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Unclassified**RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ON PRIORITISATION OF THE EAP TASK FORCE PROJECTS IN 2008****Annual Meeting of the EAP Task Force****7-8 February 2008, Paris**

At its December 2007 meeting, the outgoing Bureau of the EAP Task Force requested the secretariat to invite members of the EAP Task Force to prioritise projects presented in the draft Consolidated Programme of Work for 2008 in case there are no sufficient financial resources for their implementation. This document summarises feedback received from twelve countries and the European Commission on the priorities they attach to each of the projects in the draft programme of work. Input has also been provided by the network of non-governmental organisations "Eco-Forum", and it will be presented separately.

This document will support the discussions under the Agenda Item 6. It should be read with document ENV/EPOC/EAP(2008)1 "Draft Consolidated Programme of Work and Budget of the EAP Task Force in 2008".

Action required: EAP Task Force will be invited to consider the results of ranking of various projects and discuss their priorities in case there is a shortfall in the financing required for their implementation.

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EAP TASK FORCE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2008

PRIORITISATION OF EAP TASK FORCE PROJECTS

The matrix below summarises feedback received from countries on the priorities they attach to each of the projects in the draft Consolidated Programme of Work and Budget of the EAP Task Force for 2008.

3 = High – a project should be implemented as a matter of priority

2 = Medium – a project should be implemented if possible

1 = Low – a candidate to be dropped if funds for its implementation cannot be raised

PROJECTS	ARM	AZE	BLR	GEO	KAZ	KGZ	MDA	RUS	TJK	TKM	UKR	UZB	EECCA Average	EC	GER	NLD	SWD	Donor Average	TOTAL Average
<i>JOINT PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE OECD/EAP TASK FORCE SECRETARIAT AND EECCA RECS</i>																			
Water Sector Reform																			
Project JP/1.2.3: Development of financial planning capacity in municipalities and water utilities	1	2	2	3	2	2	2		3	3		3	2.2	3	3	3	2	2.8	2.5
Environmental Policy Reform																			
Project JP/2.1.3: Monetary penalties and liability	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3		2	2.7	1	1	3	2	1.8	2.2
Project JP/2.1.4: Promoting public information and participation in EIA and permitting	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		1	2.0	3	2	2	3	2.5	2.3

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Project JP/2.2.4: Training for environmental inspectorates	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2		2	2.7	2	3	2	3	2.5	2.6
PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE OECD/EAP TASK FORCE SECRETARIAT																			
Water Sector Reform																			
Activity 1.1 Monitoring progress in implementing the water-related MDGs (starting in 2009)																			
Activity 1.2 Managing the water sector more effectively and efficiently:																			
• Project 1.2.1: Guidelines for performance based contracts	1	2	2	3	3	2	2		2	3		1	2.1	1	3	3	3	2.5	2.3
• Project 1.2.2: Policy dialogue on opportunities and obstacles for private sector participation	1	1	2	2	2	2	2		3	1		1	1.7	2	3	1	2	2.0	1.9
• Project 1.2.3: Development of financial planning capacity in municipalities and water utilities (same as JP/1.2.3 above)	1	2	2	3	2	2	2		2			1	1.9	3			2	2.5	2.2
• Project 1.2.4: Report on measures to cope with over-fragmentation in the WSS sector (starting in 2009)	1		2	2	2	2	2		3	2		2	2.0	3		1	1	1.7	1.8
Activity 1.3 National policy dialogue on more efficient financial management of the water sector:																			
• Project 1.3.1: Supporting national policy dialogue on WSS through the development of financing strategies to achieve the water-related MDGs	1	2	2	2	2	3	2		3			3	2.3	3	3	3	3	3.0	2.6

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 1.3.2: Improving FEASIBLE and extending financing strategy methodology beyond WSS to issues of water resources management 	1	2	2	3	1	2	3		3	3		3	2.3	3		1	1	1.7	2.0
Environmental Policy Reform																			
Activity 2.1: Environmental policy instruments:																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.1.1 Integrated permitting 	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	1	2			3	2.5	2	3	3	3	2.8	2.6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.1.2 Surface water quality standards 	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	3		3	2.7	2	3	3	3	2.8	2.7
Activity 2.2 Environmental compliance and enforcement																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.2.1 Efficiency of compliance monitoring 	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2		2	2.8	2	3	1	2	2.0	2.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.2.2 Benchmarking and improving inspectorates performance 	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2		3	2.8	1	3	3	2	2.3	2.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.2.3 Drivers of environmental performance in enterprises 	3		3	2	3	3	3	3	3			2	2.8	2		1	1	1.3	2.1
Activity 2.3: Institutions and financing:																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.3.1 Institutional development of environmental ministries 	3	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	2	2		3	2.5	3	3	1	3	3.0	2.7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.3.2. Mid-term budgetary planning 	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2		3	2.7	2		2	1	1.5	2.1

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PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE EECCA RECS																			
Water Sector Reform																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 1. Enhancing Transboundary Water Management in the EECCA region through Training Courses 	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2		1	2.1	1	2	1	3	1.8	1.9
Environmental Policy Reform																			
Activity 2.1: Environmental compliance and enforcement																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.1.1 Promotion and implementation of LEAPs in EECCA 	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	1	3	2		1	2.4	2	2	3	2	2.3	2.3

COMMENTS

General Comment(s):

Sweden: Sweden would also like to see project(s) on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the region (cf. Belgrade Ministerial Declaration), and we would be interested in a dialogue with the OECD, UNEP and other actors in the region on this.

Netherlands: In general, the Netherlands would like to focus the activities of EAP Task Force to:

- water
- public drinking water facilities
- good financial management
- removing public investment obstacles
- knowledge sharing/ cooperation projects.

Specific Comments:

PROJECTS	COMMENTS
<i>JOINT PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE OECD/EAP TASK FORCE SECRETARIAT AND EECCA RECS</i>	
Water Sector Reform	
Project JP/1.2.3: Development of financial planning capacity in municipalities and water utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan: In what countries such training will take place? • Tajikistan: Implementation of the water supply and sanitation sector projects taking into account the country interests • Turkmenistan: Given the current condition of water and land resources in Central Asia, the project for development of the institutional and human resources capacity in water utilities and municipalities is very timely.
Environmental Policy Reform	
Project JP/2.1.3: Monetary penalties and liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan: Activities are being carried out in this area • Belarus: Project outcomes do not cover the issues of environmental damage compensation (I would suggest developing recommendations regarding the assessment of such damage in-kind and in value terms and considering possible liability and environmental rehabilitation regimes, involving the European Commission specialists, maybe Mr. G. Kremlis as the drafter of the EU Environmental Liability Directive) • Tajikistan: Implemented environmental policy reform projects serve as grounds for regional environmental co-operation • Turkmenistan: Improving enforcement penalties would facilitate environmental management and further improve the current legal regimes and environmental activities in the region. • Uzbekistan: Legislation, methodologies, and approaches in the area vary by country in EECCA. Questionnaires should be distributed in order to gather the materials and recommendations from all the EECCA countries. All the countries should participate, not just Georgia, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Moldova. • Netherlands: focus on liability (due diligence)

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Project JP/2.1.4: Promoting public information and participation in EIA and permitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan: Relevant activities in this area are being carried out • Belarus: It is consistent continuation of the institutional development in the area • Turkmenistan: Project implementation would facilitate the development of democracy in the region. • Uzbekistan: Countries have done a lot in the area. It would be appropriate to gather information on the state of play, analyze and identify the best experience and practices, and then develop and implement a training programme and prepare concrete results on its basis.
Project JP/2.2.4: Training for environmental inspectorates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan: Interest in conducting such events • Belarus: The Ministry of Nature of the Republic of Belarus could be a pilot country for the project
PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE OECD/EAP TASK FORCE SECRETARIAT	
Water Sector Reform	
Activity 1.1 Monitoring progress in implementing the water-related MDGs (starting in 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uzbekistan: The monitoring is conducted in the countries by the international institutions – UNDP, UNEP, World Bank. It is necessary to request in the countries information on what has already been done in the area in order to prevent any overlaps.
Activity 1.2 Managing the water sector more effectively and efficiently:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project 1.2.1: Guidelines for performance based contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkmenistan: Project implementation would help build the WSS sector capacity. • Uzbekistan: Reforms have been implemented in the area in all the countries. The guidelines should be prepared for all the countries or just regarding the best reform practices, taking into account the state of play in the countries.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project 1.2.2: Policy dialogue on opportunities and obstacles for private sector participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkmenistan: It is early to implement the project in our country. • Uzbekistan: In Uzbekistan, the WSS is owned by <i>khokimiyats</i> (local level management and public authorities) and partly by water utilities. There are no private operators yet; the practices are not in place and are not even considered.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project 1.2.3: Development of financial planning capacity in municipalities and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netherlands: delete: this is double with JP 1.2.3

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water utilities (same as JP/1.2.3 above)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 1.2.4: Report on measures to cope with over-fragmentation in the water supply and sanitation sector (starting in 2009) 	
Activity 1.3 National policy dialogue on more efficient financial management of the water sector:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 1.3.1: Supporting national policy dialogue on water supply and sanitation through the development of financing strategies to achieve the water-related MDGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Azerbaijan: Some work is being undertaken in this area; need to further improve financial planning Germany: High priority due to focus on <u>rural</u> WSS Uzbekistan: In co-operation with the Ministry of Economy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 1.3.2: Improving FEASIBLE and extending financing strategy methodology beyond water supply and sanitation to issues of water resources management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uzbekistan: It would be helpful to implement a pilot project first.
Environmental Policy Reform	
Activity 2.1: Environmental policy instruments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uzbekistan: It should be implemented on a parity basis, not just in Georgia and Kazakhstan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.1.1 Integrated permitting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Azerbaijan: There is an interest in participation in relevant events. Training for instructors is also necessary Georgia: Already done in Georgia Uzbekistan: All the EECCA countries should participate in inspector training.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.1.2 Surface water quality standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Azerbaijan: Relevant activities are being carried out in this area. Application of realistic and achievable water quality standards is necessary Uzbekistan: It is necessary to assess the situation and conduct studies by means of interviews in the

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	Central Asia countries.
Activity 2.2 Environmental compliance and enforcement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.2.1 Efficiency of compliance monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Azerbaijan: There is a necessity in such work Uzbekistan: On a parity basis (not just in Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Moldova).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.2.2 Benchmarking and improving inspectorates performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EC: This could be merged with project JP/2.2.4 Turkmenistan: Kazakhstan's experience in the area would be interesting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.2.3 Drivers of environmental performance in enterprises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uzbekistan: On a parity basis (not just in Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Moldova).
Activity 2.3: Institutions and financing:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.3.1 Institutional development of environmental ministries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkmenistan: The project would help estimate and build the environmental institutional capacity of EECCA countries. Uzbekistan: Not only in Georgia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2.3.2. Mid-term budgetary planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Germany: Possibly to be included in 2.3.1 with partial increase of funds accordingly Uzbekistan: All EECCA countries should participate
PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE EECCA RECS	
Water Sector Reform	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 1. Enhancing Transboundary Water Management in the EECCA Region through Training Courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Azerbaijan: High priority for Azerbaijan. It is highly desirable to conduct training courses in the region to improve efficiency of transboundary water management. EC: Risk of overlapping with UNECE activities Germany: Further specifications needed Turkmenistan: It should be launched sometime... Uzbekistan: What are the costs? There is no project description. How exactly should the operations be carried out? Mandate of EECCA RECs is unclear. What are the status, mandate, and statute of

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	EECCA RECs? Who exactly will be responsible for the operations? Where will the office be located, etc.?
Environmental Policy Reform	
Activity 2.1: Environmental compliance and enforcement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project 2.1.1 Promotion and implementation of Local Environmental Action Plans (LEAPs) in EECCA countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan: The implementation of this project is relevant • Germany: Limiting scope of the project due to budgetary restrictions • Turkmenistan: So far there have been no conditions conducive to the LEAP implementation • Uzbekistan: The area is irrelevant. It is necessary to review performance, what was done, how work regarding the LEAPs progresses. It is necessary to develop the second-generation LEAPs which would cover not just environmental issues, but also achievement of MDGs.