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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
(Ninth session, 4 - 6 November 2002)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH SESSION
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
beginning on Monday, 4 November 2002, at 3 p.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report on the eighth session and progress in implementing the programme of work.
3. Matters arising from the fifty-seventh session of the Commission of concern to the Committee.
4. Future ECE strategic direction for the environment.
5. Presentation of the environmental performance reviews of Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Yugoslavia.
6. Round-table discussion with high-level representatives of the reviewed countries.
7. Discussion on the first draft of the comprehensive analytical paper based on the environmental performance reviews.
8. Adoption of recommendations to the reviewed countries.

9. ECE multilateral environmental agreements:
 - (a) Support to the ECE multilateral environmental agreements;
 - (b) Ongoing activities related to the ECE multilateral environmental agreements which need special attention.

10. Cross-sectoral activities:
 - (a) Transport, environment and health;
 - (b) Environment and health;
 - (c) Reforming energy prices.

11. Other activities within the Committee's programme of work and contribution to the "Environment for Europe" process:
 - (a) Environmental monitoring;
 - (b) Environmental education;
 - (c) Compliance and enforcement;
 - (d) Energy and the environment;
 - (e) Follow-up to the Strategy to Phase Out Leaded Petrol;
 - (f) Preparations for the fifth Ministerial Conference.

12. Financial assistance to countries with economies in transition and countries' contributions to the ECE Trust Funds.

13. Other business.

14. Election of officers for the tenth session.

15. Closing of the ninth session.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

TIME	ITEM	INTRODUCTION	EXPLANATORY NOTES	DOCUMENTATION
Monday, 4 November 2002				
3-3-20 p.m.	Items 1 and 2 Adoption of the agenda and of the report on the eighth session and progress in implementing the programme of work	Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt, Chairman	The Committee is expected to adopt the agenda for its ninth session and the report of its eighth session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provisional agenda for the ninth session (ECE/CEP/85) - Progress in the implementation of the programme of work since the eighth session (ECE/CEP/85/Add.1) - Report on the eighth session (ECE/CEP/80)
3.20-4 p.m.	Item 3 Matters arising from the fifty-seventh session of the Commission of concern to the Committee	Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt	The Committee will be informed about the decisions taken by the Commission that are relevant to the Committee and about the reforms to strengthen the organization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matters arising from the fifty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Europe (CEP/2002/1) - ECE document "Strengthening the organization" http://www.unece.org/commission/2002/CRP.3e_ECE_session.pdf

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4-6 p.m.	<p>Item 4 Future ECE strategic direction for the environment</p>	<p>Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt Members of the Bureaux of the ECE environmental conventions Mr. B. Bosnjakovic, consultant</p>	<p>The Committee is expected to discuss, together with the representatives of the Bureaux of the environmental conventions, the strategic directions and proposals for governance reform based on the documentation provided, and to agree on decisions needed. During the discussion the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the Secretary-General's proposal on the United Nations overall reform should also be taken into account.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges and emerging directions of ECE environmental policies (CEP/2002/2) - Pan-European environmental governance (CEP/2002/9) - Minutes of the Bureau meeting (CEP/2002/11)
Tuesday, 5 November 2002				
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p>Item 5 Presentation of the environmental performance reviews of Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Yugoslavia</p>	<p>Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt Heads of Delegation of the three reviewed countries Rapporteurs</p>	<p>The Committee will begin the peer reviews by hearing the presentations of the three reviews based on the outcome of the discussion held during the Expert Group's meeting in October.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft EPR of Albania (CEP/2002/4) - Draft EPR of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (CEP/2002/5) - Draft EPR of Yugoslavia (CEP/2002/6)

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3-5 p.m.	Item 6 Round-table discussion with high-level representatives of the reviewed countries	Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt	The Committee will discuss major policy issues emerging from the three reviews, in particular two specific items as agreed by the Bureau.	- Policy discussion paper (CEP/2002/7)
5-5.45 p.m.	Item 7 Discussion on the first draft of the comprehensive analytical paper based on the environmental performance reviews	Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt	The Committee will discuss the document and decide how to finalize the paper for the fifth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" .	- First draft of the comprehensive analytical paper (CEP/2002/3)
5.45-6 p.m.	Item 8 Adoption of recommendations to the reviewed countries	Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt	The Committee will conclude the peer reviews by adopting the recommendations.	

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	<p>Item 9 ECE multilateral environmental agreements</p>			
10-11.30 a.m.	(a) Support to the ECE multilateral environmental agreements	Mr. H. von Meijjenfeldt	<p>The Committee is expected to discuss the outcome of the meeting with representatives of the Bureaux of the Committee and of the governing bodies of the ECE environmental conventions. The meeting included discussions on (i) compliance, (ii) links between the Aarhus Convention and other UNECE environmental conventions and protocols, and (iii) good practices in public participation in international forums with a possible view to developing guidelines. The Committee's Bureau identified the further possibility that such guidelines might be developed within the framework of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention. The Committee is invited to decide on further action.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2002 (CEP/2002/8)- Public participation in international forums (CEP/2002/13 and Add.1)- Links between Aarhus Convention and other ECE legal instruments (CEP/2002/14)

11.30-12 a.m.	(b) Ongoing activities related to the ECE multilateral environmental agreements which need special attention	Mr. Schrage Mr. Enderlein Mr. Ludwiczak Mr. Wates Mr. Bull	The Committee will be informed of the progress made in the negotiations on the protocols on strategic environmental assessment (SEA), civil liability and pollution release and transfer registers (PRTR). The Committee will also be provided with information on other key developments and activities under the ECE conventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft protocol on SEA (http://www.unece.org/env/eia/) - Draft protocol on civil liability (http://www.unece.org/env/civil-liability/welcome.html) - Draft protocol on PRTR (http://www.unece.org/env/pp/)
	Item 10 Cross-sectoral activities			
12-12.30 a.m.	(a) Transport, environment and health	Mr. Bärlund	The Committee will be informed about the outcome of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health held on 5 July 2002, in particular the Declaration, the Report and the newly established Transport, Environment and Health Pan-European Programme (THE PEP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declaration (ECE/AC.21/2002/8 - EUR/02/5040828/8) - Report (ECE/AC.21/2002/6 - EUR/02/5040828/6) - THE PEP (ECE/AC.21/2002/9 - EUR/02/5040828/9)

12.30-12.45 a.m.	(b) Environment and health	World Health Organization (WHO) secretariat	The Committee will be informed about the preparatory process for the Environment and Health Ministerial Meeting (Budapest, 2004). The Committee is expected to elect its members for the European Environment and Health Committee (EEHC) (environment sector).	Report of the WHO Regional Committee
12.45-1 p.m.	(c) Reforming energy prices	Mr. Kowalski, Director of the Energy Division	The Committee will be informed about the activities of the joint task force on environment and energy.	
	Item 11 Other activities within the Committee's programme of work and contribution to the "Environment for Europe" process			
3-3.30 p.m.	(a) Environmental monitoring	The Chairman of the ad hoc Working Group	The Committee will consider the work of the Working Group and the preparatory work for the Kiev Conference.	- (CEP/2002/10)
	(b) Environmental education	The delegations of Sweden and the Russian Federation	The Committee will consider progress in the preparations of actions in this area as possible input for the Kiev Conference.	- (CEP/AC.11/2002/39)
3.30-4.15 p.m.	(c) Compliance and enforcement	Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt	The Committee will be informed of the status of preparation of the guidelines on compliance and decide on their finalization.	

4.15-4.30 p.m.	(d) Energy and the environment	Energy Charter Secretariat	The Committee will be informed about the progress made in the implementation of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects.	- (CEP/AC.11/2002/29)
4.30-4.45 p.m.	(e) Follow-up to the Strategy to Phase Out Leaded Petrol	The delegation of Denmark	The Committee will be informed about the status of the implementation of the Strategy.	- (CEP/AC.11/2002/31-CEP/2002/12)
4.45-5.15 p.m.	(f) Preparations for the fifth Ministerial Conference	Ms. A. Golubovskaya, Chair of the ad hoc Working Group of Senior Officials	The Committee may wish to discuss the preparations for the Conference and take note of the preliminary agenda.	- Report of the third meeting of the Working Group (CEP/AC.11/2002/2)
5.15-5.30 p.m.	Item 12 Financial assistance to countries with economies in transition and countries' contributions to the ECE Trust Funds	Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt	The Committee will be informed about the current status of the Trust Fund and donor countries are expected to pledge further funds.	Updated version of the criteria for financial support
5.30-5.45 p.m.	Item 13 Other business	Mr. H. von Meijenfeldt	The Bureau has suggested that an extraordinary session should be held on 18-19 February 2003 to finalize and adopt the Committee's input to the Kiev Ministerial Conference. The Committee is expected to decide accordingly.	

	<p>Item 14 Election of officers for the tenth session</p>		<p>The Committee is expected to elect the officers for its tenth session</p>	
<p>5.45-6 p.m.</p>	<p>Item 15 Closing of the ninth session</p>	<p>Mr. H. von Meijjenfeldt</p>	<p>The Chairman with the assistance of the secretariat, will sum up the Committee's conclusions and decisions. The secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, will finalize the report of the ninth session for circulation to member countries and for adoption at the tenth session.</p>	