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Programme of work – Trade subprogramme's programme of work for 2023 and outline of key components of the programme of work for 2024

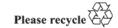
Trade subprogramme's draft programme of work for 2023

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

- 1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Trade subprogramme ("the subprogramme") for 2023. The Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards ("the Committee") is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Executive Committee (Excom) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) for approval. Any subsequent additional, carried over or terminated deliverables will be reflected in the United Nations Umoja system used by the secretariat for planning, monitoring, and reporting on the implementation of the programme.
- 2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management approach, a broad management approach which establishes logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables results objectives impact) known as 'results chain', the resources (human and financial) known as "inputs" and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent the subprogramme from achieving the objective.
- 3. The objective, the strategy, the planned results and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2023 (A/77/6 (Sect.20)). The work of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge. This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables; and (d) communication deliverables.

The ECE nexus areas are as follows: 1) Sustainable use of natural resources; 2) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; 3) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and 4) Measuring and monitoring progress towards the SDGs.





4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex I. The overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

II. Objective

5. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen trade facilitation and electronic business, regulatory cooperation and standardization policies, agricultural quality standards and trade-related economic cooperation in the ECE region and beyond.

III. Strategy

- 6. The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Economic Cooperation and Trade Division of ECE.
- 7. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of core interlinked functions. The first function is international policy dialogue on: reducing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade that hamper market access, including those caused by cumbersome procedures and substantial paperwork; differences in trade procedures, standards and documents; and divergent regulatory approaches and product standards. The second function is normative work to develop standards and recommendations in the areas of trade facilitation and e-business, agricultural quality standards and regulatory cooperation. The third function is focused on capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of work. Through its work, the subprogramme will contribute to the ECE nexuses on sustainable mobility and smart connectivity, the sustainable use of natural resources and sustainable and smart cities for all ages, and to the cross-cutting theme of circular economy.
- 8. To contribute to the objective, the subprogramme will continue to promote simple, transparent and effective processes for global trade. The subprogramme also plans to continue its normative work to develop standards and recommendations in the areas of trade facilitation and electronic business. The subprogramme will continue to facilitate international policy dialogue on establishing digital trading environments and ensuring compliance with the requirements of the multilateral trading system, and dissemination of the instruments such as standards, recommendations and guidelines. In addition, the subprogramme will promote sustainable and resilient value chains and enhanced traceability and circularity, e.g. minimizing waste and maximizing the use of natural resources towards circular economy, through studies, policy dialogues, technology-based pilot initiatives (for example, blockchain-based traceability for textile value chains) etc. This work will help member States to make progress towards SDGs 8 and 12.
- 9. The subprogramme will continue to promote a predictable and harmonized regulatory environment through strengthening regulatory cooperation and promoting standards and best practices in regulatory frameworks, risk management, conformity assessment and market surveillance. The subprogramme will also disseminate gender-responsive standards, which aim at providing a practical way forward for standards bodies wishing to make both their standards and the standards development process gender-responsive. In addition, it will disseminate standards for SDGs, which showcase information on standards and maps them according to the Goals of the 2030 Agenda. This work will support member States to progress towards SDGs 5 and 17.
- 10. The subprogramme will continue to promote up-to-date agricultural quality standards and explanatory guidelines through its normative work in these areas. Mindful of 1.6 billion tonnes of food lost or wasted while more than 800 million people suffer from hunger worldwide, the subprogramme will also address food loss and waste, by promoting awareness on food loss reduction through policy dialogues, partnerships with international organizations, technology-based initiatives (e.g. blockchain-based food loss application). This work will support member States to progress towards SDG 12.

- 11. The subprogramme will continue to carry out analytical evidence-based studies to identify regulatory and procedural barriers to trade and assist Governments by setting action-oriented recommendations for implementing the above-mentioned instruments. This work will support member States to progress towards SDG 12.
- 12. The subprogramme plans to support member States on issues related to COVID-19 by further deepening its normative, technical assistance and capacity-building activities as well as international policy dialogue of the subprogramme on digitalization in order to support a sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19. This work will support member States to progress towards SDG 8 and 9.
- 13. The above-mentioned work is expected to result in:
 - (a) simplified trade processes, increased digitalization and greater productivity;
 - (b) increased transparency and traceability of the value chains and reduction of waste, promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns;
 - (c) greater uptake of international standards by countries, in order to enable the implementation of internationally harmonized regulatory processes;
 - (d) support for the public and private sectors in the member States to facilitate trade; and
 - (e) increased gender equality in trade.
- 14. The planned support on issues related to COVID-19 is expected to result in enhanced digitalization of trade (e.g. progress towards adoption of trade-related digital services like Single Window) to minimize COVID-19 transmission risks in the ECE member States.

IV. Planned results for 2023

15. The planned results for 2023 include results 1 and 2, which are updates of results presented in the preceding programme plans. Result 3 is continuing work introduced into the planned results for 2023.

Result 1: Improved traceability in the garment sector²

Programme performance in 2021

- 16. The rise of consumer awareness around issues of environmental sustainability has increased the need for easy to understand consumer labelling and improvements to the traceability of origin and environmental compliance of garments production. To improve transparency, traceability and reduce complexity of language on labelling, a constraint to informed consumer choices, from 2018 to 2020, the subprogramme has been developing a sectoral framework for traceability and transparency of sustainable and circular value chains in the garment and footwear industry based on global standards. This includes: a policy recommendation, implementation guidelines, a call to action, and a technical standard for "Enhancing transparency and traceability for sustainable and circular garment and footwear value chains". To develop this framework and support its uptake and implementation, the subprogramme has mobilized a multi-stakeholder network of experts representing Governments, private sector, international organizations, civil society and think tanks (over 170 experts, including from associations representing more than 190,000 businesses globally).
- 17. The above-mentioned work contributed to piloting the transparency and traceability framework for sustainable and circular value chains in the cotton sector in five countries and in partnership with eight businesses, including brands, manufacturers and farmers, and involving innovative start-ups and technology solution providers, which met the planned target reflected in the proposed programme budget for 2022.

² As reflected in the proposed programme budget for 2023 (A/77/6 (Sect. 20)).

Proposed programme plan for 2023

18. The subprogramme will continue the work related to the planned result, in line with its mandate. To contribute to further progress towards the objective, the subprogramme will build on the lessons of implementing the framework in member States and adapt it further, including development and adoption of a principles-based approach, to enlarge its applicability to include transition economies in the ECE region. The expected progress is presented in the performance measure below (see Table 1).

Table 1 **Performance measure**

| 2019 (actual) | 2020 (actual) | 2021 (actual) | 2022 (planned) | 2023 (planned) |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Development of the transparency and traceability system by ECE/United Nations/United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business experts and partners | Piloting of the transparency and traceability system in 5 countries and in partnership with 8 businesses | Implementation of the transparency and traceability system in 15 countries with 50 industry actors | Implementation of the transparency and traceability system by 3 additional countries | Implementation of the transparency and traceability system in 3 additional countries and 10 additional industry actors |

Result 2: Enhanced digitalization of trade in the ECE member States

Programme performance in 2021

19. The subprogramme's work contributed to average implementation rate of 76 per cent of digital trade facilitation measures of ECE member States, which exceeded the planned target of 71 per cent. The estimate is based on data from 44 member States participating in the Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2021.

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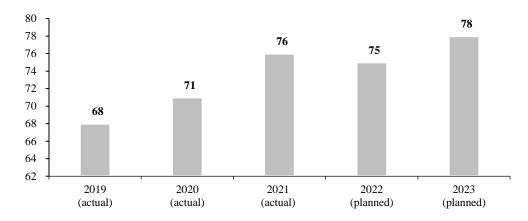
Global trade has been hit hard due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Digitally enabled solutions to trade-related services have played an important role during the pandemic period as physical distancing is a key protective measure against virus infection. Recovery postcrisis requires innovative solutions based on sustainability and resilience. A priority of the subprogramme is to facilitate trade through greater digitalization i.e. simplification and dematerialization of trade processes, adoption of information and communication technology, adoption and harmonization of international standards and guidelines, and promotion of interoperable digital systems. The subprogramme has been developing trade facilitation recommendations and electronic business standards for many years through the intergovernmental body, the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). To date, UN/CEFACT has produced more than 40 policy recommendations on trade facilitation, over 400 electronic business standards, several training materials, and other guidance materials, which are available freely to the global trading community. This normative work along with policy guidance, technical assistance and capacity-building activities are geared towards greater digitalization of trade. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the focus on digitalization will be further emphasized in the normative, technical assistance and capacity-building activities of the subprogramme in order to support a sustainable and resilient recovery.

Expected progress towards the attainment of the objective, and performance measure

21. This work is expected to contribute to the objective, as demonstrated by an increase in average implementation rate of digital trade facilitation measures³ in the ECE member States (see Figure I).

Figure I
Performance measure: average implementation rate of digital trade facilitation measures of ECE member States

(percentage)



Result 3: Increased facilitation of agricultural trade through adoption of agricultural quality and electronic business standards in the ECE member States

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22. The agricultural quality standards and electronic business standards are two long-standing and interrelated instruments developed by the Trade subprogramme. The agricultural quality standards are used as market access tools for traders. The electronic business standards, for example, the electronic certificate (E-cert) standard, allow electronic exchange of export certificates for transparent and efficient trade transactions for agricultural products. Such standards may boost the uptake of circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources concepts, including prevention of food loss and waste, as they prescribe a minimum product quality and ensure transparent and efficient transactions. In line with decision B (69) of the sixty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe (April 2021), the subprogramme will further realign its approach to integrate the promotion of principles of circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources in its activities and deliverables.

Lessons learned and planned changes

23. The lesson for the subprogramme was the need to leverage synergies among the crosscutting themes as well as contribute to the transition to the circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will enhance the impact of its existing instruments by integrating cross-cutting themes such as circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources. For example, normative work will be supported by technical assistance and capacity-building to facilitate implementation of the electronic sanitary and phytosanitary certificates (E-SPS certificates). ECE Working Parties (WP.6,

The data shown in the figure have been extracted from the 'Paperless Trade' category of trade facilitation measures covered in the United Nations Global Surveys on Digital and Sustainable Trade, which is undertaken every two years jointly by the five United Nations Regional Commissions. The subprogramme will conduct the next Survey in 2021 and plans to include an additional component on the impact and best practices on trade facilitation due to COVID-19.

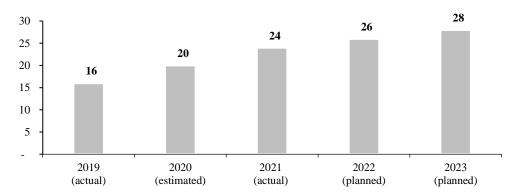
WP.7, UN/CEFACT) will address cross-cutting themes in their normative work and capacitybuilding for implementation support.

24. The expected progress towards the objective is presented in the performance measure below (see Figure II).

Figure II

Performance measure: number of the ECE member States fully or partially implementing the ECE standard for "electronic application and issuance of E-SPS certificates"

(cumulative)



V. External factors

- 25. The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective on the assumption that: (a) Member States continue to support the work of ECE and give high priority to regional and subregional cooperation and integration, with a view to achieving sustainable development; (b) All relevant stakeholders at the national level have the political will to cooperate in implementing the ECE legal instruments, norms and standards; and (c) Voluntary resources continue to be available.
- 26. With regard to the post-crisis situation, the programme plan is based on the assumption that the proposed deliverables and activities for 2023 will be feasible to implement. However, if the crisis were to further impact the planned deliverables and activities, they would be adjusted during 2023 within the scope of the overall objectives, strategies and mandates. Any such adjustments would be reported as part of the programme performance information.

VI. Deliverables to be implemented in 2023

27. The table below lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

Subprogramme 6: deliverables for the period 2023, by category and subcategory

| Categ | ory and subcategory | 2021 planned | 2021 actual | 2022 planned | 2023 planned |
|-------|--|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. | Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies | | | | |
| | Parliamentary documentation (number of documents) | 110 | 110 | 110 | 108 |
| Docu | mentation for the: | | | | |
| 1. | Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards | 13 | 8 | 13 | 10 |
| 2. | Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies | 13 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 3. | Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards | 60 | 66 | 60 | 60 |
| 4. | United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |
| | Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings) | 91 | 88 | 91 | 96 |

| Category and subcategory Meetings of the: | planned | actual | planned | planned |
|---|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | | 1 | |
| 5. Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards and its Bureau | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| 6. Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies, its Bureau | | | | |
| and related expert bodies | 5 | 5 | 5 | 13 |
| 7. Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards and its specialized sections | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| 3. United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business | 53 | 53 | 53 | 53 |
| B. Generation and transfer of knowledge | | | | |
| Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects) | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| 9. Enhancing usage and uptake of standards for sustainable development, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls | - | 1 | - | - |
| 10. Trade facilitation | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 11. Food loss and agriculture | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |
| 12. Food loss reduction in agriculture supply chains | - | - | - | 1 |
| Seminars, workshops, and training events (number of days) | 18 | 17 | 18 | 14 |
| 13. Seminars for standardization and inspection agencies and other stakeholders in ransition economies and developing countries in the ECE region or beyond on ECE | | | | |
| agricultural quality standards | 6 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| 14. Seminars for policymakers and experts in transition economies and developing countries in the ECE region or beyond on support for the implementation of trade-related standards, recommendations and guidelines | 9 | 13 | 9 | 6 |
| 15. Workshops for policymakers and experts in low- and middle-income countries in the | | | | |
| ECE region on trade procedures, supply chain management, conformity assessment and | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| market surveillance, and women's entrepreneurship | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Publications (number of publications) | 10 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| 16. on ECE trade facilitation best practice and recommendations | 1 | 2 | 1 | - |
| 17. on trade standards in the following areas: traceability and risk management; e- business; education; and sustainable development | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 18. Trade facilitation recommendations, standards and strategies | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 19. Agricultural trade and supply chains | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 20. Regulatory and procedural barriers to trade in a country to be decided | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 21. Risk-based inspections and disaster and sustainable development | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 22. Gender-responsive standards | - | - | - | 3 |
| Fechnical materials (number of materials) | 8 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| 23. Standards and guidelines on agricultural quality | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 24. Training material on trade facilitation and electronic business | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 25. Material on trade standards | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 26. Guidelines on cross-border trade | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Fact-finding, monitoring and investigating missions (number of missions) | - | - | - | 3 |
| 27. Fact-finding missions on trade facilitation and electronic business, agricultural quality standards, regulatory cooperation and standardization, and regulatory and procedural parriers to trade | - | - | - | 3 |

C. Substantive deliverables

Consultation, advice, and advocacy: advisory services to government officials and other stakeholders in at least 10 ECE member States on trade facilitation and electronic business, agricultural quality standards, regulatory cooperation and standardization, and regulatory and procedural barriers to trade. Databases for e-business standards and codes.

D. Communication deliverables

Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklets, fact sheets and information brochures reaching at least 17 ECE programme countries and more than 1000 public and private sector experts.

| | 2021 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| Category and subcategory | planned | actual | planned | planned |

External and media relations: press releases for the subprogramme for regional access, publication launching events and articles in external newsletters intended for government officials and experts working on trade.

Digital platforms and multimedia content: subprogramme's website containing knowledge resources and instruments.

Annex I

Details of proposed publications and information materials for 2023

A. Publications

| PP item No. | Title | Mandate | Print and /or electronic | Trim size | No. of pages | Original language | Translated language(s) and source of funding (RB or XB) | No. of copies and language |
|----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | Regulatory and Procedural barriers to Trade in XX country (country to be decided) | This publication has a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. ECE/CTCS/2018/4 para 3 – "Review the results of demand-driven studies (financed by extrabudgetary resources) that identify procedural and regulatory barriers to trade in member States in coordination and cooperation with other relevant international organizations". | Print and electronic | A4 | 180 | Е | R (RB) | 50E, 50R |
| 2 | Gender-Responsive Standards | This publication has a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/10 foresees the development of material to assess gender-responsiveness of existing standards, develop relevant training material (paragraph 16.c). This document will reflect the work of one of the project teams under the Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative (see section II of ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/8). | Print and electronic | A4 | 150 | Е | R (RB) | 100E, 50R |
| 3 | Gender-Responsive Standards | This publication has a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/10 foresees the development of material to assess gender-responsiveness of existing standards, develop relevant training material (paragraph 16.c). This document will reflect the work of one of the project teams under the Gender-Responsive | Print and electronic | A4 | 150 | E | R (RB) | 100E, 50R |

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| | | Standards Initiative (see section II of ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/8). | | | | | | |
| 4 | Publications on the guides on trade standards in the following areas: traceability and risk management; e-business and sustainable development | This publication will have a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. | Electronic | | 90 | E | | |
| 5 | Trade Facilitation Recommendation | This publication has a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. Report of the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) on its twenty-seventh session (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/2), Plenary Decision 21-18 approved the UN/CEFACT Programme of Work 2021–2022 (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/17), including the list of proposed publications contained in its Annex, lines 1–11. | Print and electronic | A4 | 40 | E, F, R | | 300E, 100F, 100R |
| 6 | Trade Facilitation Recommendation | This publication has a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. Report of the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) on its twenty-seventh session (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/2), Plenary Decision 21-18 approved the UN/CEFACT Programme of Work 2021–2022 (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/17), including the list of proposed publications contained in its Annex, lines 1–11. | Print and electronic | A4 | 60 | E, F, R | | 500E, 100F, 100R |
| 7 | Trade Facilitation Recommendation | This publication has a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. | Print and electronic | A4 | 40 | E, F, R | | 1000E, 300F, 200R |

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| 9 | UNECE Report on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation | This publication has a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. Report of the Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) on its twenty-seventh session (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/2), Plenary Decision 21-18 approved the UN/CEFACT Programme of Work 2021–2022 (ECE/TRADE/C/CEFACT/2021/17), Annex 1, Focus Area VI point g. | Print and electronic | A4 | 30 | E, F, R | | 300E, 100F, 100R |
| 10 | Gender-Responsive Standards | This publication has a specific mandate, per definition of the mandate in ST/SGB/2012/2. ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/10 foresees the development of material to assess gender- | Electronic | | 60 | E | | |

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| | | responsiveness of existing standards, develop relevant training material (paragraph 16.c). This document will reflect the work of one of the project teams under the Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative (see section II of ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2021/8). | | | | | | |

B. Information/promotional materials

| Item no. | Title | Mandate | Print and /or electronic | Trim size | No. of pages | Original language(s) | Translated language(s) and source of funding (RB or XB) | No. of copies and language(s) |
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| Outrea | ach programmes, special events and informatio | n materials: Booklets, fact | sheets, informat | ion broc | hures | | | |
| 1 | Information kit on e-business standards | To be provided by the Committee | Print and electronic | A4 | 6 | Е | F and R (RB) | 300-E 100-F 100-R |
| 2 | Information brochure on Trade facilitation and electronic business | To be provided by the Committee | Print and electronic | A4 | 6 | E | F and R (RB) | 300-E 100-F 100-R |
| 3 | Information brochure on Regulatory Cooperation | To be provided by the Committee | Print and electronic | A4 | 6 | E | F and R (RB) | 300-E 100-F 100-R |
| 4 | Information brochure on Agricultural quality standards | To be provided by the Committee | Print and electronic | A4 | 6 | E | F and R (RB) | 300-E 100-F 100-R |

Annex II

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

| Res No. | Title |
|---------|--|
| 66/288 | The future we want |
| 67/10 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community |
| 67/290 | Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development |
| 69/277 | Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations |
| 69/313 | Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda) |
| 70/1 | Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development |
| 71/14 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization |
| 71/16 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization |
| 72/237 | South-South Cooperation |
| 72/279 | Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| 73/10 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative |
| 73/195 | Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration |
| 74/122 | Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly |
| 74/128 | Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly |
| 74/144 | Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: accessibility |
| 74/216 | Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development |
| 74/231 | Development cooperation with middle-income countries |
| 74/235 | Women in development |
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| Res No. | Title |
|---------|--|
| 74/271 | Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat |
| 74/297 | Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |
| 74/306 | Comprehensive and coordinated response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic |
| 75/8 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development - GUAM |
| 75/9 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States |
| 75/12 | Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization |
| 75/216 | Disaster risk reduction |
| 75/221 | Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all |
| 75/233 | Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system |

2. Economic and Social Council resolutions

| Res No. | Title |
|---------|--|
| 1998/46 | Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields |
| 2006/38 | Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission |
| 2013/1 | Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe |

3. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

| Res No. | Title |
|---------|--|
| A (64) | The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe |
| A (65) | Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE |
| A (66) | Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region |
| A (68) | High-level statement |
| B (68) | Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development |

B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

| Res No. | Title |
|---------|---|
| 69/137 | Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 |
| 69/213 | Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development |
| 70/217 | Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries |
| 71/239 | Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries |
| 71/242 | Industrial development cooperation |
| 73/253 | Agriculture development, food security and nutrition |

2. Economic and Social Council resolutions

| Res No. | Title |
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| 1991/76 | Promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation |

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