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**EXECUTIVE BODY FOR THE CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE
TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Strategies and Review

Thirty-ninth session
Geneva, 18–20 April 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 18 April 2007¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the thirty-eighth session of the Working Group
3. Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol
4. Policy implications of the revision of the Emission Reporting Guidelines

¹ New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than 2 weeks before the meeting. On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section's new location at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the Convention's website).

5. 2006 Review of Strategies and Policies for Air Pollution Abatement
6. Follow-up activities to implement the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
7. Options for amendment procedures for the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants
8. Other business
9. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 18 April, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/85

Item 2: Adoption of the report of the thirty-eighth session of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 18 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/84 (Report of the thirty-eighth session)

Item 3: Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 18 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/1 (Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol: draft report by the secretariat)

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/2 (Techno-economic issues)

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/3 (Workshop on Atmospheric Ammonia)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to continue its work on the review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol, including progress in reducing acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone and the pollutants responsible for these effects. The Working Group will have before it a first draft of the report on the review of the Protocol. The Working Group is expected to discuss the document and provide guidance for further work with a view to finalizing the report at its fortieth session in September 2007.

The delegations of Canada and the United States will present updated information on their activities in support of the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

The delegation of Sweden will inform the Working Group about those results of the Workshop on Air Pollution and Its Relation to Climate Change and Sustainable

Development, being held on 12–14 March 2007 in Gothenburg (Sweden), which are relevant to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

The Working Group will also have before it the report of the tenth meeting of the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues, held in November 2006 in Marseilles (France), and a report on the results of the Workshop on Atmospheric Ammonia, held in December 2006 in Edinburgh (United Kingdom).

Item 4: Policy implications of the revision of the Emission Reporting Guidelines

Tentative timing: Thursday, 19 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/4 (Policy implications of the revision of the Emission Reporting Guidelines)

The Executive Body, at its twenty-fourth session, invited the Working Group to consider ways of strengthening the Emission Reporting Guidelines to improve the reporting of emission data. The Working Group is expected to discuss the options presented in the document prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the EMEP Bureau and to provide guidance.

Item 5: 2006 Review of Strategies and Policies for Air Pollution Abatement

Tentative timing: Friday, 20 April, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/6 (2006 Review of Strategies and Policies for Air Pollution Abatement, executive summary)

The Executive Body, at its twenty-fourth session, approved the draft 2006 Review of Strategies and Policies for Air Pollution Abatement and invited the secretariat to publish it, with an executive summary, in time for the sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” in October 2007 in Belgrade. The Working Group is expected to consider the executive summary prepared by the secretariat and to make recommendations.

Item 6: Follow-up activities to implement the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Tentative timing: Friday, 20 April, morning

Delegations will provide updated information on steps taken to implement specific items of the Action Plan for EECCA. The delegation of Kazakhstan will inform the Working Group about the results of the CAPACT¹ project and the needs for future action.

¹ Capacity-Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia.

Item 7: Options for amendment procedures for the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Tentative timing: Friday, 20 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/5 (Options for amendment procedures for the 1998 Protocol on POPs)

The Executive Body, at its twenty-fourth session, invited the Working Group to consider, on the basis of the report of the ad hoc group of legal experts, the possibility of an expedited procedure, including in combination with existing procedures, for amending the annexes to the Protocol, and, if appropriate, to request the ad hoc group to submit a further report to the Working Group for consideration. The Working Group is expected to consider the options presented in a note by the ad hoc group and to agree on recommendations to be forwarded to the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Body.

Item 8: Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 20 April, afternoon

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

Item 9: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Friday, 20 April, afternoon

In accordance with the revised practice adopted by the Executive Body at its twenty-third session on a two-year trial basis, the Working Group will adopt the decisions of the Working Group taken during the session. The draft report of the session, reflecting the decisions, will be finalized by the Chair, in consultation with the secretariat, following the session and posted on the website of the Convention. The report will be presented for adoption at the fortieth session of the Working Group.