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### Executive Committee

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Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda

#### **Decision on matters relating to the**

**Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships**

### **Decision approving the establishment of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships to replace the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships**

#### *Background*

1. At its tenth session (Geneva, 23–25 May 2016), the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and Public-Private Partnerships (CICPPP) recommended the establishment of a “Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships” in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to replace the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships (TOS-PPP). The recommendation to transform the TOS-PPP into a Working Party on PPPs was initiated by the TOS-PPP in the light of the need for reliable and ongoing development and maintenance of PPP standards (Decision 2016 – 5b.2, ECE/CECI/2016/2).

2. The Executive Committee is invited to approve the establishment of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships, to replace the TOS-PPP, and its terms of reference as adopted by the CICPPP and as contained in document ECE/CECI/2016/6, Annex. In order to ensure a smooth transition, the TOS-PPP shall hold its final session in October 2016 and it shall cease to exist the day before the first session of the Working Party takes place in 2017.

#### *Draft Decision*

3. The Executive Committee hereby approves the establishment of the Working Party on Public-Private Partnerships and its terms of reference, as contained in document ECE/CECI/2016/6, Annex, to replace the Team of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships as of its first session to be held in 2017.

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