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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 26 September 2005

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

(Monday, 26 September, p.m.)

The Working Group is expected to adopt the agenda of the session.

Item 2: The review of the Protocol on Heavy Metals

(Monday, 26 September, p.m.)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to assess work in preparation for a review of the Protocol on Heavy Metals, taking into account the relevant activities under EMEP and the Working Group on Effects, and the relevant initiatives of the European Community as well as relevant national and international initiatives. The Working Group is expected to prepare for the Executive Body a proposal on further action and required input for a review of the Protocol, including a possible effects-based approach as a basis for future action.

The Working Group will have before it the report by the Chairman of the Task Force on Heavy Metals of the first and second meetings of the Task Force, held in Berlin from 16 to 18 March and in Geneva on 16 and 17 June 2005 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/2). The report presents

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progress on the technical inputs to the scheduled evaluations of emission limit values for existing chlor-alkali plants and medical waste incineration. It also presents further elements for the sufficiency and effectiveness review identified by the Task Force and the annotated chapter headings of the technical components of the review, as well as draft generic guidelines and/or procedures for the technical review of additional heavy metals, product control measures, products or product groups that may be proposed by Parties for inclusion into annexes I, VI, and VII to the Protocol.

Item 3: The review of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

(Tuesday, 27 September, a.m.)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to assess progress in the review of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and present to the Executive Body a proposal on further action.

The Working Group will have before it the report of the Co-Chairmen of the Task Force on POPs, which contains the results of its third meeting, held in Vienna from 30 May to 1 June 2005 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/1). The report summarizes the results of the sufficiency and effectiveness review of the Protocol, presents the results of the technical review of pentabromodiphenyl/ether (Penta-BDE) and perfluorooctane sulfonates (PFOS) conducted by the Task Force and sets out options for priority setting and possible amendments to the Protocol prepared by the Co-Chairmen, as requested by the Executive Body at its twenty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/83, paras. 29 (c) and (f) and 32).

Item 4: Preparing for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol

(Tuesday, 27 September, p.m. and Wednesday, 28 September, a.m.)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to continue its assessment of preparatory work for the review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol, including progress in reducing acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone and the pollutants responsible for these effects. It will also review progress in the work on particulate matter pollution and decide upon any additional action required. This work is to take into account the relevant activities under EMEP and the Working Group on Effects and the relevant initiatives of the European Community as well as relevant national initiatives.

The Working Group is expected to present to the Executive Body a proposal for further action and required input for a review of the Protocol, including methods and procedures for the review. Such a review is expected to cover obligations in relation to calculated and internationally optimized allocations of emission reductions referred to in

article 7, paragraph 5, the adequacy of the obligations and progress made towards the achievement of the objective of the Protocol.

The Working Group will have before it the report on integrated assessment modelling (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/3) which includes the results of the thirtieth meeting of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling, held in Berlin from 25 to 27 May 2005, and the report of the Expert Group on Particulate Matter on the results of its first meeting, held in Berlin on 23 and 24 May 2005 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/8). It will also have the report presenting the results of the workshop on methodologies for integrated assessment related to RAINS, held in Laxenburg (Austria), on 20 and 21 January 2005 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/4).

Furthermore, the Working Group will have before it the report on progress made on ammonia abatement, which includes the results of the sixth meeting of the Expert Group on Ammonia Abatement, held jointly with a panel on agriculture and nature of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections in Segovia (Spain), from 13 to 15 April 2005 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/7). The review under article 10, paragraph 2 of the Protocol should take into account emission ceilings for ammonia (annex II, table III) as well as measures for the control of emissions of ammonia from agricultural sources (annex IX).

The Working Group will have before it the report on progress made in the development of a techno-economic database and the report of the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues on the results of its seventh and eighth meetings, held in Laxenburg (Austria), on 19 January 2005 and in Rome, on 6 June 2005 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/6).

The Working Group will also have the report on the third workshop of the Network of Experts on Benefits and Economic Instruments on policy instruments to reduce air pollution, held in Brussels, on 11 and 12 November 2004 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/5).

Item 5: Draft workplan

(Wednesday, 28 September, p.m.)

In accordance with the request of the Executive Body at its twenty-second session with regard to the possibilities for streamlining documentation and making better use of the Internet for disseminating information (ECE.EB/AIR.83, para. 56 (i)), the Working Group will have before it its draft workplan for 2006 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/11) compiled by the secretariat.

The Working Group is expected to consider and agree on its workplan and forward it for consideration by the Executive Body.

Item 6: Exchange of information and technology

(Thursday, 29 September, a.m.)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to review progress in the exchange of information and technology, including the work on techno-economic issues and information on product-related measures to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), POPs and heavy metals.

The secretariat will inform the Working Group on progress in the project for capacity-building for air quality management and the application of clean-coal combustion technologies in Central Asia (CAPACT), aimed at implementing the Convention and its protocols and funded from the United Nations Development Account.

The secretariat will provide information on the development of implementation guides to the Protocol on POPs, the Protocol on Heavy Metals and the Gothenburg Protocol, and on the translation into Russian of the mapping manual for effects.

The Working Group is expected to consider the information and decide upon further action.

Item 7: Future Convention Priorities

(Thursday, 29 September, p.m.)

The Working Group may wish to consider further the conclusions and recommendations of the workshop on the review and assessment of European Air Pollution Policies, held in Gothenburg (Sweden) from 25 to 27 October 2004 (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/10).

The Working Group may wish to take note of the information from the workshop and the deliberations of the Executive Body at its twenty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/83), and provide guidance for future work.

Item 8: Election of officers

(Thursday, 29 September, p.m.)

The Working Group is expected to elect its vice-chairpersons for 2005-2006.

At its thirty-sixth session, the Working Group re-elected Ms. K. SCAVO (United States), Ms. N. KARPOVA (Russian Federation) and Mr. J. SLIGGERS (Netherlands) and Mr. P. JILEK (Czech Republic) as Vice-Chairpersons (EB.AIR/WG.5/78, para. 75).

Item 9: Other business**(Thursday, 29 September, p.m.)**

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

An informal seminar on addressing air pollution issues in the countries in transition is planned for Friday morning, 30 September, starting at 10 a.m. A note by the secretariat summarizing current and planned activities, as well as listing future options for promoting the Convention in EECCA countries will be available in English and Russian as a background document. The expected outcome of the seminar is to establish a programme for supporting the EECCA countries in implementing the Convention and its Protocols, using a stepwise approach and identifying funding gaps. The seminar may also be used as an opportunity to continue informal discussions of the issues raised under items 6 and 7.

Item 10: Adoption of the report**(Friday, 30 September, p.m.)**

In accordance with established practice, the Working Group will adopt the report of the session.

To facilitate their access to the Palais des Nations, those delegates who do not have a valid badge should register with the secretariat by 9 September. Registration forms and instructions are available on the Internet at www.unece.org/env/wgs.