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Management issues: programme changes for the biennium 2014-2015**Programme changes for the biennium 2014-2015****Note by the secretariat*****Summary*

The present note contains the proposed changes to the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015 (see E/ESCAP/69/16 and Corr.1), for which a legislative decision of the Commission is sought.

The proposed changes are designed mainly to address new mandates adopted after the Commission's endorsement of the programme of work for 2014-2015.

The Commission may note that the proposed changes will contribute to the achievement of the expected accomplishments and have no additional regular programme budget implications.

The Commission may wish to consider the proposed changes with a view to endorsing them for incorporation in the programme of work for 2014-2015.

* E/ESCAP/71/L.1/Rev.1.

** The present document was submitted late owing to the need to verify the proposed changes against existing resolutions.

Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2014-2015

Output in the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015	Proposed change	Justification
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Subprogramme 1. Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:

(b) Enhanced regional voice in global development forums and strengthened regional economic and financial cooperation to exploit synergies for mutual benefit towards inclusive and sustainable development, including through South-South cooperation

Non-recurrent publications:

Added:

Sustainable Development Financing in the Asia-Pacific Region (2015) (RB/XB) (1)

The proposed publication serves as an input to the preparations for the third International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in July 2015, pursuant to paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 68/279 on modalities for the third International Conference on Financing for Development, in which the Assembly called upon the regional commissions to hold regional consultations.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:

(c) Improved capacity of member States, particularly countries with special needs, to design and implement development policies for achieving the Millennium Development Goals and implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries and internationally agreed development goals

Non-recurrent publications:

Added:

Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report (2015) (RB) (1)

The proposed publication highlights policy responses to mitigate the impact of economic crises, restore growth and address emerging development challenges in the landlocked developing countries pursuant to resolution 69/2 on the final review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action in the Asia-Pacific region and to achieve internationally agreed development goals in the least developed countries pursuant to resolution 70/3 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 in Asia and the Pacific.

Output in the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015	Proposed change	Justification
Subprogramme 2. Trade and Investment		
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:		
(a) Enhanced knowledge of ESCAP member States of trends, emerging issues and evidence-based policy options in the area of trade, investment, enterprise development and technology transfer in support of inclusive and sustainable development		
Training courses, seminars and workshops:		
<i>PB157234</i> Seminar on trade, investment and the environment, in relation to the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (20 participants) (2015) (RB/XB) (1)	<i>Delete</i>	Lack of extrabudgetary funding.
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat:		
(b) Strengthened regional cooperation in trade, investment, enterprise development, innovation and the development and transfer of technology in support of inclusive and sustainable development		
Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs:		
<i>PB157198</i> United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia Project Working Group on Trade (2014, 2015) (RB/XB) (2)	<i>Delete</i>	Lack of extrabudgetary funding.