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Committee on Sustainable Energy

Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels
Thirteen session

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Item 10 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations

**Draft Conclusions and Recommendations arising from the thirteenth session of
the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels¹**

Draft for discussion

Agenda Item 3: Election of Officers

1. The Group of Experts elected a new Bureau to serve for a term of two years.

Agenda Item 4: Workshop on sustainable management of fossil fuels in electricity generation

2. The Group of Experts concluded that a focus on increasing the flexibility and efficiency of coal-fired electricity generation, decreasing emissions from the power sector, and development and deployment of carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS) would be critically important to enhance the overall efficiency of the electricity systems of ECE member States.

3. In response to the Committee on Sustainable Energy's request to explore possible additional activities, the Group of Experts concluded that a number of important emerging issues, such as development of standards and guidelines for cleaner electricity production, or recommendations for financing new and retrofitted coal-fired power plants should be part of the Group of Experts' core activities.

Agenda Item 5: Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy

4. In response to the Committee on Sustainable Energy's request to the Group of Experts to consider changing its name to something more broadly focused on electricity systems, the Group of Experts recommended to change its name to the Group of Experts on Clean Electricity.

Agenda Item 6: Report on implementation of the work plan for 2016-2017

5. The Group of Experts noted that it has delivered on its 2016-2017 work plan.

¹ The draft conclusions and recommendations will be reviewed by the Group of Experts after each agenda item and updated as needed.

Agenda Item 7: Work plan for 2018-2019

6. Taking note of the Committee on Sustainable Energy's decision at its twenty-sixth session to approve the work plan of the Group of Experts for 2018-2019, the Group of Experts concluded that its current terms of reference and work plan for 2018-2019 encompass all additional activities discussed under Agenda Item 4.

Agenda Item 8: Preparations for the fourteenth session of the Group of Experts

7. The Group of Experts recommended the following topics for the substantive portion of its twelfth session: *to be added during the meeting.*

8. The fourteenth session of the Group of Experts will be held on xx October/November 2018 in Geneva or XXX.

Agenda Item 9: Any other business

9. The Group of Experts noted the need for extrabudgetary funds to support its expanded work plan and requested the secretariat in cooperation with the Bureau to work to identify and secure such funding.

Agenda Item 11: Adoption of the report and close of the meeting

10. The report of the meeting was adopted, including the conclusions and recommendations, subject to any necessary editing and formatting.
