by a number of delegations that the objective of sustainable development as contained in the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, "Our Common Future", was clearly defined in the Strategy.

47. Many delegations remarked that these achievements clearly testified to the fact that there was a growing common understanding of environmental problems, even if the medium- and long-term goals of the Strategy did not accommodate all interests. One delegation felt the Strategy laid down a sound foundation for taking concerted scientifically justified and interconnected measures to solve ecological problems which are of importance for the ECE region; it could become a model for the elaboration of a global study of environmental protection and improvement. Several delegations also expressed the hope that agreement would be reached in the near future on the Charter on Ground Water Management.

48. Many delegations advocated that ECE's environmental work be actively pursued and intensified. In this respect, some delegations expressed the hope that increased resources would be made available to accommodate expanding work in this field.

49. Several delegations noted with satisfaction that the basic principles contained in the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development were fully consonant with the activities of the ECE in the field of environment. They felt that ECE must decide how to respond to the challenges of this Report including the call for sustainable development and the integration of environment and development. It was suggested that ECE review its policies and programmes in order to assess what type of follow-up contribution it could make to the World Commission's Report. A number of delegations described action they had already instituted at the national level in compliance with the request of the General Assembly.

50. The delegation of Norway drew attention to the regional conference it proposed to hold in 1990 at the ministerial level, in co-operation with ECE, to review progress in the follow-up to the World Commission's Report in the ECE region and expressed the hope that this proposal would be supported.

51. Some delegations referred to the link between ECE's activities and the development of international ecological security. They felt that ECE could contribute its expertise to shaping a common perception of the economic and ecological aspects of security. These delegations underlined the necessity of

a broader exchange of environmental technology. It was considered by a number of delegations that the time was opportune to convene a second high-level meeting on the environment.

52. The representative of the European Community noted that the European Year of the Environment had increased public awareness of the urgent problems in this field. The Community, he said, had actively contributed to finding solutions to transboundary issues not only inside the Community but world-wide and it welcomed with satisfaction the agreement reached on the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer under the Vienna Convention.

53. Many delegations stated that trade and industrial co-operation continued to play a key role in the Commission's work and in east-west relations as a whole. Appreciation was expressed for the productive work carried out by the Committee on the Development of Trade. Several delegations underlined the valuable work undertaken on trade facilitation, in particular the elaboration of a universal syntax for electronic trade data interchange (EDIFACT).

54. Some delegations referred to the useful role played by industrial co-operation as an important means of promoting east-west trade and more stable and beneficial economic relations. Noting that there was scope for more intensified action in this area, a number of delegations urged ECE to strengthen its efforts to promote the establishment of joint ventures, eliminate obstacles to trade, create conditions for the exchange of technology and trade licences, and study various aspects of counter-trade activities. Some delegations welcomed the completion of the study on the economic, financial and practical aspects of joint ventures and expressed the desire to see this work strengthened and rendered more action oriented.

55. Several delegations referred to current and prospective reforms in their foreign trade systems. Other delegations welcomed these initiatives and expressed the hope that they would create more favourable conditions for east-west commercial exchange and improved trade especially with small- and medium-sized enterprises. Many delegations welcomed the decision to engage in a study on compensation trade concentrating in the first stage on the particular problems encountered by small- and medium-sized enterprises in this field and the ways in which solutions could be found.

56. Several delegations commended efforts to prepare a study on policy measures that could provide favourable commercial treatment for ECE member countries which were developing from the economic point of view. They urged that the Commission become more involved in this field. The proposal to organize the Seventh Seminar on East-West Trade Promotion met with some support.

57. Emphasizing the importance of ECE's wide-ranging work in the field of transport, delegations underscored the practical value of the work. It was observed that transport activities were taking on new dimensions as more attention was being devoted to the role of international rail and multimodal transport, concrete operational projects of a regional character, such as the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) and the Trans-European North-South Railway (TER), and also to transport corridors. They hoped that such

activities would be strengthened. Many delegations stressed the need to continue revising existing legal instruments. Another delegation pointed to the increasing importance of questions of environmental compatibility and economic feasibility when elaborating new transport concepts.

58. Several delegations highlighted the importance they attached to work on the transport of dangerous goods, in particular the draft convention on civil liability for damage caused during the carriage of such goods, and urged that it be concluded as soon as possible. The Group of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods was commended for its efforts to rationalize its activities and to address the challenge of budget restraint while maintaining a high level of performance.

59. Special mention was also made of harmonization of regulations for the construction of motor vehicles and traffic safety, work on transport statistics, customs questions, harmonization of conditions of competition, transport of perishable foodstuffs, environmental protection, and transit traffic. Reference was also made to Mediterranean transport developments, including the proposal for an interregional project. One delegation recalled the need for the elaboration of a comprehensive long-term approach to the development and harmonization of transport infrastructure.

60. Several delegations welcomed the Commission's continuing work in the energy fields as carried out by the Committees on Coal, Gas and Electric Power. Special mention was made of work on classification of coals, low-calorie solid fuel technology, coal processing and conversion, open cast mining and the rational use of energy.

61. Special reference was made to the convening of the sixth session of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Energy in May 1988. It was proposed by some delegations that future sessions of the Senior Advisers be held on a regular basis in order to enhance co-operation among member countries in this field. It was recognized by a number of delegations that the disparity of resources in the region underlined the importance of close co-operation on energy issues now and in the future.

62. Delegations viewed the completion of the Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 (OEP) as a substantial achievement. Its recommendations should be widely disseminated and put into practice. In this context, the initiative of the Government of Hungary to convene a Symposium on Long-term Prospects in ECE Countries: National and International Aspects met with approval. One delegation was in favour of continuing efforts towards the comprehensive study of long-term problems of the region in their economic, scientific, technological and ecological interrelationships.

63. Noting the growing importance of science and technology in the overall development of the ECE region, a number of delegations emphasized that co-operation in this field would yield mutual benefits for all members. They therefore called on ECE to play a more active role in fostering this co-operation. Areas cited as meriting attention included the exchange of technology, multilateral scientific and technological co-operation in medical technology, biotechnology, fundamental sciences, robotics, flexible manufacturing, etc.

64. The proposal to select science and technology as an area for in-depth consideration at the Commission's next session was reiterated by a number of delegations. One delegation pointed to its proposals to organize in 1990 a seminar on the role of forecasting in the formulation of science and technology policies, as well as to commence a study on the prospects of scientific and technological developments in the region to the year 2000. Attention was drawn to the forthcoming end-of-decade review of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology, to which a few delegations proposed that ECE prepare a substantive contribution.

65. Appreciation was also expressed for other ECE programmes, including agriculture, timber, engineering and automation, standardization, statistics, chemicals and steel as well as continuing and future work on UNDP-funded operational projects.

66. Delegations paid tribute to the Executive Secretary for his dynamic and effective leadership during his first year of office. They welcomed the new Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. I. Ornatsky, and wished him success in his new functions. Appreciation was expressed for the services rendered to the ECE by the former Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. G. Biryukov. Delegations also congratulated the secretariat for its achievements in spite of the current financial difficulties of the United Nations.

67. At its tenth meeting, the Commission adopted its resolution 1 (43) on the work of the Commission as a whole and its future activities (for the text see Chapter IV).

Resolutions bearing on the work of the Commission adopted by
the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly
(agenda item 3(b))

Documentation: E/ECE/1154

68. Many delegations supported the decisions contained in Assembly resolution 42/187 on the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development and urged ECE to respond substantively in the implementation of this resolution.

69. A number of delegations considered that ECE could play a useful role in implementing the relevant provisions of Assembly resolution 42/165 on international economic security.

70. Emphasizing the importance they attached to co-operation in the field of science and technology, a number of delegations expressed the belief that ECE should contribute to the end-of-decade review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development in 1989 as called for in Assembly resolution 42/192 entitled Tenth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development

71. One delegation commended ECE's work in the field of population in co-operation with UNFPA and identified the problem of aging of populations as an area which required interregional action in response to Assembly resolution 42/51.

72. Another delegation underlined the importance it attached to the relevant provisions of Assembly resolution 40/105 on incorporation of the concerns of women in the work programmes of the regional commissions. It was of the opinion that ECE should integrate women's issues in its overall work programme. It added that social issues were bound to assume more importance in the future and would have to be adequately faced.

73. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision A (43) on the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (for the text see Chapter IV).

74. At its tenth meeting, the Commission adopted its decision B (43) on the Commission's contribution to the follow-up of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women (for the text see Chapter IV).

Commission's contribution to the United Nations programmes
designed to assist developing countries
(agenda item 3(c))

Documentation: E/ECE/1155

75. A number of delegations pointed out that the Commission was not only an instrument for east-west economic co-operation but should also foster greater co-operation between the developed countries of the region and those which were developing from the economic point of view. Support was voiced for the study on policy measures that could provide favourable commercial treatment for ECE member countries which were developing from the economic point of view. The hope was expressed that the Commission would enlarge its work in this field. Appreciation was also expressed for the provisions contained in the Supplementary Report to facilitate the inclusion of programmes of direct interest to member countries developing from the economic point of view and Mediterranean issues in ECE's programme of work.

76. It was noted that the economic situation in the region had inevitably a vital impact on the world economy and that the policies pursued by member countries were of direct interest and concern to the international community. Concern was expressed that the diversity of economic performance among countries of the region and the slow-down in the growth of the market economies could have serious consequences for the developing countries. There was now a growing sense of "adjustment fatigue" in these countries and an enhanced feeling of vulnerability to external developments. Close co-operation among all countries was required to surmount economic problems.

77. Some delegations hoped therefore that ECE would widen its focus by contributing more to the North-South dimension of development. One delegation expressed its desire that the Commission devise activities expressly designed to cater for the needs of developing countries, both within and outside the ECE region. Through such programmes, ECE would best enhance its image within the world community. In this connection some delegations cited examples of their bilateral co-operation with developing countries in the Mediterranean as well as those in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean.

78. The delegation of Malta pointed out that it had not been listed among the countries in southern Europe in several ECE economic publications. It hoped that this omission would be rectified in the future.

Co-operation with other international organizations
(agenda item 3(d))

Documentation: E/ECE/1156

79. Delegations noted with appreciation ECE's continuing close co-operation with other international organizations.

80. Delegations noted the continuing co-operation between the ECE and UNDP on operational projects. Various delegations welcomed the work accomplished on the TEM, the Statistical Computing Project, the Inter-connection of the Electric Power Transmission Systems of the Balkan Countries and the project on Co-operative Research on Low-calorie Solid-fuel Technology. Several delegations expressed considerable interest in the newly launched project on Trans-European North-South Railway Lines (TER).

81. ECE's co-operation with UNFPA in the field of population was also acknowledged.

82. Several delegations stressed the importance of continuing co-operation with the other regional commissions as a means of contributing to the development efforts of countries in those regions.

83. After reviewing the main results of the forty-third extraordinary CMEA session, the representative of the CMEA mentioned that co-operation continued between his organization and ECE. In his opinion one of the Commission's main tasks was to more actively contribute to the all-European process and to develop co-operation in priority areas between countries in the region irrespective of their social systems.

84. Several delegations pointed out that, since other international organizations were also addressing issues which fell within the purview of the Commission, it was important that ECE co-ordinate its activities with those organizations in the interest of increased efficiency and avoidance of duplication, in particular on environmental issues.

Concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work
(agenda item 3(e))

Documentation: E/ECE/1157 and Add.1; E/ECE/1150/Rev.1; ECE/AC.17/4

85. This item was allocated by the Plenary to the Sessional Committee for preliminary consideration. It was discussed together with item 7(k) on the implementation by the Commission of proposals for action contained in its Supplementary Report to the Special Commission of ECOSOC.

86. In his preliminary statement, the Chairman of the Sessional Committee proposed that after the general debate, an in-depth review on two issues related to the implementation of the Supplementary Report could take place

with a view to reaching agreement on recommendations which would be included in his report to the Plenary. "Strengthening of the role of the Sessional Committee with a view to co-ordination, concentration and integration of work" and "Interdisciplinary activities with a view to providing guidance to the work of the PSBs" were the agreed specific themes.

87. In introducing this item, the Executive Secretary stated that the Supplementary Report contained one of the most far reaching reforms of the Commission in the past two decades and represented a comprehensive approach to its programmes, structure and work methods. Decision A (1987-S) adopted by the Special Session was being implemented smoothly on the whole as regards meetings, documentation, publications and the programme of work of the Commission.

88. The Executive Secretary underlined that a more creative dialogue should be undertaken between the Commission and its Principal Subsidiary Bodies and that more consideration should be given by these bodies to concentration and integration and relations with other bodies. As the Commission had stressed its special strength with respect to inter-disciplinary activities, the Sessional Committee could be a forum for an in-depth discussion of selected inter-disciplinary issues. Two such issues had been proposed: transboundary movement of hazardous wastes and the implications of the Report on "Our Common Future" for the work of the Commission. The Executive Secretary expressed the hope that the Sessional Committee could devote attention at the present session to a discussion of ways in which the Principal Subsidiary Bodies could address these issues as well as the identification of possible future inter-disciplinary activities and procedures for dealing with them.

89. The delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, referred to certain difficulties encountered in the implementation of decision A (1987-S). The delegation underlined the need to fully implement and adhere to all the provisions of the decision in a consistent way. The European Community attached utmost importance to the Commission's decision to make the process of reform a continuous one. Attention was also drawn to the need to improve intra-secretariat co-operation on interdisciplinary issues. The delegations of Canada and the United States supported these views. Other delegations expressed the view that it was premature to assess at this stage the results stemming from the implementation of decision A (1987-S), as not all Principal Subsidiary Bodies were in a position to examine the provisions of the Supplementary Report.

90. In commenting on the intervention of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Executive Secretary provided additional information concerning the role of the secretariat with respect to the implementation of decision A (1987-S) and the Supplementary Report.

91. General support was expressed for the continuation of the organization of interdisciplinary activities. The Netherlands delegation, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, held the view that one Principal Subsidiary Body should serve as a focal point for co-ordination and that, taking into account the limited resources, only one interdisciplinary project at a time should be carried out. The selection of the inter-

disciplinary project should be based as a rule on proposals submitted by the Executive Secretary on the initiative of one or several Principal Subsidiary Bodies.

92. Other delegations took the view that there should be some flexibility in the identification of the interdisciplinary projects, their number, timing of implementation and the designation of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies for their implementation. One delegation noted that it did not equate inter-disciplinary work with efficiency or productivity.

93. Some delegations were of the opinion that the Sessional Committee should continue the approach of selecting one special topic for consideration at each session. Another delegation, referring to the procedure in the preparation of the Overall Economic Perspective, and to that which was proposed to be followed for the consideration of the Report on "Our Common Future", suggested that the Sessional Committee analyse the results of these two experiences at its next session before deciding on a definitive methodology.

94. Some delegations referred to proposals tabled in 1984 and which had not materialized, including changing the Sessional Committee into a Programme Coordination Committee and devoting a few days of its work to the concentration and integration exercise. They suggested that the Sessional Committee revert to such proposals.

95. The Czechoslovak delegation, on behalf of the group of socialist countries, proposed to adopt no recommendation on concentration and integration in the light of the different views expressed in the deliberations on this matter. It proposed that the secretariat prepare a note for the forty-fourth session on the implementation of decision A (1987-S) and the Supplementary Report.

96. At the conclusion of its consideration of this item, the Sessional Committee recommended that the Commission agree, as a follow-up to paragraph 132 of the Supplementary Report, that the Executive Secretary and the Principal Subsidiary Bodies could submit to the Commission proposals for subsequent interdisciplinary ECE projects which should also include an indication of the implications for the different Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned and for secretariat activities and resources in accordance with the guidelines for Principal Subsidiary Bodies as adopted at the Special Session of the Commission.

Work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission
(agenda item 3(f))

Committee on Agricultural Problems (Documentation: ECE/AGRI/96)

97. General appreciation was expressed for the activities of the Committee. Some delegations made a positive reference to one or several of the subsidiary bodies of the Committee, notably to the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce but also the FAO/ECE Working Parties on Mechanization of Agriculture and on Agrarian Structure and Farm Rationalization.

98. Regarding activities and current developments of agricultural markets and trade, the representative of the European Community underlined the importance of the availability of accurate and up-to-date statistical data as the necessary basis for analysis. He expressed the wish that the role of the Committee as a forum for an exchange of information on changes in agricultural policies and markets be further strengthened.

99. Several delegations and CMEA expressed particular appreciation of the Committee's activities relating to selected economic and technical issues in agriculture, such as the forthcoming symposia on agriculture and fish farming (Poland 1988), on advances in the use of biotechnology in food and feed processing, on new and non-conventional feeds for ruminants, on improved irrigation practices to preserve and protect water resources and increase crop yields and on the use of computers in agriculture. In this context, reference was also made to specific technical reports currently under elaboration, i.e. on economic and technical factors influencing grain yields and on genetic engineering in plant production and to the forthcoming study tours on mechanisation in Finland and the USSR. The delegation of Switzerland expressed its doubts as to the need to continue activities on agricultural mechanization and also stated that the use of computers in agriculture was not a matter for government authorities.

100. The programme of work of the Committee was approved. Several delegations stressed the importance of environmental aspects for the work of this Committee and welcomed the corresponding change in its terms of reference. The representative of the European Community called for a short summary of the achievements under the various activities of the Committee to be presented by the secretariat to each Committee session, including a reference to secretariat resources.

101. The revised terms of reference of the Committee (Annex III to ECE/AGRI/96) as well as the two resolutions adopted by the Committee with regard to the importance of a continuous and enhanced collaboration between ECE and FAO and to the activities of the new Codex Alimentarius Committee for the standardization of tropical fresh fruit and vegetables (Annexes IV and V to ECE/AGRI/96) found general support. Two delegations underlined in particular the need for a closer co-ordination of this Committee with the European Commission for Agriculture (ECA) of FAO. The representative of the European Community supported by the delegations of Turkey and Switzerland, expressed the wish that the resolution on the new Codex Alimentarius Committee be implemented precisely according to its terms.

102. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision C (43) on agriculture (for the text see Chapter IV).

Chemical Industry Committee (Documentation: ECE/CHEM/67)

103. Delegations participating in the discussion expressed their satisfaction with either all or some of the work accomplished and agreed to the programme of work for 1988-1992. Some delegations emphasized the significance of the chemical industry for modern economies, as well as the importance of the

Committee as a forum for discussing issues such as structural changes, low- and non-waste technologies, questions of raw materials and energy.

104. Appreciation was expressed for the Committee's statistical work and publications, such as the Annual Review of the Chemical Industry; the five-year survey on Market Trends and Prospects for Selected Chemical Products; the Annual Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products; and the market data on olefins and aromatic hydrocarbons. Positive evaluations were made of the studies on Recycling of Used Tyres and Rubber Wastes and on the Use and Disposal of Wastes from Phosphoric Acid and Titanium Dioxide Production. Similar observations were made by some delegations on the study on Membrane Technology in the Chemical Industry.

105. As regards the Committee's programme of seminars and study tours thanks were expressed to the Government of the USSR for organizing the Seminar on the Role of the Chemical Industry in Food Production, followed by a study tour in 1987, and to the Governments of France and Sweden for invitations to host a Seminar and study tour, respectively in 1988. The delegation of Poland confirmed its intention to host a study tour in 1989.

106. The following topics were singled out by some delegations as being of particular interest for future work: the rational use of water and its treatment in the chemical industry; the role of the chemical industry in environmental and health protection; the fertilizer sector; joint ventures in the chemical industry; new structural and engineering materials in the chemical industry; and the application of lasers and radiation in chemical processes.

107. Some delegations also expressed their regret at the absence of adequate secretariat resources for work on topics concerning organic chemistry, such as pharmaceuticals and modern plastics. Other delegations stressed the need to make efficient use of the limited resources of the secretariat.

108. The delegation of the United Kingdom, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, stated that it considered that care should be exercised to avoid duplication of activities and expressed satisfaction with the revised arrangements for handling biotechnology matters. The scope of the study on the rational use of water and its treatment in the chemical industry should be carefully defined, and the more general aspects, such as the rational use of water resources and policies in this field already handled by the Senior Advisers on Environmental and Water Problems, should be avoided. It considered that the programme of work of the Committee should be further adjusted and elements clearly and accurately defined in order to attract representatives of industry and to ensure that mutuality of interests for member States would guarantee a successful outcome.

Coal Committee (Documentation: ECE/COAL/113)

109. Delegations expressed general satisfaction with the multilateral co-operation pursued by the Committee on all principal problems concerning coal, in particular production, technologies, mine safety, international trade and environmental issues of coal mining and use. The programme of work for 1987-1991 was approved.

110. The measures taken by the Committee to increase the effectiveness of its work, including greater emphasis on interdisciplinary activities, were noted with satisfaction. The Committee's close collaboration with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies and the increasing interest and co-operation of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the activities of the Committee were noted with appreciation and their continuation strongly advocated.

111. The usefulness of symposia, seminars and study tours for enhancing international economic co-operation, technology transfer and exchange of experience was particularly stressed. The study tours to Finland, Turkey and the United States of America which had taken place under the ECE/UNDP Inter-Country Project and the expert group meetings scheduled in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, the Ukrainian SSR and Yugoslavia were given special mention. The preparations for the Symposium on Forecasting and Prevention of Rock Burst and Sudden Outbursts of Coal, Rock and Gas to be held in Czechoslovakia in September 1989 were endorsed as was the Symposium on New Coal Utilization Technologies scheduled for 1990. Delegations expressed their gratitude to those countries which had provided or would provide host facilities for activities of the Committee.

112. All delegations commended the adoption in 1987 of the New International Codification System of Coals which would fully satisfy the requirements of the international coal market and industry. Several delegations expressed support for the elaboration of a new ECE classification of coals for scientific purposes.

113. The delegation of Belgium, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, stated that the prospects for the coal industry in the Community were less favourable than in other parts of the ECE region. Significant structural changes had been under way since 1986 aimed at increasing productivity and maintaining the competitiveness of coal. The Community and its member States were particularly interested in promoting the use of coal in compliance with new environmental regulations. The decision of the Committee to enlarge the scope of the Symposium on Gasification and Liquefaction of Solid Fuels to include coal combustion and environmental issues was considered a timely move.

114. Special interest was expressed by the delegation of the USSR in low-calorie solid fuel technologies, improved underground coal mining techniques, coal classification, research and safety issues; by the delegation of the German Democratic Republic in opencast mining, processing of brown coal and perspectives of the coal industry; by the delegation of the Ukrainian SSR in modern mining techniques, processing, economic effectiveness and in the role of coal as a fuel; by the delegation of Poland in coal prospects, trade, safety, coal classification, and multi-sectoral activities; and by the delegation of Yugoslavia in research, conversion, protection of the environment, statistics and standardization. The delegation of the United States expressed its interest in the exchange of technical information and standardization.

115. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision D (43) on the International Codification System for Medium- and High-rank Coals (for the text see Chapter IV).

Conference of European Statisticians (Documentation: ECE/GES/30)

116. Many delegations commended the Conference for the high quality of its work and for the positive results achieved, particularly in improving the international comparability of statistics through the development and improvement of standard statistical concepts, definitions and classifications.

117. There was general agreement that the Conference's programme of work was well balanced and covered all fields of statistics of interest to countries in the region. However, many delegations underlined the importance which they attached to the Conference according particular attention to the four areas of work specified by the Commission at its Special Session. Several delegations also recommended that the Conference designate priorities for the various activities to be undertaken in each of these four broad areas as well as in the other parts of its programme of work.

118. Although there was general support for the programme of meetings of the Conference, some delegations considered that there was scope for improved efficiency, particularly concerning documentation and the convening of back-to-back meetings.

119. The delegation of Ireland ^{3/} expressed concern regarding the limited number of days of interpretation available for ad hoc or irregular statistical meetings, and proposed that the importance of the activities of the Conference be fully borne in mind in the allocation of such days.

120. Many delegations underlined the importance they attached to the work done by the Conference in co-ordinating the statistical work of other Principal Subsidiary Bodies and of other international and intergovernmental organizations in the region (sub-programme 12.1). Several speakers suggested that co-ordination should be further improved so as to avoid duplication of work and to reduce the response burden for countries. Several delegations also expressed support for joint work with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies and organizations on matters of common interest.

121. Many speakers expressed support for the work on the organization and operation of statistical services, particularly on the use of computers for statistical purposes, and on statistical methodology. Many delegations stressed the importance which statistical offices attached to the Conference undertaking work on registers, and expressed the hope that the Conference would consider re-introducing a programme element on this topic at its

^{3/} Whenever in the following paragraphs the delegation of Ireland is mentioned, it should be noted that it expressed the views of the European Community and its member States.

forthcoming plenary session, having however due regard to the need to avoid duplicating work being carried out elsewhere on this matter.

122. Several delegations also stressed the importance of the Conference's work in the field of economic statistics, particularly on the linking of SNA and MPS national accounts and balances systems, on conversion keys between CMEA and United Nations classifications and on the comparisons of purchasing power parities within the ECP/ICP framework.

123. The importance of work on social and demographic statistics was underlined by several delegations, particularly in the fields of population and housing censuses, demographic projections and the framework for the integration of social and demographic statistics. One delegation also stated the importance of selected ECE countries receiving advice from the Conference and the secretariat in the operation of major statistical programmes such as censuses. The delegation of the USSR stated that it considered migration statistics to be of low priority.

124. There was general agreement that the Conference's work on environment statistics should continue to receive priority attention. Many delegations commended the secretariat for the positive results achieved in the experimental Compendium of Environment Statistics. In addition, one delegation stressed the importance of further enhancing the co-operation between the Conference and the Senior Advisers on Environmental and Water Problems, and another stated that greater attention should be paid to the links between environment statistics and social and economic statistics.

125. The importance of the ECE publication programme for international comparisons and analyses was stressed by several delegations. A few delegations also pointed to the need to review the content and number of statistical publications so as to reduce their overall number and avoid overlap between them. The delegation of Ireland expressed support for the efforts of the Statistical Division and its interest in the report to be presented to the next meeting of the Conference on the coverage and timeliness of existing statistics.

Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems
(Documentation: ECE/ENVWA/3 and Adda. 1 and 2; E/ECE/1161)

126. This item was considered together with item 7(c) on co-operation in the field of protection and improvement of the environment.

127. Delegations taking part in the discussion expressed satisfaction with the ECE activities in the field of environment and water during the past year. The results of the first session of the Senior Advisers were considered to be particularly constructive. The programme of work of the Senior Advisers was endorsed.

128. Delegations considered that the major accomplishments of the first session of the Senior Advisers were the finalization of the Regional Strategy for Environmental Protection and Rational Use of Natural Resources in ECE Member Countries up to the Year 2000 and Beyond and the completion of the

Declaration on Conservation of Flora, Fauna and their Habitats. The Regional Strategy was described as a landmark in successful ECE co-operation on the environment.

129. A number of delegations expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the Seminar on Environmental Impact Assessment held in Warsaw (Poland) in September 1987. The decision taken by the Senior Advisers to elaborate a framework agreement on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context was considered to be of particular importance.

130. The progress on implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution was welcomed, in particular the entry into force of the 1985 Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30% and the 1984 Protocol on the Long-term Financing of EMEP. It was hoped that the protocol on nitrogen oxides could be finalized in a constructive manner later in 1988. One delegation, while fully supporting the conclusions of the Protocol, expressed concern about certain provisions in the draft as it stood. Some delegations emphasized the need to consider future reductions of emissions of major pollutants on the basis of a critical loads approach.

131. A number of delegations welcomed the steps taken by the Senior Advisers to entrust the Compendium on Low- and Non-waste Technology to the International Environmental Bureau, a specialized division of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), for further action. Support was expressed for the Seminar on Economic Implications of Low-waste Technology, to be held in the Netherlands in 1989. A number of delegations reaffirmed the importance which their Governments attached to hazardous waste management and supported the decision taken by the Senior Advisers to convene an ad hoc meeting to elaborate a detailed work plan in this field.

132. Delegations pressed for finalization of the draft Charter on Groundwater Management for submission to the forty-fourth session of the Commission. The results of the Seminar on the Protection of Soil and Aquifers against Non-point Source Pollution held in Madrid (Spain) in October 1987 were deemed useful. Many delegations welcomed the initiative of the Senior Advisers to prepare a code of conduct on accidental pollution of transboundary inland waters. Some delegations called attention to the opportunity of undertaking the elaboration of a framework agreement in the field of transboundary waters.

133. A number of delegations welcomed the adoption of Recommendations to ECE Governments on Waste Water Treatment and supported the holding of seminars on: Dam Safety (Rovaniemi, Finland, 1988); Rational Use of Water through On-farm Operation of Irrigation to be convened jointly with the Committee on Agricultural Problems (Avignon, France, 1989); Treatment of Domestic Sewage and Industrial Waste Water (Munich, Federal Republic of Germany, 1990).

134. Many delegations underlined the importance of continuing work on the interrelationships between the environment and economic development and welcomed the initiative of the Senior Advisers to undertake a project on environment and economics. Delegations also supported an effective ECE

contribution to the follow-up to the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development taking account of the Environmental Perspective and the Regional Strategy. The delegation of Norway informed participants of the steps taken by the Norwegian Government to hold, in co-operation with ECE, a regional conference at ministerial level in 1990 to review progress in following up selected aspects of the World Commission report and to identify initiatives for further measures in the ECE region.

135. The efforts of the Senior Advisers to strengthen co-operation with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies were praised and some delegations referred to possible co-operative action between the Senior Advisers and other relevant Principal Subsidiary Bodies such as the Senior Economic Advisers, the Conference of European Statisticians and the Senior Advisers on Energy.

136. Reference was made to the impulses for ECE activities in the field of the environment expected from the Vienna Follow-up Meeting to the CSCE. One delegation underlined the links between ECE's work in the field of environmental protection and the concept of international ecological security. The delegation invited the Senior Advisers and other relevant subsidiary bodies to participate in the creation of that concept. Delegations appreciated the efforts of the Senior Advisers to draw up their terms of reference and expected them to be ready in draft form for approval by the Commission at its forty-fourth session. Thanks were expressed to the Governments of Poland and Spain for holding Seminars.

137. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision E (43) on co-operation in the field of environmental protection and water resources (for the text see Chapter IV).

Committee on Electric Power (Documentation: ECE/EP/76)

138. Delegations highlighted the main trends in the field of electric power in the context of general energy demand. They expressed general satisfaction with the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies during the period under review. The programme of work was considered well balanced and offering many opportunities for fruitful co-operation.

139. Delegations welcomed the measures taken by the Committee to implement the decisions of the Special Session of the Commission. Several delegations commented on the decision of the Special Session to replace regular meetings on the rational use of electricity and on electricity distribution outside the major urban areas by seminars and ad hoc activities. In their view, this area should continue to receive full attention through ad hoc meetings, in the work of the Experts on Electric Power Stations and by means of a seminar on the rational use of electric energy envisaged for 1990.

140. Several delegations recalled that, partly because of the new rules on the duration of projects, about 60% of the programme elements would be concluded in 1988 and invited the Committee to select appropriate new initiatives, for example, from those suggested by the Seminar on Comparison of Models of Planning and Operating Electric Power Systems held in Moscow (USSR) in June 1987.

141. Many delegations highlighted the topicality of the new project on central-European interconnections and commented on the importance of the subjects to be dealt with by the Seminar on the Impact of Atmospheric Protection Measures on Thermal Power Stations, to be held in the Federal Republic of Germany in 1988. The delegation of the USSR recalled that the agenda for the next session of the Committee included a item on non-polluting electric power stations burning solid fuels.

142. Several delegations expressed interest in the area of nuclear power, duly expanded in the programme of work in recent years, and considered the close co-operation with IAEA in this field as appropriate and useful.

143. The delegation of France, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, stressed the need to ensure close co-operation with the other Principal Subsidiary Bodies in order to avoid duplication, particularly in projects on environment.

Committee on Gas (Documentation: ECE/GAS/92)

144. Delegations expressed their general satisfaction with the work accomplished and approved the programme of work for 1988-1992. The Committee served as an important forum for dealing with region-wide developments and changes affecting the gas industry in the region. The programme of work was well balanced and reflected relevant problems and issues facing the gas industry, such as the growth and further expansion of gas markets in the region. Several delegations advocated increased co-operation and understanding of new gas industry trends to cope with the growing interdependency of gas markets, with the delegation of the United States of America noting that this growing interdependency would create pressures for gas to be competitive with alternative fuels.

145. Several delegations expressed satisfaction with measures adopted by the Committee in the light of the decisions taken by the Special Session of the Commission, with some delegations noting the need to provide some flexibility for the Committee to carry out its work and to strengthen the role of Meetings of Experts.

146. Several delegations reported on natural gas market developments in their countries, from the point of view of both major producers and consumers in the region. In the case of Finland, faced with growing requirements for gas, particular importance was accorded to the need for safeguarding gas supply through adequate storage.

147. The delegation of the Netherlands, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, noted the Committee's solid achievements, in particular the work carried out by its Meeting of Experts on the Use and Distribution of Gas, and the publication of the "International Map of Natural Gas Fields in Europe". It gave special recognition to work on the relationship between the gas industry and the environment and to co-operation with the World Meteorological Organization and ISO.

148. The delegation of the USSR expressed interest in market prospects and structural changes in the gas industry, trade, transportation and storage, and related energy and fuel cost in the operation of pipeline systems. The delegation of Czechoslovakia attached importance to transit systems, and technical innovation and modern dispatching practices.

149. The Polish delegation favoured closer collaboration with the Coal Committee and other Principal Subsidiary Bodies in the field of coal gasification and other related problems.

150. The delegation of the Byelorussian SSR underlined the importance of co-operation on ecological issues, including the elaboration of the "Draft Declaration on the Contribution of Gas to the Reduction of Environmental Nuisances and on Recommended Measures".

151. The delegation of Yugoslavia commended the work on gas resources and gas research; it supported the holding of a symposium on the use of isotopes in appraising the presence of hydrocarbons in gas formation. It advocated closer co-operation with non-member countries of ECE in the Mediterranean region.

152. Delegations expressed their appreciation of the results of the Symposium on Tendencies in Development of the Gas Industry and Gas Markets in the ECE Region for the Period up to 2000 held in Warsaw (Poland) in May 1987. Delegations looked forward to the symposia on Current Developments and Trends in Underground Storage of Natural Gas and LPG to be held in Paris (France) from 29 May to 2 June 1989, on the Use of Computers in Gas Supply, Transmission and Distribution Systems, to be held in Budapest (Hungary) in 1990, and on the Use of CNG and LPG as a Motor-vehicle Fuel to be held in Kiev (Ukrainian SSR) in 1991.

Committee on Housing, Building and Planning (Documentation: ECE/HBP/72 and E/ECE/1163)

153. This item was considered together with item 7(e) on international harmonization of the technical content of building regulations.

154. The delegation of Portugal, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, underlined that the number of programme elements under implementation should remain compatible with the secretariat's resources and listed a number of projects of higher priority. It expressed the hope that activities related to housing in southern Europe would be pursued and emphasized that efforts should be made to publish the Compendium of Model Provisions for Building Regulations, by 1990.

155. Delegations expressed satisfaction with the work carried out by the Committee in the period under review and confirmed their interest in participating in the activities planned. The programme of work of the Committee was endorsed. Delegations commended the action taken by the Committee with a view to concentration of the work and making the most effective use of available resources. It was felt, however, that further efforts should be made to streamline the activities in the housing field.

156. Delegations reconfirmed the value of the Committee's annual discussions on current trends and policies and the related country monographs, a new round of which had been circulated in 1987-1988. Delegations further declared their continued interest in the study tours organized after the annual sessions. Delegations expressed their appreciation of the in-depth discussion on policies for urban renewal and modernization of buildings, held at the Committee's last session. The decision taken with regard to further work in this very important field was welcomed.

157. Delegations reconfirmed their interest in the work on programming and forecasting of housing and stated that they looked forward to the Seminar on the Evaluation of Housing Quality, to be held in Copenhagen (Denmark) in October 1988.

158. A number of delegations expressed their satisfaction with progress made on the harmonization of building regulations and on the promotion of international trade in building products, as reported in document E/ECE/1163.

159. The results of the Seminar on Regulations and Technologies for Construction and Land Development, held in Paris (France) in June 1987, were also deemed valuable. Delegations expressed interest in the Seminar on Policies for Energy Conservation in Buildings to be held in Espoo (Finland) in June 1988. Some delegations voiced support for the work on building technology and on building pathology.

160. Delegations underlined the importance of the Sixth Conference on Urban and Regional Research, to be held in Leipzig (German Democratic Republic) in October 1988. They also welcomed the preparations initiated for a Seminar on the Effectiveness of Settlement Planning, to be held in the United Kingdom in the autumn of 1989.

161. Delegations concerned confirmed their interest in the Meetings of Experts on Human Settlements Problems in Southern Europe. They expressed their satisfaction with the results of the meeting held in Portugal in November 1987 and stated their interest in the future meetings planned to be held in France and Turkey.

162. Gratitude was expressed to the Governments of France, Norway and Portugal which had provided host facilities for meetings and study tours in the period under review.

163. The value of the publications issued under the Committee's auspices was emphasized. However, there was concern over the delay in issuing some publications. Thanks were expressed to the delegations of France and the Netherlands which had arranged to publish the synthesis report on an area-based approach to urban renewal.

Inland Transport Committee (Documentation: ECE/TRANS/72 and Add.1, E/ECE/1159, 1160 and 1164)

164. This item was considered together with items 7(a), Co-operation in the field of transport; 7(b), Safety with regard to the transport of dangerous

goods; and 7(f), Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

165. Delegations approved the Committee's programme of work for 1988-1992 and welcomed the importance accorded to the transport sector in the work of the Commission, in the light of the priorities established in the transport field, as confirmed by Commission decision C (42).

166. Several delegations stressed the importance of international agreements and conventions drawn up by the Committee and expressed the hope that work would continue on the revision of a number of instruments, including the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals, the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP) and the annexes to the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN). Delegations also stressed the importance of the early completion of the drafting of the convention on civil liability in respect of third parties during the carriage of dangerous goods.

167. Some delegations were in favour of continued co-operation on the Trans-European North-South Motorway Project (TEM) even after the termination of UNDP financing; they welcomed the decision adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its forty-ninth session concerning the Trans-European North-South Railway Project (TER) and expressed their readiness to contribute to the work on the project.

168. The delegation of the United Kingdom ^{4/} said that road safety was another high priority area for the European Community and noted with satisfaction that, in 1988, the necessary time was to be allocated to the continued revision of the Vienna Convention.

169. A number of delegations stressed the importance of the facilitation of the international carriage of goods by road and of the role of road transit and the need for harmonization. The delegation of the United Kingdom said that the European Community welcomed the Committee's decision regarding the suspension of discussions on Consolidated Resolution RE.4 and was prepared to provide information on developments in current transport policy in the Community.

170. The importance of international harmonization of technical requirements for the construction of motor vehicles was strongly emphasized. Many delegations expressed the hope that the priority accorded to that work would be reflected in the allocation to the sector of sufficient resources in the form of meeting days and personnel. The representative of the United Kingdom vigorously supported that request, which had also been made by the Working

^{4/} Whenever in the following paragraphs the delegation of the United Kingdom is mentioned, it should be noted that it expressed the views of the European Community and its member States.

Party on the Construction of Vehicles. Many representatives also expressed the hope that the calendar of meetings would not be amended without prior consultation with member States.

171. Some delegations emphasized the relationship between transport and the environment and expressed the hope that combined rail/road transport and rail transport would play an increasingly important role.

172. It was pointed out that many countries were investing in the modernization of their rail transport facilities and emphasis was placed on the importance of the European system of marshalling yards of major importance and the future role of the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC), which had been open for signature since 1 September 1985.

173. Several delegations welcomed the progress of the work being done on transport corridors on the basis of an intermodal approach. The delegation of Poland proposed that a study should be made of the extent to which it would be possible to arrive at multimodal agreements based on the results of that work.

174. Some delegations expressed regret at the halting of work on the draft international ship's certificate and said that they were ready to co-operate in seeking a compromise solution to ensure the success of the project.

175. A number of delegations also expressed regret at the lack of progress in the drafting of main legal principles governing international navigation on European inland waterways. The representative of the United Kingdom said that, in accordance with the Committee's decision, the possible inclusion of the proposal for the Monfalcone Gorizia Ljubljana Danube canal should be referred to the Principal Working Party on Inland Water Transport for consideration and preparation of recommendations the following year. Others stressed the importance of further study of the Danube-Oder(Elbe) link.

176. Many delegations welcomed the priority accorded to the transport of dangerous goods and the improvement promised by the secretariat regarding the human resources situation in that sector. The representative of the United Kingdom said that he was confident that the personnel resources would be rapidly made available in accordance with the requests made in decision D (42).

177. With regard to the question of transport in the Mediterranean region, several delegations supported increased co-operation between the Committee and the Transport Centres in the Mediterranean. Some delegations reiterated their positions that the activities of the Centres should not have any financial implications for the United Nations budget. Several delegations expressed the hope that United Nations Centre status would be accorded to the three Centres and requested the Commission to recommend that the Economic and Social Council should take the appropriate measures.

178. The representative of the USSR recalled that a seminar on the role of ports as a link between inland transport and maritime transport was to be held in Leningrad and that preparations were under way for a meeting on passive safety in vehicle construction, to be held in Moscow.

179. The need to standardize summertime was emphasized.

180. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision F (43) on rail and combined transport (for the text see Chapter IV).

181. At its tenth meeting, the Commission adopted its decision G (43) on summertime (for the text see Chapter IV). At the time of adoption of this decision, the delegation of the United Kingdom made a reservation, stating that its country, while beginning at the recommended date, would continue to end the period of summertime later than the recommended date.

Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology (Documentation: ECE/SC.TECH./33, E/ECE/1154, paras. 28 and 29)

182. Delegations underlined the importance of science and technology for the economic and social development of the ECE region and commended the Senior Advisers for their efforts in promoting scientific and technological co-operation.

183. Some delegations expressed satisfaction with the programme of work and with the progress made in streamlining it. The delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany ^{5/} considered that the work programme had not attracted balanced interest and that there was a need to ensure a mutuality of interest when selecting new topics. Some delegations considered that the Senior Advisers should concentrate on specific interdisciplinary issues of importance to member countries. A number of delegations considered that more attention should be paid to examining main trends and evaluating perspectives in science and technology.

184. Several delegations, welcomed the useful exchange of views on policies aimed at encouraging innovations held at the last session of the Senior Advisers and considered the in-depth discussion of a selected topic to be a promising approach. Broad support was expressed for safety aspects in biotechnology as the topic for the next session.

185. Delegations underlined the importance of periodic reviews on changes in national science and technology policies, institutions and agreements on scientific and technological co-operation. They welcomed the results of the ad hoc Meeting on the Use Made of Evaluations in Policy-making held in Finland in 1987 and expressed interest in the Seminar on Evaluation in the Management of R and D to be held in Madrid (Spain) in April 1989. The role of forecasting in science and technology policy-making was regarded by some delegations as an important subject. The delegation of Czechoslovakia indicated that it would submit to the next session of the Senior Advisers a detailed proposal concerning a seminar on this topic which it would host in 1989 or 1990.

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186. Broad support was expressed for the Seminar on the Prediction of Earthquakes to be held in Portugal in November 1988.

187. Some delegations expressed interest in further work on technology transfer, in particular, concerning possible seminars on facilitating the transfer of technology relating to environmental protection and on the scientific and technological aspects of east-west joint ventures. In the view of one delegation, this latter proposal would duplicate the work of the Committee on the Development of Trade. The delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany considered that the transfer of technology was a matter of trade and not of the Senior Advisers. Some delegations spoke in favour of activities on topics, such as the importance of fundamental research in accelerating scientific and technological progress, new materials and socio-economic aspects of new technologies.

188. Different views were expressed on the suggestion by the secretariat that the Senior Advisers should include in the agenda for their sixteenth session an item on the end-of-decade review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development and for that purpose extend the duration of the session by one day. The delegation of Czechoslovakia considered this proposal to be a good opportunity to enhance the role of ECE and fully supported this suggestion. The delegation of the German Democratic Republic underlined that the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development would be a fitting occasion to review the ECE contribution to the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action and to stake out new tasks for the Commission.

189. The delegation of Sweden had a positive view of the relevant General Assembly resolution but did not find it necessary to prolong the duration of the session of the Senior Advisers. The delegation of Switzerland recalled the decision of the Senior Advisers to consider the whole of their programme of work as a contribution to the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action and felt it undesirable to include a separate item on the agenda to discuss this issue. The delegation of Austria noted that two-thirds of the work programme of the Commission was related to science and technology and more attention should be given to joint activities within the Commission; the work programme of the Senior Advisers was a contribution to the work of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development. While not duplicating the work of that body, the Senior Advisers should reflect the interests of the developing countries in their deliberations.

190. The delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany stated that the European Community and its member States had endorsed the relevant General Assembly resolution but could not see the need to extend the session of the Senior Advisers to discuss this item which would be under consideration in the appropriate bodies in New York. The delegation of the United States of America stated that the secretariat proposal was completely unacceptable to its Government. In its view the ECE and the Senior Advisers had no role to play in commemorating the Vienna Programme of Action since there was no direct link between this programme and the Senior Advisers.

Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments (Documentation: ECE/EC.AD./31;
E/ECE/1167)

191. This item was considered together with item 7(i) - An Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000.

192. Delegations expressed their Governments' appreciation of the work carried out by the Senior Economic Advisers and welcomed the timely completion of the Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 (OEP).

193. Some delegations appreciated the major effort that had been made by the Senior Economic Advisers and the secretariat over several years which had resulted in an important and useful reference document. Support was given to the publication and wide dissemination of the core document of the OEP and its supporting papers on long-term economic scenarios, human resources, energy, environment and science and technology. The circulation of these documents to other Principal Subsidiary Bodies for use as appropriate was also recommended.

194. The OEP was generally considered to provide a reference basis for national long-term policy analysis as well as for the discussion of mutually beneficial solutions to common problems. In this context the usefulness of the synthetic character of the analysis, which placed long-term economic problems in a broader context, of scientific, technological and ecological problems was stressed by some delegations. The need to include environmental questions when analysing long-term economic development was underlined.

195. Some delegations noted that a number of problem areas would have warranted a more detailed treatment, e.g. the limited focus on policy conclusions and recommendations.

196. A number of delegations praised the method of work and experience gained in preparing the OEP, in particular with respect to the co-operation with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies and recommended that such an approach be continued and extended in future ECE work.

197. The Symposium on Long-term Prospects in ECE Countries: National and International Aspects to be held 4-7 October 1988 in Budapest (Hungary) was welcomed as a logical follow-up to the now-completed OEP project. This Symposium would provide an opportunity to draw concrete recommendations based on the findings of the OEP. In this respect several delegation expressed their desire for wide and high level participation in this Symposium.

198. The importance of the exchange of information on medium- and long-term economic development was emphasized. The focus on specific topics for this exchange of views had brought a substantial improvement in the quality of discussion in recent years, but further steps might still be taken to enrich the debate around the themes selected for discussions. In this respect, other work of the ECE, in particular the Economic Survey of Europe might well serve this purpose.

199. With respect to other programme elements, the Senior Economic Adviser's work on long-term structural problems and micro-economic questions was supported. A view was expressed in favour of proceeding with the elaboration

of material in order to prepare a perspective with a new time horizon. Particular importance was attached to the sub-programme dealing with selected medium and long-term economic issues and for the coming year its first element on "Trends and factors in the development of personal and collective service and their impact on economic growth".

200. Delegations stressed the central role of the Senior Economic Advisers' activity in the ECE for the analysis of medium and long-term economic issues. They expressed the need to maintain the high quality of discussion and analysis within the Senior Economic Advisers.

201. The work programme adopted by the Senior Economic Advisers at their twenty-fourth session was approved.

Steel Committee (Documentation: ECE/STEEL/60)

202. Delegations underlined the importance of the Committee as a forum for multilateral co-operation between steel producers of market and centrally-planned economies, for the exchange of information and experience, and for seeking practical solutions. While steel production in 1988 was forecast to be slightly lower than in 1987, it was emphasized that, on a world-wide basis, steel had retained its position in the face of competing materials.

203. Delegations reaffirmed their interest in seminars and study tours, and expressed their appreciation for the Seminar on the Economic Aspects of Secondary Steelmaking held in the German Democratic Republic in June 1987 as well as the study tour of the steel industry which took place in Brazil in April 1987. Delegations expressed interest in the seminars to be held on New Applications for Steel in view of the Challenge from Substitute Materials (Luxembourg, 1988) and on the Economic and Technical Aspects of the Modernization of the Iron and Steel Industry (Poland, 1989) as well as the study tours to be held in Czechoslovakia (1988), Hungary (1989) and in the Federal Republic of Germany (1990).

204. Attention was drawn to the importance of the annual study of short-term trends and problems in the steel industry and the steel market, the updating of the study on iron and steel scrap (ECE/STEEL/57) and the study on structural changes in international steel trade (ECE/STEEL/54). Support was expressed for the new studies on the importance of the steel industry for the economic activity of ECE member countries and on the recuperation and utilization of by-products of the iron and steel industry.

205. Delegations underlined the importance of steel statistics and commended the work accomplished by the Working Party on Steel Statistics. They welcomed the introduction of "advance statistics" and underlined the importance of the regular submission of statistical data and publication of all available quarterly data.

206. Delegations expressed satisfaction with the programme of work for 1988-1992, which they judged was well balanced, meeting the concern of all main world steel industries.

207. With regard to future work, some delegations considered that the Committee should focus on economic and statistical issues rather than those of a technical nature. Other delegations felt that consideration should be given to undertaking a study on the use of computers in the steel industry and the use of plasma technologies. Delegations agreed that every effort should be made to maintain the rhythm of holding one seminar and one study tour each year.

Timber Committee (Documentation: ECE/TIM/38 and 39)

208. Delegations expressed their appreciation of the Committee's activities, including those of its subsidiary bodies, and approved its programme of work. They considered the programme generally well balanced and in accordance with member countries' needs, although some delegations considered it desirable to intensify the exchange of scientific and technical information.

209. Delegations welcomed the results of the Committee's forty-fifth session which had been held jointly with the FAO European Forestry Commission. In particular they expressed their support for the Declaration on the Policy Implications of the Study European Timber Trends and Prospects to the Year 2000 and Beyond and endorsed the joint session's recommendation that the Declaration be widely disseminated.

210. Several delegations welcomed the Committee's work on problems relevant to the conditions of Mediterranean forests, notably as regards forest fires, which were a major problem in this region.

211. Some delegations expressed their interest in intensifying co-operation, under the Committee's auspices, on development and introduction of new technologies in the wood-working industries, techniques of wood processing and transport, rational use of wood biomass, energy conservation and self-sufficiency of enterprises, and protection of forests.

212. The delegation of Spain, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, considered priority should be given to the following areas: methods of rationalizing the timber economy as a whole; valorization of certain forest species whose technological utilization was not yet developed; studies of timber trends and prospects; protection of forests against air pollution; the establishment of a declaration on damage by forest fires; the development of an information policy on timber markets; the assessment of European forest resources; standardization of forest products; highlighting of effects of forest products on other economic areas.

213. The delegation of Romania considered the project on wood harvesting and transport should bear in mind conditions in mountainous regions. It also recommended further activity on energy conservation in the wood processing industry and changes in the periodicity of projects 14.1.1.2, 14.3.2.2 and 14.6.2.2. Activity on classification and definitions should be intensified. A specialist should be invited to address the Committee on the state of the art for chemical processing of wood.

214. The delegation of the USSR repeated its proposal to the Committee that studies be undertaken into fluidized bed techniques for wood burning and

high calorific value gas from wood, and that the work on the technical, economic and social aspects of wood harvesting and primary processing, and on the use of multi-function logging machines should be intensified.

215. The delegations of the USSR and the United States announced that work was in hand on studies on the long-term timber trends and prospects in their respective countries, as well as Canada, to complement the one recently published by ECE and FAO.

216. Delegations expressed their appreciation of the continuing co-operation, both with FAO, exemplified by the joint session and the numerous joint activities and subsidiary bodies, and with other bodies. They stressed the need to develop co-operation and avoid unnecessary duplication.

217. Thanks were expressed to the Governments of Canada, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany and Sweden for host facilities provided during 1987/88.

218. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision H (43) on Policy Implications of the Study "European Timber Trends and Prospects to the Year 2000 and Beyond" (for the text see Chapter IV).

Committee on the Development of Trade

219. This item was considered in conjunction with item 6 - Development of trade and industrial co-operation (see paragraphs 220 to 230 below).

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Development of trade and industrial co-operation (agenda item 6)

Documentation: E/ECE/1158 and ECE/TRADE/161

220. Delegations reaffirmed the fundamental importance of east-west trade to the work of the Commission and emphasized the role of the Committee on the Development of Trade in promoting trade and industrial co-operation in the ECE region. Recent reforms in some member countries which aimed at their increased involvement in the international division of labour, and the improved east-west political climate, opened up new opportunities for economic co-operation and enhanced the importance of the Commission as a forum for multilateral consideration of these matters.

221. Noting that new forms of industrial co-operation had been at the forefront of the Committee's attention in the past year, many delegations expressed satisfaction with the recently published study of economic, business, financial and legal aspects of east-west joint ventures. It would provide a good basis for discussion at the meeting of government experts to be held in the autumn of 1988. Recognizing the good prospects for trade expansion represented by joint ventures, some delegations stated that more traditional forms of trade and industrial co-operation would nevertheless remain the essential elements of east-west economic co-operation.

222. Support was expressed for holding, under the Committee's auspices, a seventh marketing seminar. Proposed topics for the seminar, such as industrial equipment leasing and/or east-west interbank arrangements, were considered to be of mutual interest.

223. Several delegations recalled that the Commission had, at its Special Session, invited the Committee to seek new approaches to the reduction and removal of obstacles to trade and regretted that it had not proved possible to reach agreement on this matter at the thirty-sixth session of the Committee. They would revert to it, in the light of the Executive Secretary's proposals to that end, at the thirty-seventh session of the Committee.

224. The increasing importance of intraregional trade in services, and financing of new forms of industrial co-operation were subjects cited by many delegations as warranting further studies by the secretariat and consideration by the Committee.

225. Many delegations expressed their high appreciation of the progress made and the results achieved in 1987 within the Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures, stressing the importance of international co-ordination of the development work related to the universal syntax for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (EDIFACT). The setting up of a data base to serve users and to encourage the use of the universal syntax was welcomed. Delegations also supported the proposal of the Working Party to refer to the syntax rules and related documents in future as the United Nations EDIFACT (UN/EDIFACT). These could be considered to be an excellent example of practical results of considerable value which could be achieved through intergovernmental and inter-organizational co-operation within the ECE.

226. Some delegations expressed satisfaction with the work of the Working Party on International Contract Practices in Industry with respect to the Guide on legal aspects of the new forms of industrial co-operation. The desirability of rapid progress being made concerning the topics of joint ventures and of compensation trade was underlined by some delegations.

227. Some delegations commended the efforts of the secretariat to prepare a study on measures providing favourable commercial treatment to ECE member countries which are developing from the economic point of view and suggested that the Commission and the Committee should be more involved in these issues.

228. The agreement recently reached on the Committee's programme of work in 1988, as a result of constructive efforts by member Governments, was universally welcomed. Some delegation, in particular, looked forward to the secretariat studies on compensation trade and economic and commercial information and to the meeting of experts on joint ventures.

229. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision I (43) on EDIFACT (for the text see Chapter IV).

230. At its tenth meeting, the Commission adopted its decision J (43) on the programme of work of the Committee on the Development of Trade (for the text see Chapter IV).

Follow-up action on relevant Commission decisions

Co-operation in the field of transport
(agenda item 7(a))

231. This item was considered in conjunction with item 3(f) - Inland Transport Committee (see paragraphs 164 to 181 above).

232. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision K (43) on co-operation in the field of transport (for the text see Chapter IV).

Safety with regard to the transport of dangerous goods
(agenda item 7(b))

233. This item was considered in conjunction with item 3(f) - Inland Transport Committee (see paragraphs 164 to 181 above).

Co-operation in the field of protection and improvement of the environment
(agenda item 7(c))

234. This item was considered in conjunction with item 3(f) - Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems (see paragraphs 126 to 137 above).

Co-operation in the field of energy
(agenda item 7(d))

Documentation: E/ECE/1162

235. Some delegations expressed satisfaction with progress in the implementation of the programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Energy and welcomed the interdisciplinary approach they had taken, particularly in the recent study on the "Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 - Energy Prospects in the ECE Region" carried out jointly with the Senior Economic Advisers. They suggested that the Senior Advisers enhance their co-operation with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies, in particular on energy matters related to the environment, trade and economic projections. They expressed interest in work on energy conservation (including the recovery of energy wastes), new and renewable sources of energy (with special reference to their utilization under specific circumstances and in particular areas), environmental matters, statistics, investments, energy trade and co-operation.

236. Thanks were expressed to the Governments of France and Hungary for providing host facilities for the Symposium on Status and Prospects of New and Renewable Sources of Energy in the ECE Region and the Symposium on Long-term Impact of Energy Efficiency Improvements respectively, the results of which were favourably commented upon.

237. The delegations of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Poland proposed that the Senior Advisers meet more frequently, on an annual basis or at least every two years. The delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, pointed out that the Senior Advisers were an ad hoc body and should be convened when circumstances warranted a meeting.

238. The delegation of the United Kingdom, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, stated that it would not agree with an extension of the agenda of the sixth session of the Senior Advisers on Energy of a substantive nature, but would be prepared exceptionally to accept an item which would enable the Senior Advisers to be informed of matters arising from the Special Session of the Commission. This was supported by the delegation of the United States of America.

International harmonization of the technical content
of building regulations
(agenda item 7(e))

239. This item was considered in conjunction with item 3(f) - Committee on Housing, Building and Planning (see paragraphs 153 to 163 above).

240. At its tenth meeting, the Commission adopted its decision L (43) on building regulations (for the text see Chapter IV). At the time of adoption of this decision, the delegation of Hungary wished it to be recorded that in its understanding, the provisions under paragraph 3 of the decision referred to such specific regulations as were required for obtaining permission related to building design and construction works as well as safety, quality, warranty rules, liabilities and similar administrative measures.

Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the
Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe
(agenda item 7(f))

Documentation: E/ECE/1164

241. Delegations participating in the discussion underlined the continuing importance they attached to the strengthening of the Commission's work to promote co-operation in the Mediterranean, taking into account the Final Act of the CSCE, the relevant resolutions of the Assembly, the Council and the non-aligned movement.

242. Noting that economic co-operation in the Mediterranean was closely linked to the economic situation in Europe and beyond, delegations stressed the need to continue to include a Mediterranean dimension in European co-operation. While expressing their appreciation of the valuable contribution which the ECE had made over the years to economic co-operation in the Mediterranean, delegations considered that the Commission could play a more dynamic role in responding to the problems of the countries of that region. They noted with satisfaction that the Supplementary Report adopted at the Commission's Special Session contained a provision for the inclusion of Mediterranean issues in the programme of work.

243. Reference was made to the reports of the Valletta Meeting of 1979 and the Venice Seminar of 1984 which had identified many sectors where concrete initiatives could be taken in the field of joint economic co-operation in the Mediterranean. In this connection delegations made specific mention of such fields as agriculture, the protection of the environment, energy, housing, building and planning, statistics, timber, trade and transport. Specific references were made to the standardization of tropical products and to work in the field of forest fires, as well as to the forthcoming Seminar on the Prediction of Earthquakes to be held in Portugal in November 1988 and the Seminar on Products of the Mediterranean Forest to be held in Florence (Italy) in September 1988.

244. Several delegations welcomed with satisfaction the evolution of work of the Inland Transport Committee regarding the activities of the transport centres. They referred to the decision by the Committee to include selected activities of the centres in its programme of work, which they hoped would contribute to co-ordinating the respective work programmes. General support was also voiced for the proposal that the Commission adopt a decision recommending that the Council grant the centres United Nations status.

245. Some delegations expressed interest for the projects contained in E/ECE/1164, particularly the proposal to launch an interregional project on transport questions in the Mediterranean, which they saw as a timely initiative. They stressed the need to respond to the many transport problems encountered by the riparian countries in all parts of the Mediterranean region, and by those countries beyond whose economies also depended upon transport in the Mediterranean. They also welcomed the proposal that the project would be implemented jointly with ECA and ESCWA. One delegation stressed the importance of evaluating the management criteria and long-term financial implications of the project. Several delegations stressed the importance they attached to interregional co-operation with Mediterranean countries, non-members of the ECE, the other regional commissions and international organizations.

246. Some delegations also expressed the hope that the ECE would not limit itself to the transport field as far as the Mediterranean dimension was concerned, but would continue to play its basic role in other equally important activities such as environmental and water problems.

247. Some delegations referred to their bilateral co-operation with other Mediterranean countries in a number of economic sectors.

248. Delegations expressed the hope that the Vienna Follow-up Meeting of the CSCE would provide a fresh impetus to the Commission's activities for the further promotion of economic co-operation in the Mediterranean.

249. At its tenth meeting, the Commission adopted its decision M (43) on economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (for the text see Chapter IV).

Standardization and related activities
(agenda item 7(g))

Documentation: E/ECE/1165 and STAND/GE.1/29

250. This item was allocated to the Sessional Committee for preliminary consideration.

251. Delegations expressed satisfaction with the progress made on the implementation of this programme aimed, inter alia, at the reduction or removal of technical barriers to trade. It was noted that the method of convening meetings of rapporteurs with the participation of the office-bearers and the secretariat had contributed to the effective preparation of meetings.

252. Referring to the decision of the Special Session of the Commission to delete the sub-programme on metrology from the programme of work, some delegations expressed the opinion that activities in this field, which was a significant element in mutual recognition of testing results, should not only continue on a seminar basis but should also be integrated as new elements in the sub-programmes on co-ordination and testing.

253. The extensive review of the ECE Standardization List and of the ECE Recommendations on Standardization Policies undertaken by the Group of Experts on Standardization Policies and the Rapporteurs in preparation for the Tenth Meeting was considered by many delegations to have been both timely and useful.

254. Several delegations stated that the ECE was a useful forum for policy co-ordination with respect to standardization and related activities. The secretariat should continue to ensure co-ordination with other international organizations and conferences such as ISO, IEC and ILAC and with the Principal Subsidiary Bodies. One delegation urged member States who had not already done so to reply fully to the questionnaire on certification adopted by the Group of Experts on Standardization Policies at its fourteenth session. This information was needed in order to ensure more transparency in international trade relations.

255. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision N (43) on standardization and related activities (for the text see Chapter IV).

Engineering industries and automation
(agenda item 7(h))

Documentation: ECE/ENG.AUT/34; E/ECE/1166

256. Delegations, including that of Italy 6/ and of the CMEA, expressed satisfaction with the activities of the Working Party and underlined the

6/ Whenever in the following paragraphs the delegation of Italy is mentioned, it should be noted that it expressed the views of the European Community and its member States.

usefulness of the systematic study of the socio-economic impact of new technologies. They commended the Working Party for the high quality and timely publication of three studies in 1987: Digital Imaging in Health Care; The Telecommunication Industry: Growth and Structural Change; and Software for Industrial Automation.

257. A number of delegations welcomed the orientation of the programme of work towards more traditional engineering topics, such as food-processing machinery, including packaging techniques, the shipbuilding industry and the production of port and marine equipment, as well as the further engagement of the Working Party in the field of medical engineering. It was considered that the future techno-economic studies to be undertaken by the Working Party should reflect associated environmental, managerial and social issues.

258. Some delegations expressed interest in the study on rehabilitation engineering, including technical aids for the handicapped and the old, which might constitute an important element in the future programme of work. In this respect, several delegations expressed their appreciation of the Seminar on Automation Means in Preventive Medicine '87, held at Piestany (Czechoslovakia) in September/October 1987.

259. Support was expressed for the Annual Review of Engineering Industries and Automation and for the Bulletin of Statistics on World Trade in Engineering Products. Attention was drawn to the need to obtain more timely and accurate statistical reporting by member countries in order to facilitate in-depth analytical comparisons and it was suggested that the annual questionnaire should be reviewed in order to reduce the number of products for which statistical data was requested. In this context, delegations attached importance to the second joint Meeting with the Conference of European Statisticians on questions of statistics concerning engineering industries and automation, scheduled for October 1988.

260. Delegations reaffirmed their interest in projects to be finalized in 1988 - namely, the study on the role and place of engineering industries in national and world economies, 1979-1986, and the Seminar on Shipbuilding and Marine Industries, to be held in September 1988 in Gdansk (Poland). Support was also expressed for the Seminar on Computer-integrated Manufacturing to be held in Sofia (Bulgaria) in September 1989.

261. The delegation of Switzerland reiterated the readiness of its authorities to host a seminar in 1990 on new means for air protection in engineering industries. This initiative met with broad support. The delegation of the USSR proposed that consideration be given to launching an activity relating to low-waste processes and automated equipment for the production of precision implements in 1989, and indicated that a provisional programme for a seminar on new materials in engineering industries would be submitted to the ninth session of the Working Party.

262. The programme of work for 1988-1992 was found to be well-balanced, reflecting major issues. The delegation of Italy appreciated the close co-operation of the Working Party with international organizations active in the field.

263. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision O (43) on engineering industries and automation (for the text see Chapter IV).

An Overall Economic Perspective to the year 2000
(agenda item 7(i))

264. This item was considered in conjunction with item 3(f) - Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments (see paragraphs 191 to 201 above).

265. At its ninth meeting the Commission, acting upon the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, adopted its decision P (43) on medium and long-term economic trends: impact of services on economic growth (for the text see Chapter IV).

Management training for administrations and enterprises
(agenda item 7(j))

Documentation: ECE/SEM.7/3, E/ECE/1168

266. This item was allocated to the Sessional Committee for preliminary consideration.

267. Satisfaction was expressed with the Seminar on Management Training Programmes and Methods: Implications of New Technologies, held in November 1987. The recommendation was endorsed that the proceedings of the Symposium be published providing this would not have any financial implications.

268. Several delegations drew attention to the importance of management development and the interest of their national authorities in the subject. Certain delegations considered that the three issues suggested in document E/ECE/1168 for future co-operation were topical and worth pursuing. The delegation of Czechoslovakia considered management issues in the context of joint ventures to be of particular importance and drew attention to the International Congress on Training and Consultation for Management Strategies to be held in Czechoslovakia in 1990.

269. Differing views were expressed on the possible future role of the ECE in furthering co-operation in the field of management development. While some delegations supported the recommendations contained in document E/ECE/1168, the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, expressed the view that consideration by subsidiary bodies of issues relating to management development might burden their programmes of work to the detriment of ongoing work. It considered that care should be taken to assess the financial implications of such activities and to avoid duplication of the work of other organizations. The ILO was considered to be the appropriate body for activities in this field. The delegation of Sweden considered that ECE should continue to co-operate closely with the ILO in the future work.

Implementation by the Commission of proposals for action contained
in its Supplementary Report to the Special Commission of ECOSOC
(agenda item 7(k))

270. This item was considered in conjunction with item 3(e) - Concentration and integration of the Commission's programme of work (see paragraphs 85 to 96 above).

Recommendations of the Sessional Committee

271. At its ninth meeting, the Commission heard a report by the Chairman of the Sessional Committee on the outcome of the deliberations on the activities of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies on the concentration and integration of the work programme and on other items assigned to it by the Plenary for preliminary consideration.

272. The Chairman of the Sessional Committee informed the Commission that positive conclusions had been reached on all items, which attested to the atmosphere of co-operation and dialogue prevailing over the deliberations.

273. The participants had reviewed the activities and work programmes of 14 Principal Subsidiary Bodies and bodies directly dependent on the Commission, as presented by their respective Chairmen.

274. Under the item "Concentration and Integration of the Programme of Work", the Sessional Committee had considered the results already achieved through implementation of decision A (1987-S) and of the Supplementary Report to ECOSOC (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1), as approved by the Special Session of the Commission, and had considered in detail two specific topics:

(a) strengthening of the role of the Sessional Committee in the area of co-ordination, concentration and integration of work, and

(b) interdisciplinary activities for the establishment of guidelines for the work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies.

275. On behalf of the Sessional Committee, the Chairman of the Committee recommended that:

(a) The Commission should approve the programme of work for the period 1988-1992;

(b) The Commission should approve the draft decisions on the following questions:

(i) Co-operation in the field of environmental protection and water resources (agenda item 3(f));

(ii) Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (agenda item 3(b));

(iii) Medium and long term economic trends and issues: impact of services on economic growth (agenda item 7(i));

- (iv) Co-operation in the field of transport (agenda item 7(a));
- (v) Rail and combined transport (agenda item 3(f));
- (vi) Agriculture (agenda item 3(f));
- (vii) Engineering industries and automation (agenda item 7(h));
- (viii) Standardization and related activities (agenda item 7(g));
- (ix) International codification system for medium- and high rank coals (agenda item 3(f));
- (x) EDIFACT (agenda item 6);
- (xi) Policy implications of the study "European Timber Trends and Prospects to the Year 2000 and Beyond" (agenda item 3(f));

(c) Pursuant to paragraph 132 of the Supplementary Report, the Executive Secretary and the Principal Subsidiary Bodies could submit to the Commission proposals for new interdisciplinary projects, at the same time showing the implications for the Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned and for the secretariat's activities and resources, in accordance with the guidelines for Principal Subsidiary Bodies adopted at the Special Session of the Commission.

276. The Chairman of the Sessional Committee said that the overall results of the Committee's activities had been very satisfactory given the short time available. However, additional progress was possible and more flexible working methods could enable it to increase its efficiency still further, while maintaining a balanced and disciplined approach.

277. The Chairman of the Sessional Committee thanked the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the participants and all those who had contributed to the Committee's work.

278. The Chairman of the Commission expressed to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sessional Committee and to all representatives who had taken part in the Committee's deliberations, the Commission's appreciation and thanks for the work which they had accomplished.

279. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted, on the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, the decisions listed in paragraph 275 above.

Programme of work for 1988-1992
(agenda item 8)

280. For the consideration of this item, which was allocated by the Plenary to the Sessional Committee for preliminary consideration, the Commission had before it document E/ECE/1169. Acting on the recommendation of the Sessional Committee, the Plenary approved the Commission's programme of work for 1988-1992.

Other business
(agenda item 9)

Date, place and agenda for the forty-fourth session

281. The Executive Secretary informed the Commission that the tentative date for the holding of the forty-fourth session of the Commission in Geneva was 11 to 21 April 1989. The Commission decided to leave to the Executive Secretary the responsibility for determining, in consultation with the Officers of the Commission and in the light of the relevant arrangements of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, the precise dates of the forty-fourth session, and requested the Executive Secretary to inform the Governments thereon.

282. Pursuant to Council resolution 1894 (LVII) the Executive Secretary informed the Commission that the provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session, which would be prepared in consultation with the Officers of the Commission, would be along the same basic lines as this year's agenda. In referring to the improved climate in east-west relations, and the several processes of change and integration under way in the region, as well as the expected conclusion of the Vienna Follow-up Meeting of the CSCE, he expressed the view that new initiatives might well be taken up in the framework of ECE in the coming year. He stated his intention to make full use of the established ECE practice of discussing the proposed draft agenda with the Bureau in the light of prevailing circumstances, and thus to ensure that the members of the Commission would be fully involved in the shaping of the agenda in good time.

Annual Report of the Commission
(agenda item 11)

283. At its tenth meeting, on 21 April 1988, the Commission adopted its report covering the period from 11 April 1987 to 21 April 1988. At the time of the adoption of the report, the delegation of Albania observed that certain ECE documents, resolutions and decisions contained references to documents and meetings which were unrelated to the United Nations and its organs. It was for this reason that it expressed its reservations about these documents. It recalled that it had in the past expressed its views on these documents and did not wish to revert to the matter.

CHAPTER IV

RESOLUTION AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

I. RESOLUTION

1 (43). THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE AND ITS FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling its previous resolutions, in particular resolution 1 (42), and conscious of the important role of the ECE as an instrument for the implementation of the principles and aims of the United Nations Charter at the regional level, in particular with regard to the development of co-operation among countries of the region in the fields of trade, industry, science and technology, transport, the environment and other areas of economic activity,

Recalling in particular its decision A (1987-S) on implementation by the Commission of proposals for action contained in its Supplementary Report to the Special Commission of ECOSOC (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1), and reaffirming the conviction that the ECE is a unique forum for the promotion of regional economic and technical co-operation,

Reaffirming that full respect for all the principles guiding relations among States set out in the Helsinki Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, as well as for all the provisions of the Final Act and for those contained in the Concluding Document of the Madrid Meeting of representatives of States participating in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, contributes towards building an atmosphere of confidence in international relations, including economic relations,

Conscious of the role of the ECE in the multilateral implementation of the pertinent provisions of the Final Act and of the Madrid Concluding Document; noting in this regard the progress made in the implementation of the Commission's work programme, pursuant to resolution 1 (42); and recognizing that the Madrid Concluding Document also contains recommendations directed toward the future work of the Commission,

Recalling that the Final Act of the CSCE provides for the continuation of the multilateral process initiated by the Conference by organizing, inter alia, follow-up meetings among the representatives of the participating States of the CSCE, and noting that the third such meeting started in Vienna in November 1986,

Believing that active work and joint efforts in developing further the co-operation within the framework of the ECE serve the interests of all member countries, irrespective of their systems, including those which are developing from an economic point of view,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/178 and reiterating the determination of each of the member countries of the ECE to promote stable and

equitable international economic relations in the mutual interest of all States and in this spirit to participate equitably in promoting and strengthening economic co-operation with the developing countries, in particular the least developed among them,

Noting with satisfaction the Commission's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations programmes designed to assist developing countries, as well as its successful co-operation with other international organizations,

Having considered the reports of its subsidiary bodies on their activities, the notes and reports of the Executive Secretary, in particular his report E/ECE/1153 on the Commission's activities and implementation of priorities in 1987, and the long-term programme of work for 1988-1992, and noting that during the forty-third session delegations have made a number of comments and suggestions concerning the Commission's programme of work,

1. Calls upon the member Governments taking into account previously adopted resolutions and decisions to continue to take full advantage of the potential of the Economic Commission for Europe as an instrument for dialogue and for strengthening economic relations and multilateral co-operation in the region;

2. Considers in this connection that full respect for the principles guiding relations among States set out in the Final Act, as well as the implementation of all the provisions of that Final Act and those contained in the Madrid Concluding Document, are an essential basis for the development of economic co-operation among them; reaffirms at the same time that such co-operation contributes to the reinforcement of peace and security in Europe and in the world as a whole;

3. Recalls that the Concluding Document of the 1980 Madrid Meeting contains provisions which carry implications for the activities of the Commission, and requests its subsidiary bodies to continue to take into account, for their work, the pertinent provisions of the above-mentioned documents which call for multilateral implementation within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe; and asks the Executive Secretary to make appropriate arrangements to this end;

4. Hopes for substantive and balanced conclusions of the Vienna Meeting of Representatives of the Participating States of the CSCE;

5. Notes the report on the work and future activities of the Commission (E/ECE/1153) prepared by the Executive Secretary;

6. Reaffirms its determination to implement the provisions and proposals contained in the Supplementary Report of the special session of the ECE (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1), as agreed in decision A (1987-S), notes the report of the Executive Secretary thereon and calls upon its subsidiary bodies to pay due attention to it when reviewing and carrying out their programmes;

7. Calls upon its subsidiary bodies to pay special attention, when reviewing and carrying out their programmes of work, to the interests of member countries which are developing from an economic point of view and to note that some such countries are faced with serious structural and economic constraints; to this effect, invites the Executive Secretary to take the appropriate measures;

8. Notes the Executive Secretary's reports E/ECE/1155 and E/ECE/1156 and requests its subsidiary bodies to take into account in their activities the possible contributions of the Economic Commission for Europe to the United Nations programmes designed to assist developing countries and the necessity of effective co-operation with other international organizations;

9. Underlines the usefulness of co-operation with other United Nations regional commissions on issues of mutual concern and requests the Executive Secretary to continue for these purposes his contacts with the Executive Secretaries of the other commissions;

10. Reaffirms the importance of co-operation in the field of science and technology as one of the priority areas in ECE activities;

11. Takes note of the report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of decision O (42) (E/ECE/1168) and of the report of the Symposium on Management Training Programmes and Methods: Implications of New Technologies (ECE/SEM.7/3) and takes note further of the recommendations of the Symposium as contained in paragraph 32 of its report;

12. Takes note of the on-going preparation for the sixth Meeting of the Senior Advisers on Energy;

13. Approves its programme of work for 1988-1989 and endorses in principle, subject to review at its forty-fourth session, its long-term programme of work for 1988-1992;

14. Requests its subsidiary bodies, as well as the Executive Secretary, to take into account in their work and when reviewing their respective programmes this resolution, the decisions of the Commission and the points raised by delegations and reported in the relevant passages of the report of this session in as much as they are addressed therein; and

15. Requests the Executive Secretary to transmit the present resolution as well as other decisions of this session, together with the views expressed or agreed in relation thereto by member Governments, to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned for their guidance.

10th meeting
21 April 1988
(see para.67 above)

II. OTHER DECISIONS

A (43). THE REPORT OF THE WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling General Assembly Resolution 42/187 on the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development,

Welcoming the Report of the World Commission,

Bearing in mind that the World Commission in its Report sets out as a main goal to ensure that all economic and social development be environmentally sound and sustainable, which implies meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,

Recalling also General Assembly Resolution 42/186 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, which took account of conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the World Commission, while acknowledging that different views exist on some aspects of the Environmental Perspective,

Considering that ECE can make an important contribution to the promotion of sustainable development,

Recognizing the contribution to this goal represented by the Regional Strategy for Environmental Protection and Rational Use of Natural Resources in ECE Member Countries Covering the Period up to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

Noting that the Regional Strategy will be evaluated and adjusted, as appropriate, by ECE member Governments taking into account the global perspectives presented by the World Commission on Environment and Development and the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Noting also the special needs of the countries in the ECE region which are developing from an economic point of view,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake a review of the ECE's programmes and activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development, including the cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary aspects thereof, taking account of the Report of the World Commission, the Environmental Perspective, and the Regional Strategy;

2. Decides to convene, before the end of 1988, an Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts to consider the above review and to formulate concrete proposals for sectoral and interdisciplinary activities which should be submitted for comments to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies in a position to do so, before consideration by the Commission at its forty-fourth session with a view to inclusion in the Commission's programme of work;

3. Calls upon its subsidiary bodies to review their programme of work in the light of the report of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts as endorsed by the Commission at its forty-fourth session, to identify and evaluate ongoing

activities contributing to sustainable development and, as appropriate, propose to the Commission sectoral and interdisciplinary activities towards this end;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a progress report on the contribution of the ECE to the international efforts towards sustainable development for consideration by the Commission at its forty-fourth session, and submission, through the Economic and Social Council, to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly Resolution 42/186 and paragraph 18 of General Assembly Resolution 42/187;

5. Invites the Executive Secretary to bring to the attention of the Executive Secretaries of the other United Nations regional commissions the activities undertaken by ECE aimed at contributing to sustainable development;

6. Welcomes the initiative of the Government of Norway to hold, in 1990, in co-operation with ECE, a regional conference at ministerial level to review progress in the follow-up of selected aspects of the Report of the World Commission and identify initiatives for further measures of relevance to the ECE region.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.73 above)

B (43). THE COMMISSION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE
WORLD CONFERENCE TO REVIEW AND APPRAISE THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/62 on the implementation of the goals and objectives contained in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and 42/178 on effective mobilization and integration of women in development,

Considering ECOSOC resolutions 1986/64 on the updating of the world survey on the role of women in development, 1987/25 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and 1987/86 on the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and system-wide co-ordination of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue to assess developments with respect to the economic role of women in the ECE region, in conjunction with the work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and with other research activities of the secretariat, taking into account the relevant provisions of the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and ECOSOC;

2. Further requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of this decision.

10th meeting
21 April 1988
(see para.74 above)

C (43). AGRICULTURE

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Having carefully studied the decisions taken by the Committee on Agricultural Problems in March 1988,

1. Decides to approve its programme of work;

2. Endorses:

- the revised terms of reference of the Committee (Annex III to document ECE/AGRI/96);
- the resolution on maintaining close co-operation between ECE and FAO (Annex IV to document ECE/AGRI/96);
- the resolution referring to the activities of the newly established FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Committee for standardization of tropical fresh fruit and vegetables (Annex V to document ECE/AGRI/96).

3. Requests furthermore the Executive Secretary to transmit this resolution to the joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission and to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on its implementation.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.102 above)

D (43). INTERNATIONAL CODIFICATION SYSTEM FOR MEDIUM- AND HIGH-RANK COALS

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Conscious of the need to facilitate international trade and industrial co-operation inter alia by means of international definitions, classifications and codifications,

Recalling the adoption, in 1956, of the International Classification of Hard Coals by Type (E/ECE/247),

Further recalling the decision of the Coal Committee taken at its seventy-fourth session in 1978 (ECE/COAL/36) to prepare a new or modified classification, which would be better adapted to the diversified needs of users,

Commending the Coal Committee on the close co-operation which it established with interested international organizations and non-ECE member States during the elaboration of the new System,

1. Endorses the decision of the Coal Committee, taken at its eighty-third session in 1987 (ECE/COAL/113, para. 51(a)) to approve a new "International Codification System for Medium- and High-rank Coals";

2. Requests Governments to transmit copies of the International Codification System for Medium- and High-rank Coals (ECE/COAL/115) to potential users, for application;

3. Invites the Coal Committee to monitor the application of the International Codification System for Medium- and High-rank Coals;

4. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council to consider appropriate measures for a world-wide application of the International Codification System for Medium- and High-rank Coals.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.115 above)

E (43). CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND WATER RESOURCES

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling its decisions F (42) and I (42),

Confirming that protection of the environment is one of the ECE priorities,

1. Welcomes the holding of the first session of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems as well as the progress already achieved in their work and invites the Senior Advisers to complete, at their second session, the preparation of their terms of reference and submit them to the forty-fourth session of the Commission for approval;

2. Adopts the Regional Strategy for Environmental Protection and Rational Use of Natural Resources in ECE Member Countries Covering the Period up to the Year 2000 and Beyond; as well as the Declaration on Conservation of Flora, Fauna and their Habitats and requests the Executive Secretary to arrange for wide dissemination of the two documents;

3. Invites the Senior Advisers to complete, at their second session, the preparation of the Draft Charter on Ground Water Management and submit it to the forty-fourth session of the Commission;

4. Endorses the results and recommendations of the Seminar on Protection of Soil and Aquifers against Non-point Source Pollution as well as the ECE Recommendations on Waste-water Treatment and invites the Senior Advisers and other Principal Subsidiary Bodies to take them into account in their activities;

5. Welcomes the decision of the Senior Advisers to elaborate a draft of a framework agreement on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context;

6. Expresses its satisfaction with the progress made in the implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and notes with appreciation the entry into force of the Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions and the Protocol on the Long-term Financing of EMEP;

7. Appeals to Parties to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, that have not yet done so, to make every effort for prompt ratification of the protocols adopted under the Convention, or to those that are not in a position to ratify the Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions to take effective action to reduce further their sulphur emissions, taking into account the commitments entered into at Helsinki in July 1985;

8. Welcomes the progress made in the elaboration of a draft protocol on the control of emissions of nitrogen oxides and urges the Parties to the Convention to come to an early completion of the protocol;

9. Welcomes the decision of the Senior Advisers to entrust the Compendium on Low- and Non-waste Technology to the International Chamber of Commerce through its International Environmental Bureau;

10. Invites the Senior Advisers to strengthen co-operation in the field of hazardous waste management, taking into account work done in this area by other fora;

11. Welcomes the activities of the Senior Advisers on further development of co-operation in the field of protection of flora, fauna and their habitats;

12. Appreciates the efforts of the Senior Advisers aimed at strengthening their co-operation with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies;

13. Invites member States to consider improving the use of effective and environmentally sound technologies taking into account the necessity to co-operate effectively in the prevention and combating of pollution and to preserve and improve the environment in the ECE region;

14. Requests member States to promote the commercial exchange of available technology as well as direct industrial contacts in the field of environmental protection;

15. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the forty-fourth session of the Commission on the implementation of this decision.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.137 above)

F (43). RAIL AND COMBINED TRANSPORT

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Conscious of an increasing need to develop international rail transport in Europe in order to improve its efficiency and competitiveness and that such improvement requires the strengthening of co-operation between the Railways,

Recalling that a co-ordinated plan for the development and construction of railway lines has already been set out in the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC), which is an important element of modernization of the international railway network and of co-operation between Railways in Europe,

Taking note that one of the conditions required to bring the agreement into force is that eight member States shall be Parties thereto, but that only five member States have become Parties so far,

Conscious also of an increasing need to develop international combined transport taking into account the role played by railways in such transport and emphasizing that the establishment of a homogeneous network of international combined transport lines, adjusted to the requirements of future international traffic, would make an important contribution,

1. Takes note of the report of the forty-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/72 and Add.1), in particular of the relevant discussions and decisions in the field of railway and combined transport, including those related to the TER project;

2. Invites the Governments of ECE member States to consider taking all necessary steps in order to become Parties to the AGC;

3. Calls upon the Governments of ECE member States which are Parties to the Agreement to take the necessary steps in order to bring their respective railway networks into conformity with the provisions of Annex II of the AGC;

4. Welcomes the decision of the Inland Transport Committee at its forty-eighth session to include in its programme of work a study on the establishment of a network of important international combined transport lines and requests the Committee to pursue and complete this work the soonest possible;

5. Requests Governments to analyse in close co-operation with their Railways the difficulties encountered in international rail transport and to develop commercially acceptable solutions;

6. Welcomes the decision of the Inland Transport Committee at its forty-ninth session to include in its programme of work a mandate for a detailed study of the current and future role of international rail transport in comparison to other transport modes and requests the Committee to analyse, inter alia, the conditions for

- closer international co-operation between national Railways
- appropriate commercial autonomy for international rail traffic management
- international railway services according to prevailing market conditions;

7. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of this decision.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.180 above)

G (43). SUMMERTIME

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Taking note of the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1159,

1. Reiterates its invitation to all European ECE member countries to introduce summertime in line with its decisions H (XXXVIII), F (XXXIX) and E (42);

2. Invites Governments of ECE member States to consider making provisions in such a way that a medium-term period of summer time will be applied for the same years in all European ECE countries;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of this decision.

10th meeting
21 April 1988
(see para.181 above)

H (43). POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY "EUROPEAN TIMBER TRENDS AND PROSPECTS TO THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND"

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Noting that a joint session of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was convened in October 1987 for the purpose, inter alia, of considering the policy implications of the study "European Timber Trends and Prospects to the Year 2000 and Beyond" (ETTS IV),

Conscious of the expanding role that forestry is being called upon to play in promoting the economic, social and environmental development of rural areas and in providing society with industrial raw materials as well as, to an increasing extent, the environmental and other non-wood benefits of the forest,

Recognizing the value attached by member Governments to the series of long-term timber trends and prospects studies carried out jointly by ECE and FAO over the past forty years as tools for policy formation,

Welcoming the important contribution to the development of the forestry and forest industries sector in member countries arising from the activities of the Timber Committee, the European Forestry Commission and their joint subsidiary bodies,

Insisting that the damage being suffered by forests in the ECE region from air pollution, fire and other biotic and abiotic causes must continue to be combatted with the utmost vigour,

Emphasizing the need to give particular attention to the problems in the forestry and forest industries sectors of the countries of the Mediterranean that are developing from an economic point of view,

Recalling that the World Commission on Environment and Development ("Our Common Future") identified certain issues relating to forestry, including tropical deforestation, desertification, the fuelwood crisis in developing countries and damage attributed to air pollution, as being among the most serious challenges facing Governments and the international community today,

1. Welcomes the Declaration on the policy implications of the study "European Timber Trends and Prospects to the Year 2000 and Beyond", which was adopted unanimously by the joint session of the Timber Committee and the European Forestry Commission;

2. Invites the ECE member Governments to disseminate the Declaration widely in their respective countries;

3. Recommends to member Governments to take the Declaration into account when reviewing their policies towards the forestry and forest industries sectors;

4. Expresses satisfaction with the action already taken by the Timber Committee to follow up the publication of ETTS IV, notably by initiating corresponding studies on the USSR and North America and undertaking, jointly with the International Tropical Timber Organization, a study of European markets for tropical hardwoods;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to draw the Declaration and ETTS IV to the attention of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies, inviting them to bear their contents in mind when formulating their respective programmes of work, notably in the fields of natural resources, environmental protection, regional development, industry, trade and energy;

6. Invites the Timber Committee to ensure that its own programme of work reflects the concerns and priorities of member Governments as expressed in the Declaration.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.218 above)

I (43). EDIFACT

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Noting with satisfaction that after two decades of successful work the Working Party on the Facilitation of International Trade Procedures has taken a significant step forward with the adoption of Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport and related data elements, segments and messages (EDIFACT),

Recognizing the benefits for world trade to be drawn from the universal application of EDIFACT,

Noting further that EDIFACT is expected, through the joint work of ECE and the UNCTAD Trade Facilitation Programme (FALPRO), to reach a level of worldwide acceptance comparable to that of the United Nations Layout Key for Trade Documents,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to regard work on EDIFACT as a priority task and to allocate to it the necessary resources at his disposal;

2. Invites the other regional commissions to co-operate with ECE in the promotion and application of EDIFACT;

3. Recommends that, given the desirability of the worldwide application of these Rules and associated documentation, they be named henceforth the United Nations Rules for Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport (UN/EDIFACT);

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to draw the attention of the Economic and Social Council to this decision;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of this decision;

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.229 above)

J (43). THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

The Economic Commission for Europe,

1. Decides to adopt the programme of work of the Committee on the Development of Trade, elaborated by the Committee at its thirty-sixth session and subsequently amended as set out in the annex to this decision;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to bring this decision to the attention of the Committee on the Development of Trade and to circulate these agreed amendments in the form of an addendum to its report contained in document ECE/TRADE/161.

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1987/1992

15.1.1 Review of recent and prospective trends, policies and problems affecting intraregional trade, including financing and compensation trade

Description: The Committee will review, at its annual sessions, trade trends and prospects with a view to exchanging information and experience useful to policy-makers in formulating their economic and trade policies. It will, at the same time, examine changes and problems in trade policies, including financing, affecting intraregional trade with a view to obtaining accurate and up-to-date information on the general policy framework affecting the development of trade. The Committee will at its annual sessions examine compensation trade in all its forms. The secretariat will prepare appropriate documents or studies as required. Participants in the annual sessions of the Committee will give accounts of bilateral and regional developments of relevance to trade between member countries, and will review recent trends, policies and problems in intraregional trade including general trade problems of the member countries which are developing from the economic point of view. A review will also be presented by the secretariat in, inter alia, the Economic Bulletin for Europe for consideration by the Committee. The Bulletin will devote special attention to trends, policies and problems in the development of trade of the latter member countries.

Work accomplished: In 1987 the secretariat prepared Vol.39, No.4 of the Economic Bulletin for Europe as well as a Note (TRADE/R.523) describing changes in policies and institutions affecting intraregional trade. At its thirty-fifth session, the Committee discussed the problems of compensation transactions in all their forms, taking again into account the results of the Special Experts' Meeting on Compensation Trade of July 1983 (TRADE/AC.19/2), the discussions which took place during its thirty-fifth and previous sessions as well as the deliberations of the thirtieth session of the Group of Experts on International Contract Practices in Industry.

Work to be undertaken: In 1988 the secretariat will prepare background material for the annual review at the Committee's thirty-seventh session including a Note describing changes in policies and institutions following the layout proposed by the secretariat and agreed by the Committee at its thirty-fourth session. The secretariat will prepare for the thirty-seventh session of the Committee a study on compensation trade, concentrating in the first stage on the problems encountered by small and medium-sized enterprises in this field and the ways in which solutions could be found.

Duration: Continuing.

15.2.1 All kinds of obstacles to the development of trade

Description: To assist the Committee in its work towards identifying all kinds of obstacles to the development of trade, an up-to-date Inventory of those obstacles will be maintained by the secretariat on the basis of information provided by Governments. Notification of appropriate information will be made by ECE Governments to the secretariat by 31 May each year and

notification of comments on such information by 15 September each year (see also project 15.2.2). In the light of the Inventory and/or other background material submitted by the secretariat or member Governments, the Committee will examine all kinds of obstacles to trade with a view to creating favourable conditions for its development.

Work accomplished: The secretariat invited ECE member Governments to provide information regarding obstacles to trade. On the basis of replies to this request the secretariat updated the Inventory of obstacles to trade (TRADE/R.390/Rev.2 and Addenda). In 1986 the secretariat, on behalf of the Committee, requested member countries and ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies to continue the examination of the notifications in the Inventory. The results of such examination together with some suggestions on the part of the secretariat were presented to the Committee at its thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions (TRADE/R.513). The Committee, at its thirty-sixth session, examined the problem of obstacles to trade, taking also into account the results of the Special Experts' Meeting on Obstacles to Trade of September 1983, the discussions which took place during its thirty-fifth and previous sessions and the updated version of the Inventory.

Work to be undertaken: The Inventory will be kept up to date by the secretariat on the basis of relevant information communicated by Governments. Member countries which have made notifications and member countries to which notifications are addressed are invited to take steps to ensure that, where appropriate, notifications are withdrawn or suitably modified or supplemented.

Duration: Continuing.

15.3.1 Information relevant to the promotion of trade and industrial co-operation

Description: The Committee will consider, at its annual sessions, means of promoting, collecting, publishing and disseminating economic, commercial and relevant administrative information relevant to the development of trade and industrial co-operation in order to enhance the transparency of this information in the light of the range of information requirements of those engaged in trade and industrial co-operation and the adequacy of existing information flows and channels. At bi-annual intervals, it will review and give guidance to the secretariat concerning the publication and dissemination of ECE information materials to assist businessmen in their commercial contacts. Seminars will be convened by the Committee to deal with specific themes relating to east-west trade promotion, marketing and business contacts. The theme of each seminar will be determined by the Committee or by a preparatory meeting, as appropriate. Reports and case studies will be prepared by governmental experts and by the secretariat for consideration at seminars; the proceedings, conclusions and recommendations of the seminars will be widely disseminated.

Work accomplished: At its thirty-sixth session the Committee considered the matter taking into account findings and proposals of the Ad hoc Meeting on Information relating to Trade, held in July 1980 (TRADE/AC.15/2). The secretariat Notes on recent trends, policies and problems in intraregional trade (TRADE/R.523); concerning economic, financial and practical aspects of

east-west joint ventures (TRADE/R.528 and Addenda); and on economic and commercial information on industrial co-operation (TRADE/R.529) may also be considered relevant to this programme element. A Note by the secretariat (TRADE/R.518 and Addenda) on a portfolio of possible subjects and themes for future seminars on east-west trade promotion, marketing and business contacts was submitted to the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions of the Committee.

Work to be undertaken: The work to be undertaken under programme elements 15.1.1 and 15.4.2 is also relevant to this programme element. The Committee will consider at an appropriate time the organization of a Seventh Seminar on East-West Trade Promotion, Marketing and Business Contacts taking also into account the possible subjects and themes included in the portfolio.

The secretariat will prepare for the thirty-seventh session of the Committee a survey on the basis of consultations carried out both directly and through member Governments, with representatives of individual firms and business organizations on the type of economic, commercial and administrative information that business operators in east and west deem necessary for conducting their trade and industrial co-operation activities, in particular the information relevant to the promotion of new forms of such co-operation.

Duration: Continuing.

15.4.1 Review of recent and prospective trends and policies affecting industrial co-operation

Description: The Committee will examine recent and prospective trends and policies affecting industrial co-operation including all kinds of obstacles ^{7/}, with a view to exchanging information and experience useful to policy-makers in establishing and further developing policies regarding industrial co-operation.

Work accomplished: The secretariat has prepared a statistical survey of recent trends in industrial co-operation (TRADE/R.527) and a study (TRADE/R.528 and Addenda) on economic, financial and practical aspects of east-west joint ventures.

Work to be undertaken: The secretariat will submit studies including the periodic updating of the statistical part of the Analytical Report on Industrial Co-operation among ECE Countries which will be considered by the Committee at its annual sessions. An intergovernmental meeting of experts to discuss the study on economic, financial and practical aspects of east-west joint ventures will be held in the second half of 1988.

Duration: Continuing.

10th meeting
21 April 1988
(see para.230 above)

^{7/} Obstacles to trade are dealt with in sub-programme 15.2.

K (43). CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling its decisions C (42) and D (42) recognizing the importance of co-operation in the development of transport in Europe,

Emphasizing the interest of member countries to continue co-operation with the aim of a good functioning of European transport and searching for acceptable solutions on the basis of mutual benefits,

Recognizing the significance of the results of the Inland Transport Committee for the further solution of important aspects of the transport problems in the ECE region and taking note of special activities within the framework of the international agreements:

- AGR - including those related to the TEM project; and
- AGC,

1. Takes note of the report of the forty-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/72 and Add.1);

2. Reiterates the principal sectors indicated as priorities by the forty-eighth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/68, paras. 235-237) confirmed by Commission decision C (42) and invites its member countries to continue to co-operate actively within the framework of the Inland Transport Committee and to carry out its programme of work, taking into account the established priorities;

3. Underlines that the international transport conventions and agreements must be kept up to date and supplemented by new instruments as and when necessary in order to respond to the evolution of transport in the ECE region;

4. Requests the Inland Transport Committee to pay due attention to a continuing assessment of the development of transport in the ECE region and the adequate conclusions for an efficient transport system, in particular questions of importance of the transport economy, transport regulation and the transport infrastructure;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of this decision.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.232 above)

L (43). BUILDING REGULATIONS

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling its decision H (42),

1. Invites the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning to continue intensive work on the ECE Compendium of Model Provisions for Building Regulations so that all the planned chapters could be published by 1990;

2. Draws the attention of other regional commissions and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements to the results of the ECE work on building regulations, inasmuch as they could be of use to countries outside the ECE region in the formulation of appropriate policies and regulations for construction;

3. Invites the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning to submit, as soon as possible, the results of exploratory work already begun on the promotion of international trade in building products, taking account of the specific administrative structures of member States;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in the implementation of this decision to the forty-fourth session of the Commission.

10th meeting
21 April 1988
(see para.240 above)

M (43). ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN THE LIGHT
OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Reaffirming its decision J (42) and the other decisions previously adopted by the Commission on this subject,

Conscious that the ECE has a useful role to play with respect to further development of economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE,

Considering that several Commission member States in the Mediterranean are developing from an economic point of view,

1. Takes note of the Executive Secretary's report E/ECE/1164 on economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE and the encouraging and constructive contributions from the Mediterranean countries as well as from the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue to co-operate with the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the other relevant United Nations bodies and to pursue his contacts with the other Mediterranean countries not members of the Commission, on subjects within the competence of the ECE of common interest to the Mediterranean countries;

3. Takes note with satisfaction of the evolution of the activities related to transport in the Mediterranean region within the Inland Transport Committee as well as of the decision taken by the Committee at its forty-ninth session to include selected programme elements of the Mediterranean Transport Centres in its programme of work in order to co-ordinate the respective work programmes;

4. Reiterates its request to the Inland Transport Committee to pursue the co-operation with the Mediterranean Transport Centres in fields of common interest and invites the Committee to take full advantage of the work done by the Centres;

5. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council to grant United Nations Status to the Transport Study Centre for Eastern Mediterranean in Greece (Volos), the Transport Study Centre for Western Mediterranean in Spain (Barcelona) and the Transport Training Centre in Turkey (Istanbul), with the understanding that there will be no financial implications for the United Nations budget allocations to ECE, unless otherwise decided by the Commission at a later stage;

6. Recommends to its subsidiary bodies to continue their efforts in identifying areas of interest for economic co-operation in the Mediterranean within the framework of overall activities and its programme of work; and

7. Requests the Executive Secretary to prepare for the forty-fourth session a report on the implementation of this decision.

10th meeting
21 April 1988
(see para.249 above)

N (43). STANDARDIZATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Commission decided :

(a) to take note of the report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission in the field of standardization and related activities (E/ECE/1165) and the report of the fourteenth session of the Group of Experts on Standardization Policies (STAND/GE.1/29);

(b) to endorse the recommendation made by the Group of Experts (STAND/GE.1/29; paras. 29, 30 and 31) that a one day Seminar on Metrology be held during the tenth Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies;

(c) to authorize the tenth Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies to convene, if it so wishes, a three day meeting of experts in the first half of 1989 to consider the preparation of an eleventh Meeting of Government Officials and any other matter which the tenth Meeting may refer to it;

(d) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of this decision.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.255 above)

O (43). ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND AUTOMATION

The Commission decided:

(a) to take note of the report of the eighth session of the Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation (ECE/ENG.AUT/34) and the report of the Executive Secretary (E/ECE/1166);

(b) to approve the programme of work for 1988-1992 and the calendar of meetings of the Working Party as contained in ECE/ENG.AUT/34, annexes I and II;

(c) to request the Executive Secretary to report to the forty-fourth session of the Commission on the implementation of this decision.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.263 above)

P (43). MEDIUM AND LONG TERM ECONOMIC TRENDS AND ISSUES:
IMPACT OF SERVICES ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Economic Commission for Europe,

Recalling its decision N (42) as well as its previous decisions concerning the preparation of an Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 (OEP),

Noting with satisfaction the fact that the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments, at their twenty-fourth session, approved the Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000 (OEP) and in addition conducted an open and fruitful exchange of information and views on the present situation and medium-term prospects of their economies,

Emphasizing that the work of the Senior Economic Advisers according to the Supplementary Report (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1):

- will concentrate on the study of selected structural and micro economic issues,

- should also draw from the OEP recommendations which will foster mutually beneficial solutions to the region's economic problems, within a long term perspective,

1. Takes note of the pertinent decisions taken by the Senior Economic Advisers at their twenty-fourth session;

2. Reiterates its hope that the session of the Senior Economic Advisers will continue to devote due attention to exchange of information on medium and long term development of national economies, focusing the discussion on a specific topic which will be selected for each session;

3. Approves the OEP and welcomes in particular its conclusions concerning the study of selected medium and long-term economic issues;

4. Stresses the decision of the Senior Economic Advisers to convene a symposium on Long-term Prospects in ECE Countries: National and International Aspects to be held at the invitation of the Hungarian Government in Budapest, 4-7 October 1988, and notes the wish of the Hungarian Government to organize a round table discussion;

5. Expresses its hope that the secretariat will, as in the past, develop the specialized long-term macro-economic data and update and extend the existing system of SEM models according to the requirements of the new issues to be studied;

6. Requests the Senior Economic Advisers at their twenty-fifth session to pay special attention to the study of trends and factors in the development of personal and collective services and their impact on economic growth. In preparing this study, the Senior Economic Advisers should make use of work carried out on this topic elsewhere in the United Nations system and other organizations with a view to avoiding duplication of activities;

7. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the forty-fourth session of the Commission on the implementation of this decision.

9th meeting
19 April 1988
(see para.265 above)

ANNEX I

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
OF ACTIONS AND PROPOSALS OF THE COMMISSION

(TO BE ABSORBED WITHIN THE EXISTING BUDGETARY PROVISIONS)

	DOCUMENT IN WHICH THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IS CONTAINED	ESTIMATED COST
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<u>Publications</u>		
International Codification Systems of Coals	ECE/COAL/113, para. 15(a)	\$ 6,500

ANNEX II

LIST OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN 1987/88

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of
<u>THE COMMISSION</u>		
<u>Review of the structure and functions of ECE</u>		
<u>Ad hoc</u> Committee for the Review of the Structure and Functions of ECE	First meeting 1-3 June 1987	ECE/AC.17/2
<u>Co-Chairmen:</u> Mr. K. Tellalov (Bulgaria) Mr. A. Costa Lobo (Portugal)	Second meeting 5-9 October 1987	ECE/AC.17/4
<u>Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution</u>		
Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution	Fifth session 17-20 November 1987	ECE/EB.AIR/16
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B.T. Tchakalov (Bulgaria)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. P. Woltner (France) Mr. L. Dobo (Hungary) Mr. J. Thompson (Norway)		
Steering Body to the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)	Eleventh session 1-3 September 1987	EB.AIR/GE.1/10
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. T. Schneider (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. J. Kolbig (German Democratic Republic) Mr. J.E. Larsson (Sweden) Mr. A. Pressman (USSR) Mr. D.J. Szepesi (Hungary) Mr. E. Weber (Federal Republic of Germany)		
Group of Experts on Cost Benefit Analysis	Third session 19-21 May 1987	EB.AIR/GE.2/6
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A.C. Sinfield (United Kingdom)		

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
Working Group on Effects	Sixth session 1-2 July 1987	EB.AIR/WG.1/8
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Meijer (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice- Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Chrast (Czechoslovakia)		
Working Group on Nitrogen Oxides	Fifth session 12-15 May 1987	EB.AIR/WG.3/10
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Dobo (Hungary)		
<u>Vice- Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Kakebeeke (Netherlands)	Sixth session 1-4 September 1987	EB.AIR/WG.3/12
	Seventh session 16-18 November 1987	EB.AIR/WG.3/14
	Eighth session 16-19 February 1988	EB.AIR/WG.3/16
<u>Energy</u>		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Energy</u>	18-19 May 1987	ENERGY/AC.9/2 EC.AD/AC.5/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Stoffers (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice- Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Horvath (Hungary)		
Symposium on the Long-term Impact of Energy Efficiency Improvements	6-10 April 1987 Budapest (Hungary)	ENERGY/SEM.5/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. T. Jászay (Hungary)		
<u>Vice- Chairman:</u> Mr. G.H.L. Bakker (Netherlands)		
Symposium on the Status and Prospects of New and Renewable Sources of Energy in the ECE Region	29 June - 3 July 1987 Sophia Antipolis (France)	ENERGY/SEM.6/2 SC.TECH/SEM.15/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Rolant (France)		
<u>Vice- Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Bobak (Czechoslovakia)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Symposium on the Optimum Use of Primary Energy Resources in Final Heat Consumption	10-11 November 1987 Prague (Czechoslovakia)	ENERGY/SEM.7/AC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Bobak (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Vice- Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Mohnfeld (Federal Republic of Germany)		

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
<u>Engineering industries and automation</u>		
Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation	Eighth session 22-24 February 1988	ECE/ENG.AUT/34
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Novotny (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mrs. G. Almqvist (Sweden)		
Meeting on Questions of Statistics concerning Engineering Industries and Automation	Ninth meeting 14-16 December 1987	ENG.AUT/AC.1/14
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Smith (United States)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Stoychev (Bulgaria)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting for the Study on the Long-term Assessment of the Role and Place of Engineering Industries in National and World Economies</u>	Third meeting 17-18 December 1987	ENG.AUT/AC.10/6
<u>Chairman:</u> Mrs. I. Platonova (USSR)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Hewer (United Kingdom)		
Seminar on Automation Means in Preventive Medicine '87	28 September - 2 October 1987 Piestany (Czechoslovakia)	ENG.AUT/SEM.6/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Jandusik (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairmen:</u> Mr. N. Slark (United Kingdom) Mr. N. Richter (Hungary)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on Trends and Prospects in Ship-building and the Production of Port and Marine Equipment	First meeting 16-17 June 1987	ENG.AUT/SEM.7/AC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. S.R. Skrzypinski (Poland)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on Computer-integrated Manufacturing	24 February 1988	ENG.AUT/SEM.8/AC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Alexandrov (Bulgaria)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Schendl (Austria)		

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<u>Management training programmes and methods</u>		
Joint ECE/ILO Symposium on Management Training Programmes and Methods: Implications of New Technologies	17-19 November 1987	ECE/SEM.7/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Vratusa (Yugoslavia)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. A. Bajcura (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Chairmen:</u> Mr. C. Bredbacka (Sweden)		
<u>Standardization</u>		
Group of Experts on Standardization Policies	Fourteenth session 25-27 May 1987	STAND/GE.1/29
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Bergholm (Finland)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. J. Schoenermark (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Akerblom (Sweden)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. W. Sperlich (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS</u>		
Committee on Agricultural Problems	Thirty-ninth session 7-10 March 1988	ECE/AGRI/96
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Akerblom (Sweden)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. W. Sperlich (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Augeai (France)		
Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce	Forty-third session 25-27 November 1987	AGRI/WP.1/48
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Morawski (Poland)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. G. Augeai (France)		
Group of Experts on Co-ordination of Standardization of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Thirty-third session 23-24 November 1987	AGRI/WP.1/GE.1/30
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J.P. Blakey (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mrs. A.N. Wouters (Netherlands)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J.P. Blakey (United Kingdom)		

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Group of Experts on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce	Thirty-fourth session 6-10 July 1987	AGRI/WP.1/GE.2/39
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B.E. Camp (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Dokuzoguz (Turkey)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Dokuzoguz (Turkey)	Thirty-fifth session 28-31 March 1988	AGRI/WP.1/GE.2/41
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Augeai (France)		
Group of Experts on Standardization of Early and Ware Potatoes	Ninth session 15-17 February 1988	AGRI/WP.1/GE.5/16
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A.J.F. Heydendael (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Vilchez-Barros (Spain)		
Group of Experts on Standardization of Seed Potatoes	Twenty-fourth session 25-27 January 1988	AGRI/WP.1/GE.6/20
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Gehriger (Switzerland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. T.D. Hall (United Kingdom)		
<u>Chairmen:</u> Mrs. M. Chrzanowska (Poland)		
Group of Experts on Standardization of Egg Products	Eighth session 4-6 May 1987	AGRI/WP.1/GE.8/25
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Allesø (Denmark)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Ziolecki (Poland)		
Group of Experts on Standardization of Poultry Meat	Sixth session 7-8 May 1987	AGRI/WP.1/GE.10/12
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Allesø (Denmark)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Ziolecki (Poland)		
Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Mechanization of Agriculture	Thirty-third session 14-15 September 1987 Nitra (Czechoslovakia)	FAO/ECE/AGRI/WP.2/85
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Fock (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Olkinuora (Finland)		

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<u>COAL COMMITTEE</u>		
Coal Committee	Eighty-third session	ECE/COAL/113
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Ciszak (Poland)	28 September -	
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. G. Brandes (Federal	1 October 1987	
<u>Chairman:</u> Republic of Germany)		
Group of Experts on Productivity and Management Problems in the Coal Industry	Eighteenth session 17-19 June 1987	COAL/GE.1/30
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Heising (Federal Republic of Germany)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. K. Cadan		
<u>Chairman:</u> (Czechoslovakia)		
Working Party on Coal Trade and Coal Statistics	First session 22-25 June 1987	COAL/GE.2/29
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Moffitt (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Soukhov (USSR)		
Group of Experts on the Utilization and Preparation of Solid Fuels	Eighteenth session 15-17 June 1987	COAL/GE.3/30
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Ruban (USSR)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Mignon (Belgium)		
Meeting of Directors of National Mining Research Institutes	Ninth session 18-22 April 1988 Budapest (Hungary)	COAL/GE.4/16
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Schmotzer (Hungary)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. R. Mañana Vazquez		
<u>Chairman:</u> (Spain)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Symposium on the Prevention and Suppression of Rock Bursts and Sudden Outbursts of Coal and Gas	14-15 April 1987 Prague (Czechoslovakia)	COAL/SEM.10/AC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Rocek (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Bracke (Belgium)		

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<u>CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS</u>		
Conference of European Statisticians	Thirty-fifth plenary session 15-19 June 1987	ECE/CES/30
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Donda (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. W. Begeer (Netherlands) Mrs. V. Nyitrai (Hungary) Mr. L. Pinto (Italy)		
Meeting on Frameworks for Environment Statistics	11-15 January 1988	CES/AC.40/37
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D.E. Edwards (United Kingdom)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Ms. H. Haskovcova (Czechoslovakia)		
Joint FAO/ECE Study Group on Food and Agricultural Statistics in Europe	Eighteenth session 21-24 September 1987	CES/AC.61/7 FAO/ECE:ESS(87)-7
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. O'Hanlon (Ireland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Drtina (Czechoslovakia)		
Working Party on Transport Statistics	Thirty-eighth session 7-9 December 1987	CES/AC.62/12 TRANS/WP.6/113
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Ledru (France)		
Working Party on the Framework for the Integration of Social and Demographic Statistics (FSDS)	Ninth session 4-6 May 1987	CES/WP.34/71
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Fastbom (Sweden)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Kordos (Poland)		
Seminar on Computer-related Aspects of Population and Housing Censuses	5-9 October 1987 Belgrade (Yugoslavia)	CES/SEM.21/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Grupkovic (Yugoslavia)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. J. Santa (Hungary) Mr. D. Pearce (United Kingdom)		
Seminar on Ecological Statistics	28 March - 1 April 1988 Rome (Italy)	CES/SEM.22/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G.M. Rey (Italy)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. K. Nevalainen (Finland) Ms. E. Horváth (Hungary) Mr. M. Kammermann (Switzerland) Mr. M. Schamberger (United States)		

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Seminar on Statistical Methodology 1-4 February 1988 CES/SEM.23/3

Chairman: Mr. I. Thomsen (Norway)

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Chairman: Mr. A. Marton (Hungary)

COMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER

Committee on Electric Power Forty-sixth session ECE/EP/76

Chairman: Mr. R. Yücebas (Turkey) 25-28 January 1988

Vice-

Chairman: Mr. I. Smirnov (USSR)

Group of Experts on the Rational Use of Electricity and Electricity Distribution Outside the Major Urban Areas Second session 11-13 May 1987 EP/GE.1/14

Chairman: Mr. K. Strauss (United Kingdom)

Vice-

Chairman: Mr. G. Sumin (USSR)

Group of Experts on Problems of Planning and Operating Large Power Systems Nineteenth session 13-15 May 1987 EP/GE.2/30

Chairman: Mr. K.H. Schramm (German Democratic Republic)

Vice-

Chairman: Mr. C. Olsson (Sweden)

Group of Experts on Electric Power Stations Eighteenth session 2-4 November 1987 EP/GE.3/30

Chairman: Mr. G. Schillebeeck (Belgium)

Vice-

Chairman: Mr. S. Trouchine (USSR)

Group of Experts on the Relationship between Electricity and the Environment Sixteenth session 4-6 November 1987 EP/GE.4/30

Chairman: Mr. J. Matura (Czechoslovakia)

Vice-

Chairman: Mrs. K.G. Begg (United Kingdom)

Seminar on Comparison of Models of Planning and Operating Electric Power Systems 15-19 June 1987 Moscow (USSR) EP/SEM.12/2

Chairman: Mr. L. Mamikoniants (USSR)

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<u>COMMITTEE ON GAS</u>		
Committee on Gas	Thirty-fourth session 18-21 January 1988	ECE/GAS/92
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Tombak (Poland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Johnsen (Norway)		
Meeting of Experts on Gas Statistics	Twenty-third session 21-22 January 1988	GAS/GE.1/24
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W.F. Beems (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mrs. E. Selihova (USSR)		
Group of Experts on the Use and Distribution of Gas	Eighteenth session 27-29 April 1987	GAS/GE.2/30
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Bakker (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Vershinsky (USSR)		
Group of Experts on the Transport and Storage of Gas	Eighteenth session 29 April - 1 May 1987	GAS/GE.3/30
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Sponer (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Ritzmann (Federal Republic of Germany)		
Meeting of Experts on Natural Gas Resources	Eleventh session 11-13 January 1988	GAS/GE.4/22
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Zhabrev (USSR)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H.A. van Adrichem		
<u>Chairman:</u> Boogaert (Netherlands)		
Symposium on Tendencies in Development of the Gas Industry and Gas Markets in the ECE Region for the Period up to 2000	25-30 May 1987 Warsaw (Poland)	GAS/SEM.12/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Tombak (Poland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Johnsen (Norway)		

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COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

Committee on Housing, Building and Planning	Forty-eighth session 15-18 September 1987	ECE/HBP/72
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Lackó (Hungary)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Alves de Souza (Portugal)		
Group of Experts on Human Settlements Problems in Southern Europe	Fourteenth session 10-13 November 1987 Lisbon (Portugal)	HBP/GE.2/21
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Alves de Souza (Portugal)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Bernard (France)		
Working Party on Building	Eighteenth session 19-22 January 1988	HBP/WP.2/28
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Bernard (France)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Cermák (Czechoslovakia)		
Working Party on Urban and Regional Planning	Eighteenth session 13-16 October 1987	HBP/WP.3/24
<u>Chairman:</u> Ms. Z. Nenova (Bulgaria)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. D.C. Stroud (United Kingdom)		
Seminar on Regulations and Technologies for Construction and Land Development	22-26 June 1987 Paris (France)	HBP/SEM.39/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Blachère (France)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Steger (German Democratic Republic)		

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Inland Transport Committee	Forty-ninth session 1-5 February 1988	ECE/TRANS/72
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. von Harpe (Finland)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. König (German Democratic Republic)		

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<u>Chairman:</u> Miss A. Roy (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Sevón (Finland)		
Group of Experts on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs	Forty-third session 12-16 October 1987	TRANS/GE.11/33
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. de Clippel (Belgium)		
Group of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	Forty-first session 11-15 May 1987	TRANS/GE.15/36
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Grainger (United Kingdom) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H. Berger (Austria)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H. Berger (Austria)	Forty-second (special) session 30 November - 4 December 1987	TRANS/GE.15/39
Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the ECE Group of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods	29 September - 9 October 1987 15-25 March 1988 Berne (Switzerland)	TRANS/GE.15/AC.1/32 TRANS/GE.15/AC.1/34
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Visser (Netherlands) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Lohrmann (German Democratic Republic)		
Group of Experts on Combined Transport	Ninth session 9-11 June 1987	TRANS/GE.24/18
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. van Zijst (Netherlands)		
Group of Experts on Customs Questions affecting Transport	Sixtieth session 20-22 July 1987	TRANS/GE.30/57
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Hohrmann (Federal Republic of Germany)	Sixty-first session 16-20 November 1987	TRANS/GE.30/59

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Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Hohrmann (Federal Republic of Germany)	Sixty-second session 29 February - 3 March 1988	TRANS/WP.30/123
Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975 <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Gärtner (German Democratic Republic) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Herzog (Austria)	Tenth session 18-20 November 1987	TRANS/GE.30/AC.2/21
Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Vivod (Yugoslavia) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. P.-P. de Vaucher (France)	First session 19-20 November 1987	TRANS/GE.30/AC.3/2
Group of Experts on Transport Trends and Policy <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Wiberg (Sweden) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Vachuda (Czechoslovakia)	Seventh session 28-30 September 1987	TRANS/GE.36/14
Working Party on Transport Statistics <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Ledru (France)	Thirty-eighth session 7-9 December 1987	TRANS/WP.6/113 CES/AC.62/12
Working Party on Road Transport <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Hoendermis (Netherlands) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Malikhine (USSR)	Seventy-ninth session 11-13 November 1987	TRANS/SC1/331
<u>Ad hoc</u> Meeting on Implementation of the Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Beukers (Netherlands)	Seventh meeting 23-24 April 1987 Eighth meeting 4-6 November 1987	TRANS/SC1/AC.5/14 TRANS/SC1/AC.5/16

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Group of Experts on Road Traffic Safety	Fifty-third (special) session 13-15 April 1987 Paris (France)	TRANS/SC1/GE.20/58
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Plomteux (Belgium)	Fifty-fourth session 18-20 May 1987	TRANS/SC1/GE.20/59
	Fifty-fifth (special) session 22-24 September 1987 Brussels (Belgium)	TRANS/SC1/GE.20/62
	Fifty-sixth session 26-29 October 1987	TRANS/SC1/GE.20/63
Working Party on Road Traffic Safety	First (special) session 14-18 March 1988	TRANS/SC1/WP.1/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Plomteux (Belgium)		
Group of Experts on the Construction of Vehicles	Eighty-second session 23-26 June 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/193
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Kutenev (USSR)	Eighty-third session 20-23 October 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/203
Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles	Eighty-fourth session 8-11 March 1988	TRANS/SC1/WP29/218
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Kutenev (USSR)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Gauvin (France)		
Ad hoc Meeting on Co-ordination of Work of the Group of Experts on the Construction of Vehicles	Thirty-fourth meeting 22 June 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/AC.2/33
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Kutenev (USSR)		
Administrative Committee on the Co-ordination of Work of the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles	Thirty-fifth meeting 19 October 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/AC.2/34
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Kutenev (USSR)	Thirty-sixth meeting 7 March 1988	TRANS/SC1/WP29/AC.2/35

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Group of Rapporteurs on Noise (GRB)	Fourteenth session 3-5 June 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRB/12
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Stamm (Federal Republic of Germany)		
Group of Rapporteurs on Lighting and Light-signalling (GRE)	Seventeenth session 25-27 May 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRE/17
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Meekel (Netherlands)		
Meeting of Experts on Lighting and Light-signalling	Eighteenth session 23-26 November 1987 London (United Kingdom)	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRE/18
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Meekel (Netherlands)		
Group of Rapporteurs on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	Sixteenth session 31 August - 2 September 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRPE/16
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. Gauvin (France)		
Group of Rapporteurs on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	Twentieth session 7-9 September 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRRF/20
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Murphy (United Kingdom)		
Meeting of Experts on Brakes and Running Gear	Twenty-first session 21-24 March 1988	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRRF/21
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Murphy (United Kingdom)		
Group of Rapporteurs on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)	Fiftieth session 13-15 April 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRSG/29
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Perea (Spain)		
Meeting of Experts on General Safety Provisions	Fifty-first session 9-11 November 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRSG/30
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Perea (Spain)		
Group of Rapporteurs on Passive Safety (GRSP)	First session 27-30 April 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRSP/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Lomonaco (Italy)		

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Meeting of Experts on Passive Safety	Second session 7-10 December 1987	TRANS/SC1/WP29/GRSP/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Lomonaco (Italy)		
Working Party on Rail Transport	Forty-first session 26-28 October 1987	TRANS/SC2/167
<u>Chairman:</u> Miss A. Roy (France)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Sotnikov (USSR)		
Group of Rapporteurs on the Development of a European Railway Network (GREN)	Ninth session 2-3 September 1987	TRANS/SC2/GREN/18
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J.-P. Baumgartner (Switzerland)		
Meeting of Experts on the Development of a European Railway Network	First session 29-30 March 1988	TRANS/SC2/GE.1/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J.-P. Baumgartner (Switzerland)		
Working Party on Inland Water Transport	Thirty-first session 2-5 November 1987	TRANS/SC3/120
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J.F. Osten (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Rak (Czechoslovakia)		
Group of Experts on the Standardization of Technical Requirements for Vessels and of Ship's Papers	Twenty-ninth session 27-30 April 1987	TRANS/SC3/GE.1/56
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Dijkstra (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Hegyi (Hungary)		
Seminar on Criteria for International Transport Investment	Thirtieth session 1-5 June 1987 Helsinki (Finland)	TRANS/SEM.5/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. S. Lyly (Finland)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Arsenov (USSR)		

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<u>SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER PROBLEMS</u>		
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems	First session 29 February - 4 March 1988	ECE/ENVWA/3
<u>Co-Chairmen:</u> Mr. O. Malek (Federal Republic of Germany) Mr. J. Zurek (Poland)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairmen:</u> Mr. M. Breinich (Hungary) Mr. W. Kakebeeke (Netherlands)		
<u>Ad hoc</u> Meeting to Finalize a Declaration on the Protection of Flora, Fauna and their Habitats	23-25 November 1987	ENVWA/AC.1/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. O. Ojala (Finland)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. Neronov (USSR)		
Meeting of Experts on Environmental Impact Assessment	Sixth meeting 25-27 January 1988	ENVWA/GE.1/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H. Brouwer (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Anokhin (USSR)		
Working Party on Low- and Non-waste Technology and Re-utilization and Recycling of Wastes	Seventh session 2-4 December 1987	ENVWA/WP.2/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Rubin (United States)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. Y. Arski (USSR)		
Working Party on Water Problems	First session 16-18 December 1987	ENVWA/WP.3/1
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Kinkor (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Vice-</u> <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H. van Schouwenburg (Netherlands)		
<u>Ad hoc</u> Meeting on the Long-term Strategy for Environmental Protection and Rational Use of Natural Resources in ECE Member Countries	27-30 October 1987 Vienna (Austria)	ENV/AC.17/4
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Lauridsen (Denmark)		

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Working Party on Air Pollution Problems	Sixteenth session 10-12 June 1987	ENV/WP.1/26
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Lindau (Sweden)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. Y. Tsatourov (USSR)		
Seminar on Environmental Impact Assessment	21-25 September 1987 Warsaw (Poland)	ENV/SEM.17/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Zurek (Poland)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> (United States)		
<u>Ad hoc</u> Meeting to Review the Draft Guidelines on Ground Water Management	14-16 December 1987	WATER/AC.6/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. O. Malek (Federal Republic of Germany)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Varsa (Hungary)		
Seminar on Protection of Soil and Aquifers against Non-point Source Pollution	5-9 October 1987 Madrid (Spain)	WATER/SEM.14/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E.R. Paradinas (Spain)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Pinter (Hungary)		
<u>SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY</u>		
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology	Fifteenth session 21-25 September 1987	ECE/SC.TECH/33
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Korst (Denmark)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> (Democratic Republic)		
<u>Ad hoc</u> Meeting on the Use Made of Evaluations in R and D Policy-making	22-26 June 1987 Helsinki (Finland)	SC.TECH/AC.24/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Ms. E. Helander (Finland)		
Symposium on the Status and Prospects of New and Renewable Sources of Energy in the ECE Region	29 June - 3 July 1987 Sophia Antipolis (France)	SC.TECH/SEM.15/2 ENERGY/SEM.6/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Rolant (France)		
<u>Vice-</u>		
<u>Chairman:</u> (Czechoslovakia)		

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
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SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS

Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments	Twenty-fourth session 15-19 February 1988	ECE/EC.AD/31
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. van Hamel (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Zoteev (USSR)		
Synthesis Working Group: Contribution to the Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000	Fourth session 28-30 October 1987	EC.AD/AC.3/8
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. B. van Hamel (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Kasalicky (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Energy</u>	18-19 May 1987	EC.AD/AC.5/2 ENERGY/AC.9/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. M. Stoffers (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Horvath (Hungary)		

STEEL COMMITTEE

Steel Committee	Fifty-fifth session 11-13 November 1987	ECE/STEEL/60
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Funck (Belgium)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Müller (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting for the Study on Structural Changes in International Steel Trade</u>	Fifth meeting 22-24 June 1987	STEEL/AC.8/10
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. A. Signora (France)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Sumann (Czechoslovakia)		
<u>Ad hoc Meeting for the Study on Recuperation and Economic Utilization of By-products of the Iron and Steel Industry</u>	First meeting 10-11 February 1988	STEEL/AC.11/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. L. Shevelev (USSR)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. W. Plattner (Austria)		

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
Working Party on the Steel Market	Twenty-sixth session 25-26 June 1987	STEEL/WP.1/30
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F.A.M. Vlenmings (Netherlands)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Simánek (Czechoslovakia)		
Working Party on Steel Statistics	Sixteenth session 9-10 November 1987	STEEL/WP.3/21
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Ruist (Sweden)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Andrs (Czechoslovakia)		
Meeting of Experts on Steel Statistics	Seventeenth session 9-11 February 1988	STEEL/WP.3/23
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Ruist (Sweden)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Andrs (Czechoslovakia)		
Seminar on the Economic Aspects of Secondary Steelmaking	15-19 June 1987 Dresden (German Democratic Republic)	STEEL/SEM.13/3
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. F. Müller (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. K.-P. Ksinsik (Federal Republic of Germany) Mr. V. Sinelnikov (USSR)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on New Applications for Steel to Replace Traditional Materials	First meeting 23-24 June 1987	STEEL/SEM.14/AC/2
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Müller (Luxembourg)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. O. Jozov (USSR)		

TIMBER COMMITTEE

Timber Committee (Joint session with FAO European Forestry Commission)	Forty-fifth session 12-16 October 1987	ECE/TIM/38
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Säglitz (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. H. van der Meiden (Netherlands)		

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
Joint FAO/ECE Seminar on the Valorization of Secondary-quality Temperate-zone Hardwoods <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Peltereau-Villeneuve (France) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J.T. Bones (United States)	23-26 November 1987 Nancy (France)	TIM/EFC/SEM.1/3
Steering Committee of the Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Working Techniques and Training of Forest Workers <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Lammerts van Bueren (Netherlands) <u>Vice-Chairmen:</u> Mr. S.-A. Axelsson (Sweden) Mr. J. Gadant (France)	Eighth session 13-14 June 1987 Garpenberg (Sweden)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/AC.1/10
Seminar on Small-scale Logging Operations and Machines <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Ekholm (Sweden) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Morvan (France)	15-18 June 1987 Garpenberg (Sweden)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/SEM.24/2
Seminar on the Impact of Acute Forest Damage on Harvesting and Silvicultural Operations <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. H. Höfle (Federal Republic of Germany) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. P. Patosaari (Finland)	7-11 September 1987 Bonn-Röttgen (Federal Republic of Germany)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/SEM.25/2
Seminar on Extension Activities for Owners of Small Woodlands (Woodlots) <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. Y. Hardy (Canada) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. K.-G. Enander (Sweden)	28 September - 1 October 1987 Fredericton, Province of New Brunswick, (Canada)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/SEM.26/2
Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics <u>Chairman:</u> Mr. K. Janz (Sweden) <u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. N. Bourdin (USSR)	Sixteenth session 24-26 February 1988	TIM/EFC/WP.2/17

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
<u>COMMITTEE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE</u>		
Committee on the Development of Trade	Thirty-sixth session 7-11 December 1987	ECE/TRADE/161
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. I. Major (Hungary)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. S. Stub (Norway)		
Working Party on Facilitation of International Trade Procedures	Twenty-sixth session 22-25 September 1987	TRADE/WP.4/161
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. V. David (Czechoslovakia)	Twenty-seventh session 15-18 March 1988	TRADE/WP.4/163
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. C. Danielsen (Denmark)		
Group of Experts No.1 : Data Elements and Automatic Data Interchange	Thirty-sixth session 22-23 September 1987	TRADE/WP.4/GE.1/69
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Dreyfous (France)		
Meeting of Experts on Data Elements and Automatic Data Interchange	Thirty-seventh session 15-16 March 1988	TRADE/WP.4/GE.1/71
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Dreyfous (France)		
Group of Experts No.2 : Procedures and Documentation	Thirty-sixth session 24 September 1987	TRADE/WP.4/GE.2/69
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Dale (United Kingdom)		
Meeting of Experts on Procedures and Documentation	Thirty-seventh session 17 March 1988	TRADE/WP.4/GE.2/71
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Dale (United Kingdom)		
Group of Experts on International Contract Practices in Industry	Thirtieth session 6-8 July 1987	TRADE/GE.1/73
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Willma (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u> Mr. D. Stein (United States)		

Body and officers	Session	Symbol of report
Working Party on International Contract Practices in Industry	Thirty-first session 30 November - 2 December 1987	TRADE/WP.5/24
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. G. Willma (German Democratic Republic)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mr. D. Stein		
<u>Chairman:</u> (United States)		

ECE/UNDP Operational Projects

Executive Technical Experts Committee (ETEC)	Fifth meeting 25-30 May 1987 Helsinki (Finland)	ECE/UNDP/LCT/13
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. J. Rakowski (Poland)		
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. E. Demiryürek (Turkey)	Sixth meeting 9 September 1987 Istanbul (Turkey)	ECE/UNDP/LCT/17
<u>Vice-</u> Mrs. M. Mitrovic		
<u>Chairman:</u> (Yugoslavia)		
	Seventh meeting 26 March 1988 Los Angeles (United States)	ECE/UNDP/LCT/20
<u>Ad hoc Meeting on the Inter-country Project on International Co-operative Research on Low-calorie Solid Fuel Technology</u>	7-8 September 1987 Istanbul (Turkey)	ECE/UNDP/LCT/16
<u>Chairman:</u> Mr. R. Yücebas (Turkey)		
<u>Vice-</u> Mrs. M. Mitrovic		
<u>Chairman:</u> (Yugoslavia)		

ANNEX III

PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION

A. LIST OF MAJOR ECE STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS, 1987/88

NOTE: The language versions issued are indicated by the following abbreviations: E, English; F, French; R, Russian; E/F, bilingual (English/French); E/F/R, trilingual (English/French/Russian); *, published for the United Nations by external publishers, as indicated.

GENERAL

Annual Report of the ECE to the ECOSOC, 28 April 1986 - 10 April 1987, Supplement No.13 (E/1987/33-E/ECE/1148)	E F R
Report of the Special Session of the ECE, 9-10 November 1987 (E/1987/133-E/ECE/1151)	E F R
Economic Survey of Europe in 1986-1987 (Sales No.87.II.E.1)	E F R
Economic Bulletin for Europe, Vol.39 (TRADE(XXXVI)/1) (Sales No.87.II.E.37)	F R
Economic Bulletin for Europe, Vol.39 (Pergamon Press)	E *
No.1: Technologies for Control of Air Pollution from Stationary Sources	E *
No.2: Consumption Patterns in the ECE Region: Long-term Trends and Policy Issues	E *
No.3: The Gas Industry and the Environment	E *
No.4: Recent Changes in Europe's Trade	E *

AGRICULTURE

Prices of Agricultural Products and Selected Inputs in Europe and North America, 1985/86: Annual ECE/FAO Price Review No.36 (ECE/AGRI/93) (Sales No.87.II.E.16)	E F R
Agricultural Review for Europe No.29, 1985 and 1986: Vol.I: General Review (ECE/AGRI/94, Vol.I) (Sales No.87.II.E.20); Vol.II: Agricultural Trade (ECE/AGRI/94, Vol.II) (Sales No.87.II.E.21); Vol.III: The Grain Market (ECE/AGRI/94, Vol.III) (Sales No.87.II.E.22); Vol.IV: The Livestock and Meat Market (ECE/AGRI/94, Vol.IV) (Sales No.87.II.E.23); Vol.V: The Milk and Dairy Products Market (ECE/AGRI/94, Vol.V) (Sales No.87.II.E.24); Vol.VI: The Egg Market (ECE/AGRI/94, Vol.VI) (Sales No.87.II.E.25);	E F R

- UN-ECE Standard DF-06: Decorticated Sweet Almonds (AGRI/WP.1/44) E F R
- UN-ECE Standard No.63: UN-ECE Standard for Certain Hen's Egg Products for Use in the Food Industry (AGRI/WP.1/45) E F R
- UN-ECE Standards H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-7, H-8: Cut Flowers (including complete provisions for Mimosa), Cut Foliage (including special provisions for Asparagus densiflorus and Asparagus plumosus), Roses, Carnations, Multi-floral Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Gladioli, Strelitzias (AGRI/WP.1/46) E F R
- Mechanization of Harvesting Top and Soft Fruit: AGRI/MECH Report No.114 (FAO/ECE/AGRI/WP.2/83) E F R
- Changes and Trends in the Quantity and Balance of Energy Consumption in Agriculture: AGRI/MECH Report No.116 (FAO/ECE/AGRI/WP.2/87) E F R
- Systems and Equipment for Efficient Use of Wood, Straw and Peat as Fuel in Agriculture: AGRI/MECH Report No.117 (FAO/ECE/AGRI/WP.2/88) E F R
- Modern Methods for the Organization of Machinery Maintenance, Servicing and Repairs on Large-scale Agricultural Enterprises: AGRI/MECH Report No.118 (FAO/ECE/AGRI/WP.2/89) E F R
- Concepts of Regional Policies, including the Specific Problems of Less-favoured Areas: AGRI/Agrarian Structures and Farm Rationalization, Report No.6 (FAO/ECE/AGRI/WP.3/22) E F R
- Recent Developments in Marketing and Their Impact on the Standardization of Livestock Products - Proceedings of the ECE Symposium held in Braunschweig (Federal Republic of Germany) in July 1986 (Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten, Bonn) E *

CHEMICALS

- Recycling of Used Tyres and Rubber Wastes (ECE/CHEM/62) E F R
- Annual Review of the Chemical Industry, 1985 (ECE/CHEM/63) (Sales No.87.II.E.15) E F R
- Market Trends for Selected Chemical Products 1960-1985 and Prospects to 1989, Vol.I and II: (ECE/CHEM/64, Vol.I) (Sales No.87.II.E.26) E F R
(ECE/CHEM/64, Vol.II) (Sales No.87.II.E.27) E/F/R

Periodic Bulletins

- Annual Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products, 1986, Vol.XIII (Sales No.88.II.E.3) E/F/R

ENERGY

Coal Desulphurization (ECE/COAL/104)	E F R
Efficiency and Rational Application of Various Methods and Techniques of Water Drainage in Opencast Mines (ECE/COAL/106)	E F R
Prevention and Suppression of Underground Fires (ECE/COAL/107)	E F R
Perfecting of Maintenance and Servicing Systems for Longwall Face Equipment (ECE/COAL/108)	E F R
Problems Connected with the Utilization of Low-grade Lignite (ECE/COAL/109)	E F R
Mechanization of Ancillary Work in the Case of Combined Transport and Transport by Lorry (ECE/COAL/110)	E F R
Exploration by Geophysical Methods, Extraction and Transport of Hard Rock Inclusions during Overburden Removal (ECE/COAL/111)	E F R
The Gas Situation in the ECE Region in 1985 and its Prospects (ECE/GAS/90)	E F R

Periodic Bulletins

Annual Bulletin of General Energy Statistics for Europe, 1985, Vol.XVIII (Sales No.87.II.E.9)	E/F/R
Annual Bulletin of Coal Statistics for Europe, 1986, Vol.XXI (Sales No.87.II.E.3)	E/F/R
Annual Bulletin of Electric Energy Statistics for Europe, 1986, Vol.XXXII (Sales No.87.II.E.6)	E/F/R
Annual Bulletin of Gas Statistics for Europe, 1986, Vol.XXXII (Sales No.87.II.E.4)	E/F/R

ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND AUTOMATION

Annual Review of Engineering Industries and Automation, 1985, Vol.I and II (ECE/ENG.AUT/26, Vol.I and II) (Sales No.86.II.E.30)	E F R
Software for Industrial Automation (ECE/ENG.AUT/29) (Sales No.87.II.E.19)	E F R
The Telecommunication Industry - Growth and Structural Changes (ECE/ENG.AUT/30) (Sales No.87.II.E.35)	E F R

Periodic Bulletins

Bulletin of Statistics on World Trade in Engineering Products, 1985 (Sales No.87.II.E.10)	E/F/R
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ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER PROBLEMS

- Environmental Series 1: Application of Environmental Impact Assessment - Highways and Dams (ECE/ENV/50) (Sales No.87.II.E.14) E F R
- Quality Monitoring of Surface Waters (ECE/WATER/48) E F R
- Optimization of Multi-purpose Use of Reservoirs (ECE/WATER/49) E F R
- Two Decades of Co-operation on Water - Declarations and Recommendations by the ECE (ECE/ENVWA/2) E F R
- Environmental Series 2: National Strategies for Protection of Flora, Fauna and their Habitats (ECE/ENVWA/4) (Sales No.88.II.E.2) E F R
- Air Pollution Studies 4: Effects and Control of Transboundary Air Pollution - Report prepared within the framework of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/13) (Sales No.87.II.E.36) E F R
- National Strategies and Policies for Air Pollution Abatement - Results of the 1986 major review, prepared within the framework of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/14) (Sales No.87.II.E.29) E F R
- NO_x Task Force - Technologies for Controlling NO_x Emissions from Stationary Sources (Institute for Industrial Production, University of Karlsruhe, Federal Republic of Germany) E *

HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

- List of International Standards and Similar Documents Relating to Building Activity (ECE/HBP/48/Rev.1) E F R
- International Harmonization of Building Regulations in the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/62) (Sales No.87.II.E.13) E F R
- International Harmonization of Approval and Control Rules for Buildings and Building Products (ECE/HBP/67) (Sales No.87.II.E.18) E F R
- Spatial Planning for Recreation and Tourism in the Countries of the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/68) (Sales No.87.II.E.20) E F R
- Directory of Bodies Concerned with Socio-economic Research on Housing and Housing Policies (ECE/HBP/70) E F R

Periodic Bulletins

- Annual Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics for Europe, 1986, Vol.XXX (Sales No.87.II.E.8) E/F/R

STATISTICS

- Statistical Standards and Studies No.39: Environment Statistics in Europe and North America - An Experimental Compendium - Part One: Time series data and indicators;
Part Two: Statistical monograph of the Baltic Sea environment (Sales No.87.II.E.28) E F R
- Statistical Standards and Studies No.40: Recommendations for the 1990 Censuses of Population and Housing in the ECE Region - Regional variant of the world recommendations for the 1990 round of population and housing censuses (Sales No.87.II.E.38) E F R
- Statistical Indicators of Short-term Economic Changes in ECE Countries, 1987, Vol.XXIX, No.5-12 E only
- Statistical Indicators of Short-term Economic Changes in ECE Countries, 1988, Vol.XXX, No.1-4 E only

Periodic Bulletins

- Statistical Journal, Vol.4, No.3 and 4 (North Holland) E *
- Statistical Journal, Vol.5, No.1 (North Holland) E *

STEEL

- Structural Changes in International Steel Trade (ECE/STEEL/54) (Sales No.87.II.E.33) E F R
- Iron and Steel Scrap: Its Significance and Influence on Further Developments in the Iron and Steel Industries - Third updating (ECE/STEEL/57) E F R
- The Steel Market in 1986 (ECE/STEEL/58) (Sales No.87.II.E.32) E F R

Periodic Bulletins

- Statistics of World Trade in Steel, 1986 (Sales No.87.II.E.12) E/F/R
- Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, 1986, Vol.XIV (Sales No.87.II.E.5) E/F/R
- Quarterly Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, 1986, Vol.XXXVII, No.4 E/F/R
- Quarterly Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, 1987, Vol.XXXVIII, No.1 and 2 E/F/R

TIMBER

- Survey of the Wood-based Panels Industries, 1986 (ECE/TIM/36) E only
- Impact of Air-pollution Damage to Forests for Roundwood Supply and Forest Products Markets (ECE/TIM/37) E F R

Declaration on the Policy Implications of the Study "European Timber Trends and Prospects to the Year 2000 and Beyond" (ECE/TIM/39)

E F R

Forestry and the Forest Industries: Past and Future - Major developments in the forest and forest industry sector since 1947 in Europe, the USSR and North America (Martinus Nijhoff)

E *

Practical Application of Remote Sensing in Forestry - Proceedings of the joint FAO/ECE Seminar held in Jönköping (Sweden) in May 1985 (Martinus Nijhoff)

E *

Periodic Bulletins

Timber Bulletin, Vol.XL

No.3: Special Issue - Survey of the Wood-based Panels Industries, 1986

E F R

No.4: Monthly Prices for Forest Products

E/F

No.5: Forest Products Statistics, 1982-1986

E/F

No.6: Annual Forest Products Market Review

E F R

No.7: Forest Products Trade Flow Data, 1985-1986

E/F

No.8: Monthly Prices for Forest Products

E/F

No.9: Forest Products Markets in 1987 and Prospects for 1988

E/F R

No.10: Forest Products Statistics, 1982 - June 1987

E/F

Timber Bulletin, Vol.XLI

No.1: The ECE Timber Committee Yearbook, 1987

E F R

TRADE

Guide on Drawing up International Contracts for Services Relating to Maintenance, Repair and Operation of Industrial and Other Works (ECE/TRADE/154) (Sales No.87.II.E.2)

E F R

East-West Joint Ventures - Economic, Business, Financial and Legal Aspects (ECE/TRADE/162) (Sales No.88.II.E.18)

E F R

TRANSPORT

Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe, 1986, Vol.XXXVIII (Sales No.87.II.E.7)

E/F/R

Statistics of Road Accidents in Europe, 1986, Vol.XXXIII (Sales No.87.II.E.11)

E/F/R

B. LIST OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION AT ITS SPECIAL
AND FORTY-THIRD SESSIONS

Special Session

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Supplementary Report containing Views and Proposals of the Economic Commission for Europe to the Special Commission of ECOSOC on the In-depth Study of the Intergovernmental Structure of the United Nations Economic and Social Sectors	/1150/Rev.1

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Development of trade and industrial co-operation	/1158
Co-operation in the field of transport	/1159
Safety with regard to the transport of dangerous goods	/1160
Co-operation in the field of protection and improvement of the environment	/1161
Co-operation in the field of energy	/1162
International harmonization of the technical content of building regulations	/1163
Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE	/1164
Standardization and related activities	/1165

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Chemical Industry Committee	ECE/CHEM/67
Coal Committee	ECE/COAL/113
Conference of European Statisticians	ECE/CES/30
Committee on Electric Power	ECE/EP/76
Committee on Gas	ECE/GAS/92
Committee on Housing, Building and Planning	ECE/HBP/72
Inland Transport Committee	ECE/TRANS/72 + Add.1
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems	ECE/ENVWA/3 + Adda.1 & 2
Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology	ECE/SC.TECH/33
Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments	ECE/EC.AD/31
Steel Committee	ECE/STEEL/60
Timber Committee	ECE/TIM/38
Committee on the Development of Trade	ECE/TRADE/161

Reports of other subsidiary bodies

<u>Ad hoc</u> Committee for the Review of the Structure and Functions of ECE	ECE/AC.17/2 ECE/AC.17/4
Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation	ECE/ENG.AUT/34
Joint ECE/ILO Symposium on Management Training Programmes and Methods: Implications of New Technologies	ECE/SEM.7/3

ANNEX IV

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1988-1992

Introduction

The programme of work is divided into the following programme categories:

- 01 - Policy and co-ordination of the work of the Commission
 - 01 (a) - Engineering industries and automation
 - 01 (b) - General energy
 - 01 (c) - Standardization and related activities
- 02 - Agriculture
- 03 - Chemicals
- 04 - Coal
- 05 - Environmental and water problems
- 06 - Electric Power
- 07 - Gas
- 08 - Housing, Building and Planning
- 09 - Inland transport
- 10 - Science and technology
- 11 - Economic plans, programmes and perspectives
- 12 - Statistics
- 13 - Steel
- 14 - Timber
- 15 - Trade

PROGRAMME 01. - POLICY AND CO-ORDINATION OF THE WORK
OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE

SUB-PROGRAMME 01.1: ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE
AND PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

01.1.1 Review and guidance of the activities of the Commission as a whole:
evaluation, co-ordination and formulation of the programme of work

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will consider its work as a whole; review and evaluate its own activity as well as that of its subsidiary bodies; guide the policy orientation, co-ordination and planning of the work carried out by the subsidiary bodies under its auspices; and formulate and approve its programme of work.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission performs this function with the assistance of its Sessional Committee as appropriate, by considering at its annual sessions the reports of its subsidiary bodies on their work and the Executive Secretary's reports on the implementation of its relevant resolutions and decisions. The Commission considers and approves annually its programme of work for the following year and endorses in principle, subject to review at the following session, its long-term programme of work covering the next five years. The policy guidance given by the Commission, including measures for co-ordination, concentration and integration of all activities carried out under the Commission's auspices, is embodied in its resolutions and other decisions to be implemented, as appropriate, by member Governments, by the Commission's subsidiary bodies and by its secretariat.

Duration: Continuing.

01.1.2 The work and future activities of the Commission

Description: At its forty-third session the Commission, in its resolution 1 (43), called upon the member Governments to continue to take full advantage of the potential of the ECE as an instrument for dialogue and for strengthening economic relations and multilateral co-operation in the region; it considered in this connection that full respect for the principles guiding relations among States set out in the Final Act of the CSCE, as well as the implementation of all the provisions of that Final Act and those contained in the Madrid Concluding Document, were an essential basis for the development of economic co-operation among them, and reaffirmed that such co-operation contributed to the reinforcement of peace and security in Europe and in the world as a whole. It recalled that the Madrid Concluding Document contains provisions which carry implications for the future activities of the Commission, and requested its subsidiary bodies to continue to take into account, for their work, the pertinent provisions of the above-mentioned documents which called for multilateral implementation within the framework of the ECE, and asked the Executive Secretary to make appropriate arrangements to this end. The Commission expressed its hopes for substantive and balanced conclusions of the Vienna Meeting.

In paragraph 7 of this resolution the Commission called upon its subsidiary bodies to pay special attention, when reviewing and carrying out their

programmes of work, to the interests of member countries which are developing from an economic point of view, noting that some such countries are faced with serious structural and economic constraints; to this effect the Executive Secretary was invited to take the appropriate measures.

In the same resolution, the Commission approved its programme of work for 1988/89 and endorsed in principle, subject to review at its forty-fourth session, its long-term programme of work for 1988-1992, and requested its subsidiary bodies, as well as the Executive Secretary, to take into account in their work and when reviewing their respective programmes this resolution, the decisions of the Commission and the points raised by delegations and reported in the relevant passages of the report of the forty-third session in as much as they are addressed therein.

Work to be undertaken: The provisions of resolution 1 (43) and the other decisions adopted by the Commission at its forty-third session will be drawn to the attention of the pertinent subsidiary bodies of the Commission for appropriate action, and reports on the implementation of these decisions will be prepared for consideration by the Commission at its forty-fourth session.

Duration: One year (1988/89)

01.1.3. Concentration and integration of the programme of work of the Commission

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will examine its programmes of work with a view to their concentration and integration, and will decide on which aspect of the programmes of work will be considered in greater detail at the following session.

Work to be undertaken: In paragraph 6 of its resolution 1 (43), the Commission reaffirmed its determination to implement the provisions and proposals contained in the Supplementary Report which it had adopted at its special session in November 1987 (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1), as agreed in decision A (1987-S), and called upon its subsidiary bodies to pay due attention to it when reviewing and carrying out their programmes.

Duration: Continuing.

01.1.4 Economic co-operation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE

Description: The Commission and its Principal Subsidiary Bodies pay particular attention to projects and activities of interest to the Mediterranean countries of the ECE region, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Final Act and other Concluding documents of the CSCE.

Work to be undertaken: In its decision M (43) the Commission:

(a) Requested the Executive Secretary to continue to co-operate with the secretariats of ECA and ESCWA and other relevant United Nations bodies and to pursue his contacts with the other Mediterranean countries not members of the Commission, on subjects within the competence of the ECE of common interest to the Mediterranean countries;

(b) Noted the evolution of activities related to transport in the Mediterranean region within the Inland Transport Committee as well as its decision to include selected programme elements of the Mediterranean Transport Centres in its programme of work in order to co-ordinate the respective work programmes. It reiterated its request to the Committee to pursue co-operation with the Transport Centres in fields of common interest and invited it to take full advantage of the work done by the Centres.

(c) The Commission recommended to the Economic and Social Council to grant United Nations status to the Transport Centres, with the understanding that there will be no financial implications for the United Nations budget allocations to ECE, unless otherwise decided by the Commission at a later stage.

(d) Recommended to its subsidiary bodies to continue their efforts in identifying areas of interest for economic co-operation in the Mediterranean within the framework of over-all activities and its programme of work.

Duration: Continuing

01.1.5. Management training for administrations and enterprises

Description: In paragraph 10 of its decision A (40) the Commission supported the proposal on management training for administration and enterprises in Annex A of E/ECE/1070, taking into account the work undertaken by the ILO.

Work accomplished: The Symposium on Management Training Programmes and Methods: Implications of New Technologies, was held from 17 to 19 November 1987, in co-operation with the International Labour Organization.

Work to be undertaken: In paragraph 11 of its resolution 1 (43), the Commission took note of the report of the Symposium (ECE/SEM/7/3) and of its recommendations as contained in paragraph 32 of that report, in which, inter alia, the ECE and ILO were invited to act as a focal point, and, with the assistance of national and international organizations, to strengthen their collaboration with a view to furthering east-west and north-south co-operation in the field of management development and training, and to arrange for the publication of the proceedings of the Symposium.

Duration: One year (1988/89)

SUB-PROGRAMME 01.2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS IN THE ECE REGION

01.2.1. Review of economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The annual economic survey, economic bulletin and other special studies and statistical bulletins prepared and published by the secretariat are made available to the Commission for this annual review.

Duration: Continuing

01.2.2. Population

Description: In accordance with the provisions of decision G (40), the Executive Secretary carries out work in the field of population, within existing resources, and maintains collaboration with the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) for the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the regional Meeting on Population and the International Conference on Population, 1984. He also collaborates with UNFPA in convening periodically, but not more than every two years, a regional meeting of experts on population for consultations amongst Governments and for the dissemination and exchange of information on population problems and policies in the ECE region.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: Collaboration with UNFPA is maintained through two projects dealing, respectively, with economic and social implications of aging, and with population, development and migration in southern Europe, for which funding is provided by UNFPA.

Duration: Continuing.

SUB-PROGRAMME 01.3: RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

01.3.1 Review and follow-up of resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly bearing on the work of the Commission

Description: At its annual sessions, the Commission will review the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly which have a bearing on its work and will decide on the action to be taken by it in the light of the provisions of those resolutions and decisions.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission undertakes this review on the basis of the Executive Secretary's note in which he brings to the Commission's attention the resolutions and decisions bearing on the work of the Commission which were adopted by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly during the period since the previous session of the Commission, and the relevant work under way.

Duration: Continuing

01.3.2 The Commission's contribution to the follow-up of the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women

Description: In accordance with decision J (40), and taking into consideration the results of the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women, the Executive Secretary will continue to assess developments with respect to the economic role of women in the ECE region in conjunction with other research activities of the

secretariat, taking into account the roles and responsibilities of the regional commissions in developing and implementing the system-wide, medium-term plan for women and development and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. In particular, the secretariat will undertake a time use study of women in the ECE region, with the financial support of INSTRAW.

Work to be undertaken: In its decision B (43), the Commission reiterated its request to the Executive Secretary to continue to assess developments with respect to the economic role of women in the ECE region, in conjunction with the work of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and with other research activities of the secretariat, taking into account the relevant provisions of the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly and ECOSOC.

Duration: Continuing

01.3.3. The Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development

Description: By its resolution 42/187 the General Assembly welcomed the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, which had been established as part of the process of preparation of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, with the mandate to make available a report on environment and the global problématique to the year 2000 and beyond, including proposed strategies for sustainable development. In paragraph 6 of that resolution, the General Assembly decided to transmit the report of the World Commission to all Governments and to the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and invited them to take account of the analysis and recommendations contained in the report in determining their policies and programmes.

Work to be undertaken: In its decision B (43), the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a review of the ECE's programmes and activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development, including the cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary aspects thereof, taking account of the Report of the World Commission, the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond (Assembly resolution 42/186), and the Regional Strategy for Environmental Protection and Rational Use of Natural Resources in ECE Member Countries Covering the Period up to the Year 2000 and Beyond.

It decided to convene, before the end of 1988, an Ad Hoc Meeting to consider the above review and to formulate concrete proposals for sectoral and interdisciplinary activities which should be submitted for comments to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies in a position to do so, before consideration by the Commission at its forty-fourth session with a view to inclusion in the Commission's programme of work.

The Commission called upon its subsidiary bodies to review their programme of work in the light of the report of the Ad Hoc Meeting as endorsed by the Commission at its forty-fourth session, to identify and evaluate ongoing activities contributing to sustainable development and, as appropriate, propose to the Commission sectoral and interdisciplinary activities towards this end.

The Executive Secretary was requested to prepare a progress report on the contribution of the ECE to the international efforts towards sustainable development for consideration by the Commission at its forty-fourth session, and submission, through the Economic and Social Council, to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 12 of Assembly Resolution 42/186 and paragraph 18 of Assembly Resolution 42/187.

The Commission invited the Executive Secretary to bring to the attention of the Executive Secretaries of the other regional commissions the activities undertaken by ECE aimed at contributing to sustainable development.

In paragraph 16 of its resolution 42/187, the General Assembly invited Governments, in co-operation with the regional commissions and the UNEP and, as appropriate, intergovernmental organizations, to support and engage in follow-up activities, such as conferences, at the national, regional and global levels. In paragraph 6 of decision A (43) the Commission welcomed the initiative of the Government of Norway to hold, in 1990, in co-operation with ECE, a regional conference at ministerial level to review progress in the follow-up of selected aspects of the Report of the World Commission and identify initiatives for further measures of relevance to the ECE region.

Duration: Three years (1988-1990)

SUB-PROGRAMME 01.4: CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

01.4.1. Review of the Commission's co-operation with other United Nations bodies

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review its activities in support of and its contribution to other United Nations programmes, especially those of UNCTAD, UNDP, UNFPA and UNEP, as well as of the other regional commissions. It will also consider matters relating to its co-operation with other United Nations bodies including the specialized agencies such as FAO, UNIDO, ILO, UNESCO and WHO as well as IAEA. Special attention will be paid to problems of the member countries of the ECE which are developing from the economic point of view as part of the Commission's contribution to the global programmes and objectives of the United Nations aiming at economic development.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission carries out this review annually on the basis of the Executive Secretary's report on the participation of such organizations and programmes in the Commission's work; on the Commission's own contribution to the programmes of these organizations; and on the secretariat's co-operation with the secretariats of these organizations, including the secretariats of the other regional commissions.

Duration: Continuing

01.4.2. Review of the Commission's co-operation with other international organizations

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review its activities related to co-operation with other intergovernmental organizations such as the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance and the European Economic Community, and with international non-governmental organizations participating in the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission undertakes this review annually on the basis of the Executive Secretary's report on the relevant activities arising out of the participation of such organizations and their secretariats in, and the contribution they make to, the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.

Duration: Continuing

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PROGRAMME 01(a) - ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND AUTOMATION

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation, approved by the Working Party at its eighth session (ECE/ENG.AUT/34, paragraph 60 and Annex I)

Sub-programme 01(a).1: Medium- and long-term trends and prospects in engineering industries and automation

Programme element

01(a).1.1 Medium- and long-term assessment of engineering industries within national, regional and global economies

Sub-programme 01(a).2: Current developments and prospects in the engineering industries and automation, including appropriate aspects of international trade

Programme element

01(a).2.1 Current developments and prospects in the engineering industries and automation, including appropriate aspects of international trade in this sector

Sub-programme 01(a).3: Selected issues in the engineering industries and in automation

Programme elements

- 01(a).3.1 Developments in robotics and flexible manufacturing systems and trends towards computer-integrated manufacturing
- 01(a).3.2 Trends and prospects in the shipbuilding industry and the production of port and marine equipment
- 01(a).3.3 Food-processing machinery including packaging techniques

Sub-programme 01(a).4: Environmental and resource-saving problems

Programme element

01(a).4.1 New means for air protection in engineering industries

Sub-programme 01(a).5: Statistics in engineering industries and automation

Programme elements

- 01(a).5.1 Development of internationally comparable statistics 1/
- 01(a).5.2 Publication of the Bulletin of Statistics on World Trade in Engineering Products 1/

1/ See also the programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians.

PROGRAMME 01(b) - GENERAL ENERGY

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Energy, approved by the Commission at its special session (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, Annex II)

Sub-programme 01(b).1: Energy programmes, policies and prospects

Programme elements

- 01(b).1.1 National energy programmes, policies and prospects
- 01(b).1.2 Selected general energy issues
- 01(b).1.3 Overview of energy activities in ECE

Sub-programme 01(b).2: Energy demand and supply

Programme elements

- 01(b).2.1 Significant new developments affecting energy demand and supply in the short and medium run
- 01(b).2.2 New and renewable sources of energy
- 01(b).2.3 End-use demand analysis, prospects and policies

Sub-programme 01(b).3: Energy trade and co-operation

Programme elements

- 01(b).3.1 Developments, policies and prospects of energy trade and co-operation
- 01(b).3.2 Identification and analysis of energy projects suitable for international co-operation

Sub-programme 01(b).4: Energy conservation

Programme elements

- 01(b).4.1 Energy conservation developments, policies and prospects in the region
- 01(b).4.2 Specific measures for energy conservation

Sub-programme 01(b).5: General energy statistics

Programme elements

- 01(b).5.1 Support for the publication of the Annual Bulletin of General Energy Statistics for Europe
- 01(b).5.2 Comprehensive ECE energy demand/supply balances for past and future years, and ECE energy data bank

PROGRAMME 01(c) - STANDARDIZATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Authority: Programme of work of the Meeting of Government Officials Responsible for Standardization Policies, approved by the Commission at its special session (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, Annex II)

Sub-programme 01(c).1: Co-ordination

Programme elements

- 01(c).1.1 Identification of problems
- 01(c).1.2 Regular guidance for programmes of work for international standardization through identification of sectors which are of interest to member Governments
- 01(c).1.3 Preparation and implementation of recommendations
- 01(c).1.4 Selected issues in metrology

Sub-programme 01(c).2: Harmonization

Programme elements

- 01(c).2.1 Review of developments, prospects and problems at the international, regional and national levels
- 01(c).2.2 Measures to facilitate the implementation of standards and technical regulations
- 01(c).2.3 Approval of definitions of terms used internationally in the fields of standardization and related activities
- 01(c).2.4 Presentation of ECE recommended standards and harmonized technical regulations
- 01(c).2.5 Preparation and implementation of recommendations

Sub-programme 01(c).3: Certification

Programme elements

- 01(c).3.1 Identification of problems
- 01(c).3.2 Collection and dissemination of information on international, regional and national certification activities and agreements
- 01(c).3.3 Measures to achieve mutual confidence in the technical competence and reliability of national certification systems
- 01(c).3.4 Promotion of international certification systems and arrangements

Sub-programme 01(c).4: Testing

Programme elements

- 01(c).4.1 Collection and dissemination of information on international, regional and national systems and arrangements on testing, laboratory accreditation and recognition of test results
- 01(c).4.2 Establishment of normative documents related to testing activities and laboratory accreditation
- 01(c).4.3 Identification of sectors which could lend themselves to priority preparation of multilateral or bilateral agreements for the recognition of test results and of recommendations to that effect to interested Governments and bodies

PROGRAMME 02 - AGRICULTURE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Agricultural Problems, approved by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session (ECE/AGRI/96, paragraphs 41-48 and Annex I)

Part I

Sub-programme 02.1: Medium- and long-term trends and prospects in agriculture
Programme element

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Sub-programme 02.2: Current developments and short-term prospects in agriculture, including international trade

Programme elements

- 02.2.1 Review of current developments in agricultural markets and trade
- 02.2.2 Commodity reports of special interest to the member countries which are developing from the economic point of view
- 02.2.3 Standardization in the food and agriculture sector

Sub-programme 02.3: Economic and technological issues in agriculture

Programme elements

- 02.3.1 Agrarian structure and farm rationalization
- 02.3.2 Agricultural mechanization
- 02.3.3 Land use, soil fertility, water and crops
- 02.3.4 Animal husbandry and feedingstuffs
- * 02.3.5

Sub-programme 02.4: Marketing and processing issues of agricultural produce and their influence on agriculture

Programme elements

- * 02.4.1
- 02.4.2 Processing of agricultural products

Sub-programme 02.5: Food and agricultural statistics

Programme element

- 02.5.1 Harmonization of food and agricultural statistics

Part II

- 02.1.1 Periodic review of selected long-term developments in agriculture
- 02.3.5 Agriculture and environment
- 02.4.1 Marketing of agricultural products

PROGRAMME 03 - CHEMICALS

Authority: Programme of work of the Chemical Industry Committee, approved by the Commission at its special session (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, Annex II)

Sub-programme 03.1: Long- and medium-term trends and prospects in the chemical industry

Programme element

03.1.1 Long- and medium-term prospects in the chemical industry

Sub-programme 03.2: Current developments and prospects in the chemical industry, including international trade

Programme elements

03.2.1 Annual Review of the Chemical Industry

03.2.2 Market trends and outlook for selected chemical products

03.2.3 Studies of national developments in the chemical industry

Sub-programme 03.3: Economic and technological issues in the chemical industry

Programme elements

03.3.1 The use of electric energy in the chemical industry

03.3.2 Membrane technology in the chemical industry

Sub-programme 03.4: Environmental and resource issues in the chemical industry

Programme element

03.4.1 Disposal and use of wastes from phosphoric acid and titanium dioxide production

Sub-programme 03.5: Statistics and information on the chemical industry

Programme elements

03.5.1 Development of internationally comparable statistics, including those of specialized products

03.5.2 Publication of the Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products

PROGRAMME 04 - COAL

Authority: Programme of work of the Coal Committee, approved by the Commission at its special session (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, Annex II)

Sub-programme 04.1: Medium and long-term prospects

Programme elements

- 04.1.1 Prospects for the coal industry in the ECE region
- 04.1.2 World coal trade up to the year 2000

Sub-programme 04.2: Current developments, including international trade in coal

Programme elements

- 04.2.1 Review of short-term fluctuations in the demand for and supply of solid fuels
- 04.2.2 Review of coal consumption in selected sectors

Sub-programme 04.3: Selected technical and economic issues of underground coal mining

Programme elements

- 04.3.1 Technical progress in underground mining processes
- 04.3.2 Economic and organizational issues of underground mining
- 04.3.3 Measures to improve mine safety in underground extraction of coal
- 04.3.4 Development of more efficient mining systems

Sub-programme 04.4: Selected technical and economic issues of opencast coal mining

Programme elements

- 04.4.1 Technical progress in opencast mining processes
- 04.4.2 Economic and organizational issues of opencast mining
- 04.4.3 Environmental aspects of opencast mining

Sub-programme 04.5: Coal research and development issues

Programme elements

- 04.5.1 Review of the activities of national mining research institutes
- 04.5.2 Introduction of computers for process control and data processing in mines
- 04.5.3 Problems of coal extraction at great depth

Sub-programme 04.6: Coal preparation and utilization

Programme elements

- 04.6.1 New coal utilization technologies
- 04.6.2 Utilization of low-calorific-value fuels
- 04.6.3 Preparation of a new ECE classification of coals
- 04.6.4 Environmental aspects of coal utilization
- 04.6.5 Promotion of wider use of coal in industry and other sectors

Sub-programme 04.7: Coal statistics

Programme elements

- 04.7.1 Support for the publication of the Annual Bulletin of Coal Statistics for Europe
- 04.7.2 Capital formation, costs of production and investment intentions in the coal industry
- 04.7.3 Development of internationally-comparable coal statistics

PROGRAMME 05 - ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER PROBLEMS

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems, approved by the Senior Advisers at their first session (ECE/ENVWA/3, paragraphs 74-80 and Annex I)

Part I

Sub-programme 05.1: Policy and management issues

Programme elements

- 05.1.1 Current environmental and water management trends and policies in ECE countries
- 05.1.2 Environment and economics
- 05.1.3 Environmental and water statistics

Sub-programme 05.2: Environmental impact assessment

Programme elements

- 05.2.1 Frameworks and methodology of environmental impact assessment
- 05.2.2 Environmental impact assessment in connection with transboundary issues
- 05.2.3 Environmental impact assessment for sectoral activities

Sub-programme 05.3: Air pollution problems

Programme elements

- 05.3.1 Information on activities of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution
- 05.3.2 Selected issues of air pollution

Sub-programme 05.4: Low-waste technology and waste management

Programme elements

- 05.4.1 Evaluation of cost-effectiveness of energy- and resource-saving technologies
- 05.4.2 Recovery, recycling and re-utilization of industrial wastes
- 05.4.3 Economic implications of low-waste technology
- 05.4.4 Hazardous waste management

Sub-programme 05.5: Water management

Programme element

- 05.5.1 Co-operation in the field of transboundary waters
- 05.5.2 Ground-water management
- 05.5.3 Dam Safety
- 05.5.4 Ecosystems approach in water management
- 05.5.5 Optimal water management of small rivers
- 05.5.6 Water and agriculture
- 05.5.7 Treatment of domestic sewage and industrial waste water

Sub-programme 05.6: Flora, fauna and their habitats

Programme element

- 05.6.1 Approaches, methods and techniques for monitoring flora, fauna and their habitats
- 05.6.2 Assessment of the status of rare, endangered and migratory species in Europe
- 05.6.3 Study of the relationship between economic activities and conservation of flora, fauna and their habitats

Part II

Automated data processing applied to water management

PROGRAMME 06 - ELECTRIC POWER

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Electric Power, approved by the Committee at its forty-sixth session (ECE/EP/76, paragraphs 48-55 and Annex I)

Sub-programme 06.1: Medium- and long-term prospects for electric power

Programme elements

- 06.1.1 Electric power situation, prospects and policies in the ECE region

Sub-programme 06.2: Electric power generation

Programme elements

- 06.2.1 Nuclear power stations
06.2.2 Fossil fuel power stations
06.2.3 Hydroelectric schemes
06.2.5 Combined production of electric power and heat

Sub-programme 06.3: Problems of planning and operating large power systems

Programme elements

- 06.3.1 International interconnections
06.3.3 Maps of high-voltage electric power networks
06.3.4 Electric power systems planning and operation
06.3.5 Load curves and load management

Sub-programme 06.4: Rational use of electricity and electricity distribution outside the major urban areas

Programme elements

- 06.4.1 Electricity distribution, equipment and networks outside the major urban areas
06.4.2 Rational use of electricity, equipment and techniques

Sub-programme 06.5: Electric power and the environment

Programme elements

- 06.5.1 Impact on the environment of electric power stations
06.5.3 Impact on the environment of large cooling towers
06.5.4 Methods of purifying waste water from thermal power stations
06.5.5 Implications of climatic changes induced by carbon dioxide (CO₂) for electricity production using nuclear and fossil-fuel-fired plant

Sub-programme 06.6: Electric power statistics and information

Programme elements

- 06.6.1 Publication of the Annual Bulletin of Electric Energy Statistics for Europe
06.6.2 Selected statistical issues
06.6.3 Exchange of information on international standardization
06.6.4 Co-ordination of glossaries on electric power

PROGRAMME 07 - GAS

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Gas, approved by the Committee at its thirty-fourth session (ECE/GAS/92, paragraph 40 and Annex I)

Sub-programme 07.1: Medium and long-term prospects

Programme elements

- 07.1.1 Future role of gas in meeting energy requirements
- 07.1.2 Long-term development of the LPG industry

Sub-programme 07.2: Current developments in gas, including international trade

Programme elements

- 07.2.1 Recent developments in gas availabilities and consumption
- 07.2.2 Intraregional trade in gas
- 07.2.3 Interregional trade in gas
- 07.2.4 Environmental aspects of the gas industry
- 07.2.5 Co-operation in the field of gas research

Sub-programme 07.3: Gas resources

Programme elements

- 07.3.1 Geological and geophysical methods of prospecting for natural gas
- 07.3.2 Exploitation of natural gas, stimulation and enhanced recovery techniques
- 07.3.3 Assessment of natural gas resources
- 07.3.4 Offshore exploration and production

Sub-programme 07.4: Gas transport and storage

Programme elements

- 07.4.1 Construction, management and maintenance of gas transport systems
- 07.4.2 Offshore technology and sea pipelines
- 07.4.3 Underground gas storage
- 07.4.4 Large-scale storage of LPG

Sub-programme 07.5: Gas use and distribution

Programme elements

- 07.5.1 Gas saving and rational use
- 07.5.2 Use of gas heat pumps
- 07.5.3 Efficiency of gas-utilizing appliances and equipment
- 07.5.4 Use of gases as motor-vehicle fuel
- 07.5.5 New developments in gas distribution systems and operational practices
- 07.5.6 Gasification of solid fuels and waste production and use of substitute natural gas
- 07.5.7 Use of computers in the gas industry

Sub-programme 07.6: Gas statistics and information

Programme elements

- 07.6.1 Publication of the Annual Bulletin of Gas Statistics
- 07.6.2 Statistics on selected gas issues

PROGRAMME 08 - HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Housing, Building and Planning, approved by the Commission at its special session (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, Annex II)

Sub-programme 08.1: Integrated settlements policies and strategies

Programme elements

- 08.1.1 Human settlements situation and related current trends and policies
- 08.1.2 Urban renewal and modernization policies
- 08.1.3 Human settlements problems in southern Europe

Sub-programme 08.2: Urban and regional planning

Programme elements

- 08.2.1 Promotion of international co-operation in the field of urban and regional research
- 08.2.2 Energy issues in urban and regional planning
- 08.2.3 Planning for recreation and leisure areas
- 08.2.4 New techniques to collect and process land-use data

Sub-programme 08.3: Housing policies

Programme elements

- 08.3.1 Housing forecasting and programming
- 08.3.2 Tools and methodologies for elaborating effective housing policies 2/

Sub-programme 08.4: Building

Programme elements

- 08.4.1 Building technology
- 08.4.2 Energy conservation in buildings
- 08.4.3 Promotion of international trade in buildings, building products and know-how
- 08.4.4 International harmonization of the technical content of building regulations
- 08.4.5 Building pathology and prevention of disorders

Sub-programme 08.5: Human settlements statistics

Programme element

- 08.5.1 Development of human settlements statistics

2/ Also includes the former activity on rent policy (08.3.4)

PROGRAMME 09 - INLAND TRANSPORT

Authority: Programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee, approved by the Committee at its forty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/72, paragraphs 246-249 and Add.1)

Sub-programme 09.1: Transport perspectives

Programme elements

- 09.1.1 Review of general trends with regard to transport development and transport policy
- 09.1.2 Analysis of specific transport economic issues
- 09.1.3 Development of transport in the Mediterranean Region

Sub-programme 09.2: Transport infrastructure

Programme elements

- 09.2.1 Road infrastructure
- 09.2.2 Rail transport infrastructure
- 09.2.3 Inland waterway infrastructure
- 09.2.4 Linking of the European transport network to that of other regions

Sub-programme 09.3: Transport vehicles and vessels

Programme elements

- 09.3.1 Harmonization and improvement of regulations and recommendations for road vehicles
- 09.3.2 Arrangements for the elimination of technical barriers to international trade of motor vehicles and their equipment and parts
- 09.3.3 Harmonization and improvement of standards for inland navigation vessels

Sub-programme 09.4: Transport operations and facilitation

Programme elements

- 09.4.1 Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operations
- 09.4.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international railway transport and facilitation of its operations
- 09.4.3 Harmonization of requirements concerning international inland waterway transport and facilitation of its operations, including the study of legal provisions
- 09.4.4 Harmonization of requirements concerning more than one mode of transport
- 09.4.5 Promotion of combined and multimodal transport
- 09.4.6 Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operations

Sub-programme 09.5: Transport safety

Programme elements

- 09.5.1 Road transport safety
- 09.5.2 Rail transport safety
- 09.5.3 Inland water transport safety
- 09.5.4 Safety requirements for the construction, maintenance and handling of containers and piggyback transport equipment

Sub-programme 09.6: Transport of dangerous goods

Programme elements

- 09.6.1 Establishment and up-dating of general rules for the transport of dangerous goods within the framework of the Economic and Social Council's Committee of Experts
- 09.6.2 Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterways and combined transport

Sub-programme 09.7: Transport aspects of energy saving and environmental protection

Programme elements

- 09.7.1 Promotion of economy and efficiency in transport
- 09.7.2 Impact of transport infrastructure and operations on the environment including pollution and noise

Sub-programme 09.8: Transport statistics and information

Programme elements

- 09.8.1 Development of internationally comparable and agreed standards including methods of collection and definitions, concerning inland transport and road traffic accident statistics
- 09.8.2 Publication of the Annual Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe
- 09.8.3 Publication of Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe
- 09.8.4 Publication of the results of the road traffic censuses
- 09.8.5 Periodical circulation of selected transport information
- 09.8.6 Harmonization of transport statistics in Europe

Sub-programme 09.9: Facilitation of movement and transport of disabled persons

Programme elements

- 09.9.1 Road transport aspects
- 09.9.2 Rail transport aspects
- 09.9.3 Inland water transport aspects

PROGRAMME 10 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology, approved by the Commission at its special session (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, Annex II)

Sub-programme 10.1: Medium- and long-term perspectives

Programme element

10.1.1 Science and technology trends in the region and in selected sectors

Sub-programme 10.2: Current developments

Programme elements

10.2.1 Review of changes in national policies, priorities and institutions

10.2.2 Evaluation of R and D activities

10.2.3 Role of forecasting in the formulation of science and technology policies

Sub-programme 10.3: Transfer of technology

Programme elements

10.3.1 Manual on licensing procedures

Sub-programme 10.4: Selected issues

Programme elements

10.4.1 Selected issues in biotechnology

10.4.2 Technology for predicting earthquakes

10.4.3 New areas for co-operation

PROGRAMME 11 - ECONOMIC PLANS, PROGRAMMES AND PERSPECTIVES

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments, approved by the Senior Advisers at their twenty-fourth session (ECE/EC.AD/31, paragraphs 39-42 and Annex)

Sub-programme 11.1: Exchange of information in medium- and long-term economic development

Programme elements

- 11.1.1 Exchange of information on the medium- and long-term development of national economies
- 11.1.2 Exchange of information on medium- and long-term plans, programmes and projections

Sub-programme 11.2: Long-term projections and perspectives

Programme elements

- 11.2.1 Overall Economic Perspective to the Year 2000
- 11.2.2 Follow-up activities in long-term projections and perspectives

Sub-programme 11.3: Selected medium- and long-term economic issues

Programme elements

- 11.3.1 Trends and factors in the development of personal and collective services and their impact on economic growth
- 11.3.2 Structural changes in employment, labour productivity and working patterns and their impact on economic growth
- 11.3.3 International trade and structural changes - interregional and intraregional trends of development

PROGRAMME 12 - STATISTICS

Authority: Programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians, approved by the Commission at its special session (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, Annex II)

Sub-programme 12.1: Regional statistical co-operation

Programme element

- 12.1.1 Review and promotion of co-ordination of statistical work in the ECE region

Sub-programme 12.2: Organization and operation of statistical services

Programme elements

- 12.2.1 Use of computers for statistical purposes and design and development of statistical information systems
- 12.2.2 Methodological issues in the collection, processing, dissemination and analysis of statistical data
- 12.2.3 Other issues in the organization and operation of statistical offices

Sub-programme 12.3: Methodological development and harmonization of economic statistics

Programme elements

- 12.3.1 Development and linking of SNA and MPS national accounts and balances systems
- 12.3.2 Promotion of publication and dissemination of internationally comparable statistics on production, national income, productivity and purchasing power parities (ICP)
- 12.3.3 Statistics of the distribution of income of households
- 12.3.4 Development and harmonization of statistical nomenclatures relating to economic activities and goods and services
- 12.3.5 Price and quantity statistics
- 12.3.6 Agricultural statistics
- 12.3.7 General energy statistics
- 12.3.8 Statistics of engineering industries and automation
- 12.3.9 Transport statistics
- 12.3.10 Statistics of services

Sub-programme 12.4: Methodological development and harmonization of social and demographic statistics

Programme elements

- 12.4.1 Framework for the integration of social and demographic statistics
- 12.4.2 Development and harmonization of statistical nomenclatures in the field of social and demographic statistics 3/

3/ Programme elements included in the long-term programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians, but on which no activity is planned before 1990.

- 12.4.3 Co-ordination of selected social and demographic statistics within the FSDS and with national accounts and balances
- 12.4.4 Population and housing censuses
- 12.4.5 Manpower statistics
- 12.4.6 Housing statistics
- 12.4.7 Statistics and indicators on the role and situation of women
- 12.4.8 Migration statistics
- 12.4.9 Demographic projections

Sub-programme 12.5: Methodological development and harmonization of environment and related statistics

Programme elements

- 12.5.1 Frameworks for environment statistics
- 12.5.2 Environmental indicators
- 12.5.3 General methodological problems in environment statistics
- 12.5.4 Statistics of land use
- 12.5.5 Statistics of water use and quality
- 12.5.6 Statistics of air quality
- 12.5.7 Statistics of fauna, flora and their habitats
- 12.5.8 Statistics of solid wastes
- 12.5.9 Promotion of bilateral and multilateral projects in the field of environment statistics

Sub-programme 12.6: Statistical support for ECE publications, studies and projects

Programme elements

- 12.6.1 Publication of statistical bulletins
- 12.6.2 Support for the statistical work of other ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies (including the publication of statistical bulletins by other PSBs)
- 12.6.3 Provision of statistical information for ECE studies and projects
- 12.6.4 Substantive support for statistical activities financially supported by UNDP

PROGRAMME 13 - STEEL

Authority: Programme of work of the Steel Committee, approved by the Committee at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/STEEL/60, paragraphs 83-87 and Annex I)

Sub-programme 13.1: Long-term trends and prospects in the iron and steel industry

Programme element

13.1.1 Long-term prospects in the iron and steel industry

Subprogramme 13.2: Current developments and medium-term prospects in the iron and steel industry, including international trade

Programme elements

13.2.1 Short-term developments and prospects in the steel industry and the steel market

13.2.2 Studies of national developments in the iron and steel industry

Subprogramme 13.3: Economic and technological issues in the iron and steel industry

Programme elements

13.3.1 Economic and technical aspects of the modernization of the iron and steel industry

13.3.2 New applications for steel in view of the challenge from substitute materials

13.3.3 Importance of the iron and steel industry for the economic activity of ECE member countries

Subprogramme 13.4: Environmental and resource issues in the iron and steel industry

Programme element

13.4.1 Protection against air and water pollution and the utilization of by-products of the iron and steel industry

Subprogramme 13.5: Iron and steel statistics

Programme elements

13.5.1 Development of steel statistics

13.5.2 Publication of steel statistics

13.5.3 Statistics on iron and steel scrap

PROGRAMME 14 - TIMBER

Authority: Programme of work of the Timber Committee, approved by the Commission at its special session (E/ECE/1150/Rev.1, Annex II)

Sub-programme 14.1: Medium- and long-term trends, prospects and policies for forestry and forest products

Programme elements

- 14.1.1 Appraisal of medium- and long-term timber trends and prospects
- 14.1.2 Medium-term trends in the structure and capacity of the wood-processing industries
- 14.1.3 Trends, prospects and policies in forestry and forest products in southern Europe

Sub-programme 14.2: Current forest products market developments and short-term prospects, including international trade

Programme elements

- 14.2.1 Review of production, trade, consumption and prices of forest products
- 14.2.2 Standardization of stress grading and finger-jointing of coniferous sawn timber

Sub-programme 14.3: Forest working techniques and training of forest workers

Programme elements

- 14.3.1 Silvicultural operations and general management aspects
- 14.3.2 Wood harvesting and transport
- 14.3.3 Vocational training, applied ergonomics, occupational safety and health

Sub-programme 14.4: Economic, technological and managerial issues for the wood-working industries

Programme elements

- 14.4.1 Development and introduction of new technologies and management methods in the wood-working industries, including furniture
- 14.4.2 Development of new products, markets and applications for forest products
- 14.4.3 Energy conservation and self-sufficiency in the mechanical wood-processing industries

Sub-programme 14.5: Environmental and resource conservation issues

Programme elements

- 14.5.1 Quantification and evaluation of the environmental benefits of forests
- 14.5.2 Rational use of wood biomass and the reduction of losses
- 14.5.3 Implications of air pollution damage to forests for the forestry and forest products sector
- 14.5.4 Measures to be taken in the event of sudden and severe damage to forests

Sub-programme 14.6: Forest and forest products economics and statistics

Programme elements

- 14.6.1 Publication of the Timber Bulletin
- 14.6.2 Selected problems of economics and statistics of forestry and forest products
- 14.6.3 Forest resource analysis
- 14.6.4 Transfer of economic and statistical methods and experience in the forest and forest products sector

PROGRAMME 15 - TRADE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on the Development of Trade, approved by Committee at its thirty-sixth session (ECE/TRADE/161, paragraphs 60-62 and Annex) and amended by the Commission at its forty-third session (decision J (43))

Sub-programme 15.1: Analysis and review of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems

Programme elements

- 15.1.1 Review of recent and prospective trends, policies and problems affecting intraregional trade, including financing and compensation trade
- 15.1.2 Review of trade and economic co-operation agreements including a Register of such agreements

Sub-programme 15.2: Identification and examination of all kinds of obstacles to the development of trade among ECE member countries, especially in east-west trade giving due attention to measures for the promotion of trade and diversification of its structure

Programme elements

- 15.2.1 All kinds of obstacles to the development of trade
- 15.2.2 Promotion and diversification of east-west trade

Sub-programme 15.3: The development and transparency of market information, marketing and financing techniques and improved business contacts

Programme elements

- 15.3.1 Information relevant to the promotion of trade and industrial co-operation
- 15.3.2 East-west business opportunities and trade prospects

Sub-programme 15.4: Promotion of trade through industrial co-operation

Programme elements

- 15.4.1 Review of recent and prospective trends and policies affecting industrial co-operation
- 15.4.2 Consideration of means for creating favourable conditions for industrial co-operation

Sub-programme 15.5: International trade procedures, contract practices, trade aspects of regulatory and standardizing activities and commercial arbitration

Programme elements

- 15.5.1 Facilitation of international trade procedures including documentation, trade data elements and automatic data interchange
- 15.5.2 Preparation and revision of Guides and General Conditions relating to contracts for international commercial arbitration
- 15.5.3 Standardization and related activities
- 15.5.4 International commercial arbitration

Sub-programme 15.6: Trade problems of the member countries of the ECE which are developing from the economic point of view

Programme elements

- 15.6.1 Review of trade problems specific to these member countries and consideration of action in respect of identified problems
- 15.6.2 Measures to improve trade promotion efforts of these member countries

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