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FORMAL SEGMENT

RECORD OF DECISIONS

1. The formal segment of the Ad Hoc Informal Meeting dealt with Agenda Item 2: Comprehensive Evaluation of the UNECE.

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2. At the Ad Hoc Informal Meeting of 2 July 2004, it was agreed to extend the deadline for the receipt of financial contributions for the Evaluation Study until 30 September 2004, on the understanding that thereafter a further Ad Hoc Informal Meeting would be held in early October to take stock of the situation. In this regard, it was also decided to retain the Scan and Haavisto teams under consideration along with Mr. Paschke and to contact the two teams with a view to defining the role Mr. Paschke could play.

3. At the Ad Hoc Meeting of 1 October, the Chair provided the Commission with updated information on the receipt of contributions and the results of the consultations with the potential evaluators. The Chair reported that the pledges received were still short of the original budget of US\$140,000 but that the evaluators were willing to integrate Mr. Paschke into their teams and to accept a reduced fee. However, the details concerning this had yet to be worked out.

4. It was therefore agreed that the Troika comprising the Chair of the Commission, the Chair of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work, and the Executive Secretary would be mandated to meet with the teams and work out the final details and to take an informed decision on behalf of the Commission as to which team would be engaged as consultants by the United Nations to undertake the Evaluation Study. The Commission would be kept informed of developments.

5. The Chair converted the meeting into an informal meeting.

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