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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION ¹

To be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 3 p.m. on 25 April 2007

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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GENERAL SEGMENT

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HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

5. The United Nations for the ECE region
6. Building on ECE's sixty-year contribution to pan-European integration:
 - (a) cooperation for stability and prosperity in the ECE region
 - (b) pan-European economic integration in a globalized world
7. Declaration on ECE's contribution to pan-European integration
8. Promoting sustainable development in the ECE region: some decisive factors
 - (a) Sustainable energy policies: the key to energy security
 - (b) Secure transport development: a key to regional cooperation
 - (c) The economics of gender in the European economy
9. Other business
10. Adoption of the Report

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the Agenda

GENERAL SEGMENT

Item 2: Implementation of the reform

1. The Work Plan on ECE Reform provides that the Commission will, at its 2009 session, review the reform of the ECE. The Commission may nevertheless wish to take stock of the implementation of the specific actions called for in the Work Plan at its current session. Discussion under this item will be supported by a note by the secretariat (E/ECE/1446).

Item 3: Issues calling for action by the Commission

2. The Work Plan on ECE Reform states that the Terms of Reference of the Sectoral Committees shall be approved by the Commission. The Terms of Reference of the Committee on Trade, the Committee on Housing and Land Management, the Committee on Timber, and the Committee on Sustainable Energy have been revised, reviewed by the Executive Committee and are submitted to the Commission for approval (as contained in documents ECE/EX/2006/L.5, L.16, L.17 and L.22). The Terms of Reference of the newly established Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration are also submitted for the Commission's approval (ECE/CECI/2006/6).

3. The Commission will be asked to approve the holding of the ECE's Third Regional Implementation Forum for Sustainable Development, in preparation for the sixteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16) in April/May 2008. The Commission will also be asked to approve the holding in 2008 of a regional review of progress in the economic areas covered by the outcome document of the ECE regional Beijing +10 review. (E/ECE/1447)

Item 4: Election of Officers

4. The Work Plan on ECE Reform states that the Commission is chaired by the representative of the country elected by the Commission for the period of the biennium. The chair is assisted by two vice-chairs who will be representatives of two countries elected at the same session. At its sixty-first session, the Commission decided that since the biennial cycle would begin in 2007, the Chair and Vice-Chairs were elected for a period of one year. Accordingly, under this item, elections for the Chair and Vice-Chairs for a period of two years will be held.

HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

Item 5: The United Nations for the ECE region

5. Under this item, the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, may address the Commission. Thereafter a Panel discussion could be foreseen addressing the contribution the United Nations can make to the development of the region.

Item 6: Building on ECE's sixty-year contribution to pan-European integration

6. Two panels will be held under this item.

(a) Cooperation for stability and prosperity

7. This Panel is expected to discuss the strategic framework for pan-European cooperation, covering such key issues as partnerships, transatlantic cooperation, the role of Central Asia and the promotion of subregional cooperation. Within this framework it will also address the links between security, development and environment in Europe. Participants could include member States and other partner organizations such as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

(b) Pan-European economic integration in a globalized world

8. The second panel would examine the challenges faced by Europe in terms of economic integration, including the issue of competitiveness of the European economy; the EU enlargement and the Euro; the implications of sound environmental policies, and trade relations with the rest of the world. Participants could include not only member States but also prominent "thinkers" and partner organizations.

Item 7: Declaration on ECE's contribution to pan-European integration

9. Member States may wish to consider adopting an outcome document that would emphasize the contribution of ECE's work in its fields of competence to pan-European integration .

Item 8: Promoting sustainable development in the ECE region: Some decisive factors

(a) Sustainable energy policies: the key to energy security

10. Discussion would focus on how the ECE could promote more sustainable energy policies, including in the area of energy security, and stressing the environmental dimension of these issues. This discussion could also provide guidance to the Committee on Sustainable Energy on which areas of energy security should first be taken up in its enhanced expert dialogue on the subject, so as to contribute to a prioritised implementation of its programme of work.

(b) Secure transport development: a key to regional cooperation

11. Discussions would concentrate on the practical steps that need to be taken to further develop efficient, secure and environmentally-sound transport links in the ECE region, including the Transatlantic, Pan-European and Euro-Asian links, taking into account their importance for the enhancement of regional economic-cooperation and stability.

(c) The economics of gender in the European economy

12. Discussion would address the economics of gender and how this has an impact on the economy's competitiveness and growth.

13. All of the above discussions under this agenda item would contribute to strengthened implementation of policies and instruments agreed to by member States, in partnership with relevant institutions and other concerned actors, including the private sector.

Item 9: Other business

Item 10: Adoption of the Report

III. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE *

Wednesday, 25 April	
<u>OPENING</u>	
3 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.	Introductory remarks by the Chairperson and the Executive Secretary, and Adoption of Agenda
<u>GENERAL SEGMENT</u>	
4.45 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Item 2: Implementation of the reform Item 3: Issues calling for action by the Commission Item 4: Election of Officers
Thursday, 26 April	
<u>HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT</u>	
10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	Item 5: The United Nations for the ECE region
11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Item 6: Building on ECE's sixty-year contribution to pan-European integration: (a) Cooperation for stability and prosperity in the ECE region (b) Pan-European economic integration in a globalized world
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Reception
Friday, 27 April	
<u>HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT (continued)</u>	
10 a.m.- 10.30 a.m.	Item 7: Declaration on ECE's contribution to pan-European integration
10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	Item 8: Promoting sustainable development in the ECE region : some decisive factors (a) Sustainable energy policies: the key to energy security (b) Secure transport development: a key to regional cooperation (c) The economics of gender in the European economy
5 p.m.- 5.15 p.m. 5.15 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Item 9: Other business Item 10: Adoption of the Report

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