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TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Strategies and Review

Fortieth session
Geneva, 17–20 September 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTIETH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 17 September 2007¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the thirty-ninth session of the Working Group
3. Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol
4. Negotiation of a revised or new protocol on persistent organic pollutants
5. Follow-up on the review of the Protocol on Heavy Metals

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/87

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

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/86 (Report of the thirty-ninth session)

Item 3: Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/7 (Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol: draft report by the secretariat)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/8 (Integrated Assessment Modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/9 (Workshop on air pollution and its relation to climate change and sustainable development – linking immediate needs with long-term challenges)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/10 (Workshop on cost-effective control of urban air pollution)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/11 (Techno-economic issues)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/12 (Ammonia abatement)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/13 (Guidance document on ammonia)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to discuss and agree on the finalization of the main report on the review of the Gothenburg Protocol for submission to the Executive Body at its twenty-fifth session.

The Working Group will have before it the reports of the thirty-third meeting of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling, held from 2 to 4 May 2007 in Prague and the Workshop on cost-effective control of urban air pollution, held on 16 and 17 November 2006 in Laxenburg, Austria, as well as an official report of the Workshop on air pollution and its relations to climate change and sustainable development – linking immediate needs with long-term challenges, held from 12 to 14 March 2007 in Gothenburg, Sweden. The Working Group will also have before it the report on the results of the eleventh meeting of the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues, held in Rome on 2 April 2007, and of the Workshop on Emerging Technologies for Air Pollution Abatement, held in Rome by the Expert Group on 3 April 2007. Furthermore, the Working Group will have before it the report of the Expert Group on Ammonia Abatement, held on 26 and 27 April 2007 in Braunschweig, Germany and the Guidance Document on Control Techniques for Preventing and Abating Emissions of Ammonia, updated by the Expert Group. The Working Group is expected to approve this revised document and to submit it to the Executive Body for adoption and revision of the chapter V of the Guidance document (EB.AIR/1999/2).

Item 4: Negotiation of a revised or new Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 18 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/14 (Persistent organic pollutants)

The Executive Body, at its twenty-fourth session, requested the Working Group to (i) consider, on the basis of the sufficiency and effectiveness review (EB.AIR/WG.5/2005/1), the outcomes of the scientific and technical activities relating to the need for potential revisions of the Protocol and, based on these considerations, prepare proposals as appropriate on, inter alia, the scheduled reassessments of the substance-related provisions and the potential revisions to the provisions of the Protocol related to best available techniques and emission limit values; (ii) prepare a proposal, as appropriate, for revising the Protocol in the light of ongoing work on management options for HCBd, octa-BDE, PCN, PeCB, SCCP, pentaBDE and PFOS; (iii) consider the possibility of an expedited procedure, including inter alia in combination with existing procedures, regarding amendment of the annexes to the Protocol; and (iv) report on progress made on possibilities for strategic development of the Protocol to the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Body (see ECE/EB.AIR/89, para. 26 (e)). The Working Group is expected to consider the report of the sixth meeting of the Task Force on Persistent organic Pollutants (POPs), and agree, inter alia, on specific proposals, as appropriate, for the negotiation of a new or revised protocol on POPs. Delegations may wish to provide information to support such proposals. At its thirty-ninth session, the Working Group agreed to further discuss the two options for an expedited amendment procedure as presented in document ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/5 and to forward them to the Executive Body for consideration.

Item 5: Follow-up on the review of the Protocol on Heavy Metals

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/15 (Heavy metals)

The Working Group will have before it the report of the fourth meeting of the Task Force on Heavy Metals, held from 6 to 8 June 2007 in Vienna. The Working Group is expected to assess progress in the work on heavy metals taking due account of the completed review on sufficiency and effectiveness review of the protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2006/2), and to present to the Executive Body a proposal for further action.

Item 6: Particulate matter

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/18 (Particulate matter)

The Working Group is expected to discuss the results of the work of the Expert Group on Particulate Matter and decide on further action.

Item 7: Legal standing of the draft revised Emission Reporting Guidelines

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/16 (Legal Standing of the Emission Reporting Guidelines)

The Working Group is expected to discuss the report of the ad hoc group of legal experts on the legal standing of the Emission Reporting Guidelines and the possibilities for strengthening their provisions, and to make recommendations to the Executive Body, as appropriate.

Item 8: Exchange of information and technology

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/17 (Revised action plan for EECCA)

The secretariat will inform the Working Group on finalization of 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 Working Group, at its thirty-ninth session, invited the secretariat, in collaboration with the Bureau of the Working Group, to present a revised version of the Action plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, in line with the recommendations of the Saltsjobaden-III workshop. The Working Group is expected to discuss and adopt the revised action plan.

Item 9: Draft 2008 workplan

Tentative timing: Thursday, 20 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/19 (Draft 2008 workplan)

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

Item 10: Election of officers

Tentative timing: Thursday, 20 September, afternoon

The Working Group is expected to elect its Vice-Chairs for 2007–2008. At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Group elected Ms. C. Heathwood (Canada), and re-elected Ms. N. Karpova (Russian Federation), Mr. J. Sliggers (Netherlands) and Mr. P. Jilek (Czech Republic) as Vice-Chairs.

Item 11: Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 20 September, afternoon

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

Item 12: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Thursday, 20 September, 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 forty-first session of the Working Group.
