

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT

(for EXCOM endorsement)

<p><b>1. Project title:</b> Support to the UNECE technical cooperation activities in the CIS countries</p>					
<p><i>Expected timing and duration:</i> 2008-2010</p>					
<p><b>2. Objective(s) and brief description of the project:</b></p> <p>The main objective of the project is to support the development efforts of CIS countries by improving their capacities a) to implement UNECE legal instruments, norms, standards and regulations, b) formulate institutional frameworks for regional and sub regional integration, c) elaborate and implement technical assistance projects/programmes and d) build national capacity for achieving the international development goals, including the MDGs. Other objectives include a) addressing cross-border and trans boundary issues, b) promoting private-public partnerships and c) strengthening UNECE cooperation with countries of CIS</p>					
<p><b>3. Expected Results/Impact of the Project:</b></p> <p>Improved implementation of the UNECE legal instruments, norms, standards and regulations, strengthened development capacity, fostered public-private partnerships, strengthened interregional cooperation and enhanced UNECE cooperation with CIS countries</p>					
<p><b>4. Main beneficiaries of Project:</b></p> <p>CIS countries, with focus on Central Asia</p>					
<p><b>5. Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work:</b></p> <p>Despite the wealth of the UNECE experience in normative area, many countries of CIS have not acceded to the UNECE legal instruments and have not adopted UNECE norms as standards while those who already have, face difficulties in their implementation due to the weak national institutional and human capacities. This seriously hampers their regional/sub-regional integration and, subsequently, integration into the world economy. The UNECE technical cooperation strategy establishes direct link between UNECE legal instruments, norms and standards and technical assistance to member states in their implementation. The present project is an integral part of this strategy and contributes to the implementation of the UNECE strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009.</p>					
<p><b>6. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff): six months in 3 years (P-3)</b></p>					
<p><b>7. Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b></p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"><i>Donors</i></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><i>Amount (US\$)</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Voluntary contribution of the Government of the Russian Federation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">512, 250 for three years</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<i>Donors</i>	<i>Amount (US\$)</i>	Voluntary contribution of the Government of the Russian Federation	512, 250 for three years
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