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**FORMAL SEGMENT
RECORD OF DECISIONS**

1. At the Ad Hoc Meeting of the Commission held on 2 September 2003, the Commission, during its formal segment, and with reference to Agenda Item 2: UNECE follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD), agreed to the Chairperson's oral summary of the decision reached on the item, on the understanding that the written text would be forwarded to delegations ad referendum.

2. The written text, reproduced below was accepted by all UNECE member States.

“In response to the invitation by the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) at its eleventh session, the Commission, at its Ad Hoc Informal Meeting of 2 September 2003, during the formal segment, took a decision to hold the first Regional Implementation Meeting on 15-16 January 2004 in order to contribute to the work of the CSD.

The Commission further decided that the meeting, to be of one and a half days duration, would be at the level of senior officials and that the invitations would be addressed to the national focal points for sustainable development with the expectation that experts on the priority areas of water, sanitation and human settlements would be included in the delegations. Should any country wish, however, to be represented at the ministerial level, such decision would be the prerogative of the concerned government. Relevant international organizations with activities in the UNECE region would also be invited, as would local authorities and representatives of civil society and the private sector.

It was also agreed that background documents would be prepared for each of the three priority areas.

The Commission agreed that the meeting would not have a negotiated outcome; rather the Chairperson's conclusions would be made available and submitted to the CSD secretariat as the regional input to the next CSD session.

The Commission decided that a preparatory meeting would be desirable, preferably accommodated within the existing framework of UNECE meetings. Such a meeting should be scheduled no later than mid to late November 2003."

3. The meeting was converted to an informal meeting.
