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**Draft decision on a cross-cutting theme for the high-level segment
of the 69th Commission session
of the Economic Commission for Europe**

Note of the Secretariat

1. The Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe is invited to adopt the below draft decision on a cross-cutting theme for the high-level segment of the 69th session of the Economic Commission for Europe.

EXCOM decides to:

- a) designate “Promoting circular economy and sustainable use of natural resources in the UNECE region” as cross-cutting theme for the high-level segment of the 69th Commission session.
 - b) invite relevant subsidiary bodies of UNECE and the secretariat to consider how they may contribute, as appropriate, to the cross-cutting theme of the 69th Commission session within their respective mandates, ongoing work and existing resources, and while making full use of the existing nexuses.
 - c) request the secretariat to prepare a background document on the cross-cutting theme, detailing a number of relevant UNECE activities and their impact, for discussion at the 69th Commission session.
 - d) request the secretariat to conduct a post-session lessons learned survey to review the implications of the practice of designating a cross-cutting theme early in the process, and to present to EXCOM a proposal for the preparation of future Commission sessions taking the survey findings into account.
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