

History of Environment for Europe Process

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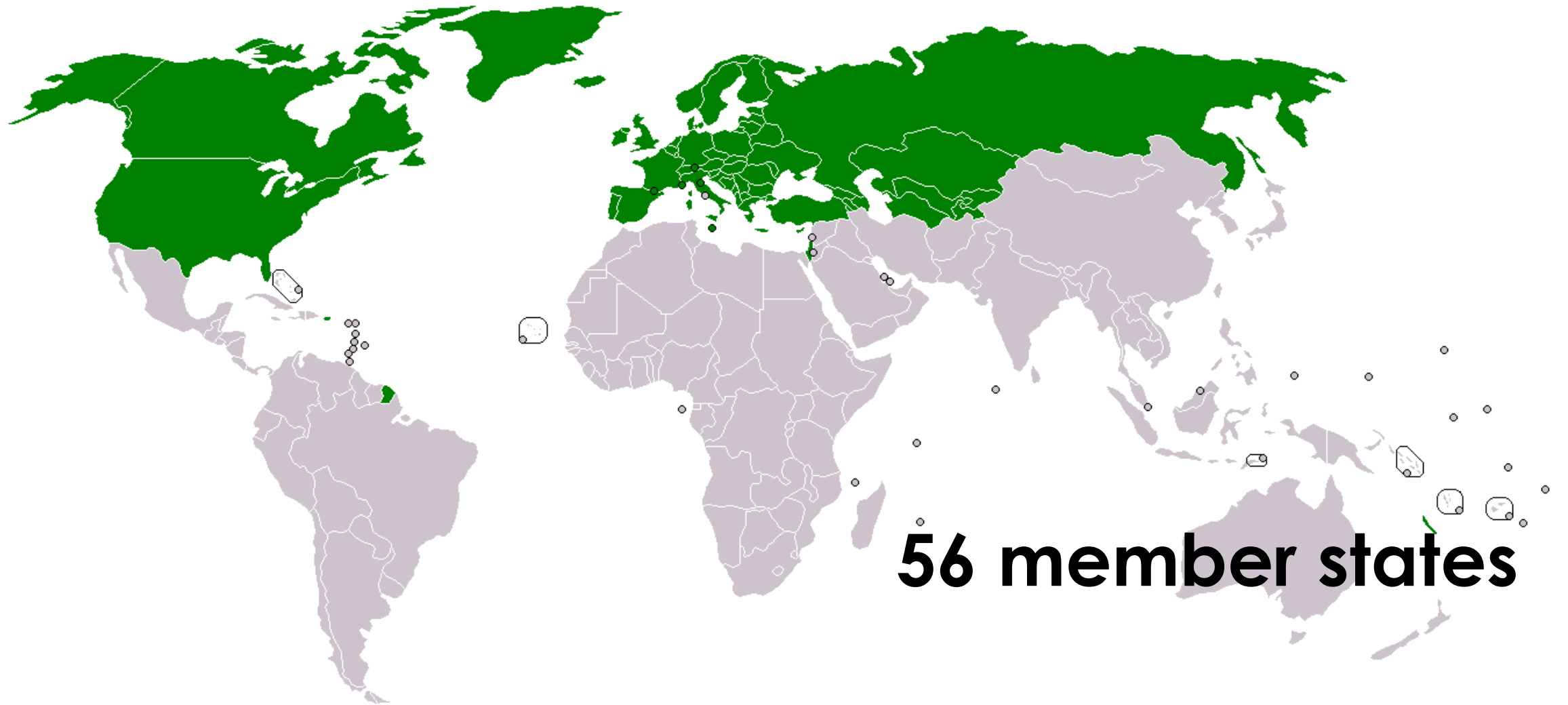
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Eighth Ministerial Conference

8-10 June, 2016, Georgia



United Nations Economic Commission





Environment for Europe Process

- ▶ 1. Dobříš Castle, Czechoslovakia 21-23 June 1991
- ▶ 2. Lucerne, Switzerland, 28-30 April 1993
- ▶ 3. Sofia, Bulgaria, 23-25 October 1995
- ▶ 4. Aarhus, Denmark, 23-25 June 1998
- ▶ 5. Kiev, Ukraine, 21-23 May 2003
- ▶ 6. Belgrade, Serbia, 10-12 October 2007
- ▶ 7. Astana, Kazakhstan, 21-23 September 2011
- ▶ 8. Batumi, Georgia, 8-10 June 2016
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1. EfE Conference - Dobříš

- Initiated by Czechoslovak minister of environment Josef Vavroušek
- Opened by president Václav Havel
- Swiss president participated
- Human Values Session (Roundtable with NGOs)
- Ministerial declaration



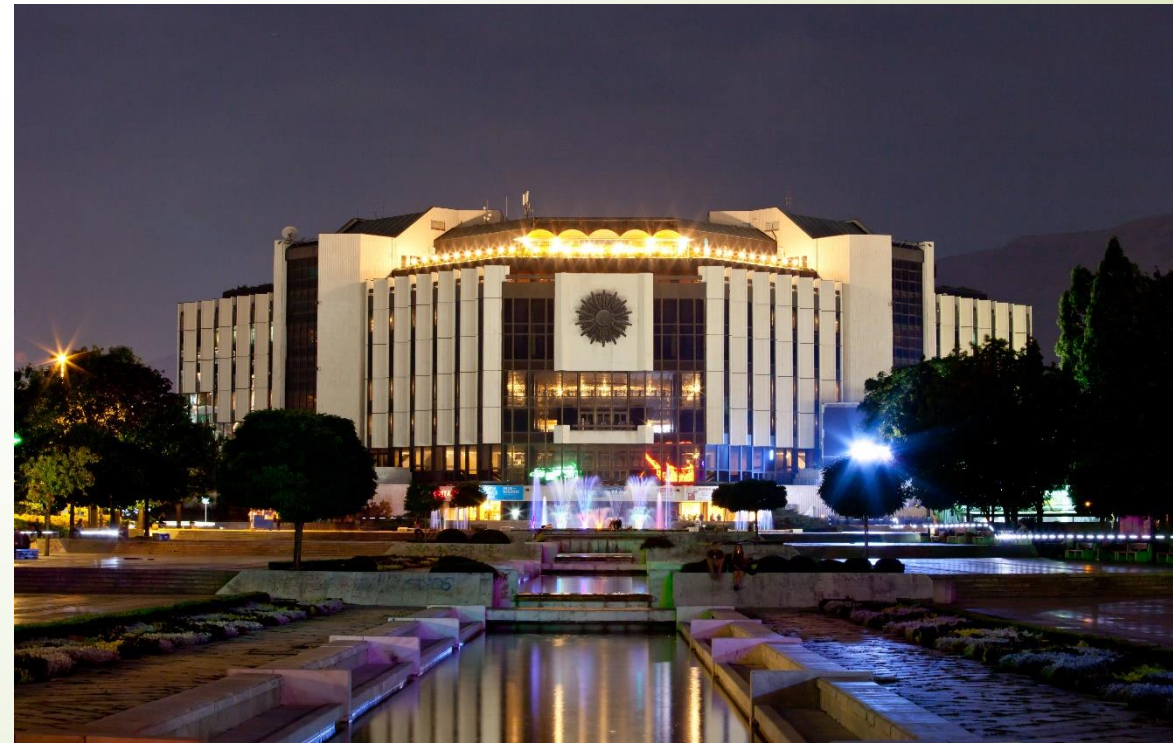
2nd EfE conference - Luzern

- Declaration
- endorsed the broad strategy contained in the Environmental Action Programme for Central and Eastern Europe (EAP)
- endorsed the ECE report on Elements for a Long-term Environmental Programme for Europe
- endorsed the Report on International Legal Instruments



3rd EfE Conference – Sofia 1995

- Ministerial declaration
- A regional Convention on Public Participation should be developed with appropriate involvement of NGOs;





4th EfE Conference Aarhus 1997

- ▶ Ministerial declaration
- ▶ Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters
- ▶ An independent NGO session on "Strengthening Participatory Democracy for Sustainable Development" took place within the framework of the Conference
- ▶ Two new Protocols to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, on Heavy Metals and on Persistent Organic Pollutants, were adopted and signed by 33 countries and the European Community.
- ▶ The Ministers also adopted the Ministerial Declaration on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution.
- ▶ The Declaration on Persistent Organic Pollutants was endorsed by representatives of 18 countries and the European Community.
- ▶ The Ministers endorsed the Pan-European Strategy to Phase Out Leaded Petrol



5th EfE Conference, Kiev 2003

- ▶ Ministerial declaration
- ▶ During the Conference, three Protocols to Conventions of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe were adopted and opened for signature. The Ministers and Heads of delegation also endorsed the Guidelines for Strengthening Compliance with and Implementation of MEAs in the UNECE region.
- ▶ Governments of all seven countries of the Carpathian region adopted a Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians,



6th EfE Conference, Belgrade 2007

- Ministerial declaration
- A number of reports such as on *the implementation of UNECE multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)*, on *Critical issues in implementation of environmental policies highlighted by the UNECE EPR programme*, and on *Policies for a better environment: progress in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central*
- Two special sessions:
 - a joint session of environment and education ministers
 - ministers from interested member States of the Council of Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLDS) and the European ECO-Forum were held

7th EfE Conference, Astana,

- ▶ Ministerial declaration
- ▶ Reform Plan of the “Environment for Europe” process
- ▶ *2 main topics*
 - ▶ *Sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems;*
 - ▶ *Greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development*





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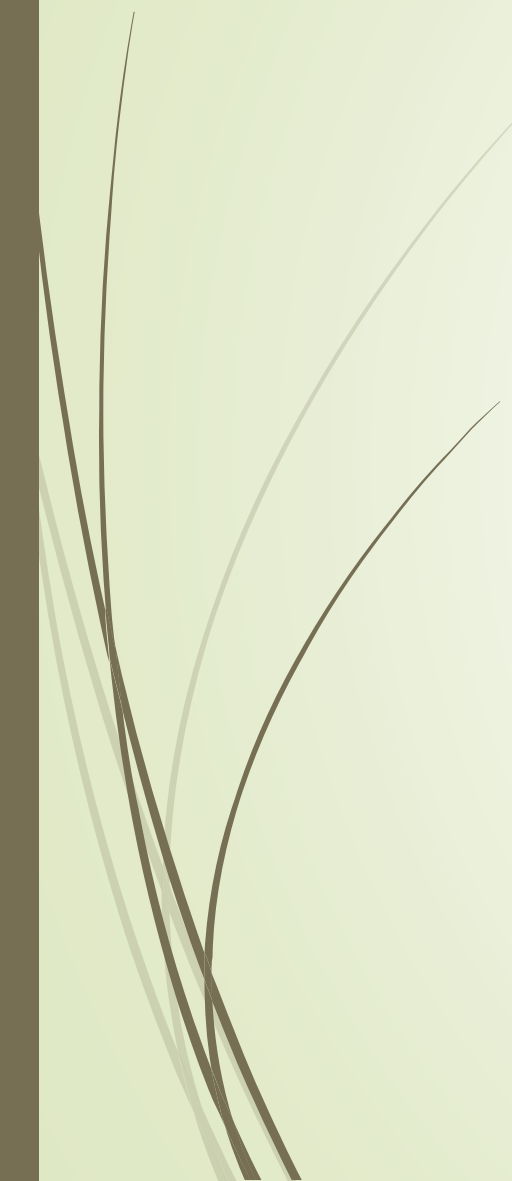
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