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Preface

Since 1991, the "Environment for Europe" process has provided the framework for the countries of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) to work together in achieving their commitment towards improving environmental protection and the promotion of sustainable development throughout the ECE region.

At the Sixth "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference (Belgrade, 2007) ministers invited ECE to continue its efforts to make monitoring an effective instrument in environmental policymaking, particularly in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe. In doing so, ECE was invited to work in close cooperation with the European Environment Agency and other relevant partners.

As a follow-up, the ECE Committee on Environmental Policy, through its Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, undertook the preparation of guidelines for developing national strategies to use air and water quality monitoring as environmental policy tools. The Extended Bureau of the Committee on Environmental Policy approved the Guidelines for Developing National Strategies to Use Air Quality Monitoring as an Environmental Policy Tool for the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe in March 2010. The Committee on Environmental Policy approved the Guidelines for Developing National Strategies to Use Water Quality Monitoring as an Environmental Policy Tool for the Countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, as well as interested South-Eastern European countries in May 2010.

The present publication contains the texts of both sets of guidelines. It is addressed to governmental officials and experts working for governmental bodies responsible for environmental policy, environmental monitoring and compliance monitoring. In a broader sense, the guidelines can also benefit those working in the private sector, the scientific community and civil society associations active in the environmental and health fields. I truly hope the guidelines will become a useful instrument for them.

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GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING NATIONAL STRATEGIES TO USE AIR AND WATER QUALITY MONITORING AS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY TOOLS FOR THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, THE CAUCASUS, CENTRAL ASIA AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

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