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TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Strategies and Review

Forty-fifth session
Geneva, 31 August–4 September 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 31 August 2009¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the reports of the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the Working Group
3. Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol
4. Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

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5. Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals
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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 31 August, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/97

Item 2: Adoption of the reports of the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Monday, 31 August, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/94 (Report of the forty-third session)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/96 (Report of the forty-fourth session)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to adopt the report of its forty-third and forty-fourth sessions and to deal with any other matters arising from them that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Item 3: Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Tentative timing: Monday, 31 August, afternoon; Tuesday, 1 September, morning;
Wednesday, 2 September, afternoon; Thursday, 3 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/6 (Proposals for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/6/Add.1 (Proposals for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/7 (Persistent organic pollutants – report of the Task Force)

In line with the 2009 mandate for the Working Group on Strategies and Review to work on persistent organic pollutants (POPs), as agreed by the Executive Body Bureau on 5 March 2009, the Working Group is expected to continue negotiations with a view to finalizing

discussions of the amendments submitted by the European Union and Norway as well as other formally proposed amendments to the annexes of the Protocol on POPs for consideration by Parties to the Protocol at the twenty-seventh session of the Executive Body in December 2009. The Working Group will be invited:

- (a) To explore potential revisions to annexes IV to VIII of the Protocol related to best available techniques (BAT) and emission limit values (ELVs);
- (b) To consider updates to the text of the Protocol, as necessary, to reflect the amendments to the annexes;
- (c) To investigate possibilities for increasing ratifications. These possibilities could include, inter alia, flexibilities regarding ELVs, and the application of BAT and timescales for implementation and encouraging countries to provide bilateral support and capacity-building activities for countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-Eastern Europe (SEE).

The Working Group will have before it two working documents reflecting the outcomes of its previous discussions of options for revising the Protocol as well as the proposals of the ad hoc group of technical experts for annexes IV and V. The working documents will present the options for revising the Protocol in the form of suggested amendments to the texts of the Protocol's annexes.

Furthermore, in line with its mandate, the Working Group is expected to discuss the track A and B reports from the Task Force on endosulfan, trifluralin, pentachlorophenol, dicofol and hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD), as submitted by Executive Body. The outcomes of the Task Force's work are contained in the report from its seventh meeting (Plovdiv, Bulgaria, 2–5 June 2009).

Following discussions, the Working Group will be invited to submit to the twenty-seventh session of the Executive Body recommendations for the next steps for Parties to the Protocol.

Item 4: Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol

- Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 1 September, afternoon; Wednesday 2 September, morning
- Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/4 (Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/16 (Additional proposals for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/17 (Draft revised technical annex IV)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/18 (Draft revised technical annex V)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/19 (Draft revised technical annex VI)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/20 (Draft revised technical annex VIII)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/21 (Draft technical annex on total suspended particulates (TSP))
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/22 (Draft technical annex on solvent content of products)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/15 (Draft revised guidance document)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/9 (Techno-economic issues)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/10 (Integrated assessment modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/11 (Workshop on integrated assessment modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/12 (Reactive nitrogen)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to continue its discussions on options for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol². At its forty-fourth session, the Working Group agreed that the working document on options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/4) would be a basis for negotiations of its revision at the Working Group's forty-fifth session. The Working Group will also have before it additional proposals for the revision, collected by the secretariat (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/16). The Working Group is expected to discuss the draft revised technical annexes IV, V, VI and VIII, the guidance documents and the new annexes for solvents in products and total suspended particulates prepared by the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues. It will also have before it the report of the fifteenth meeting of the Expert Group.

The Working Group will have before it the report of the thirty-fifth meeting of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (Bilthoven, the Netherlands, 8–10 June 2009), which describes the development of the baseline scenario. The Working Group will also be informed about the workshop on non-binding aspirational targets for air pollution for the

² The 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

year 2050 (Utrecht, the Netherlands, 5–6 March 2009), held in collaboration with the Working Group on Effects. This report describes tentative long-term goals and emission reduction requirements, as well as links to target-setting for 2020.

The Working Group will also have before it the report on the results of the second meeting of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen (Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, 28–29 April 2009). The annex to this report describes the progress in amending the technical annex IX on ammonia. Further work to prepare proposals to revise annex IX is planned for the end of 2009.

Item 5: Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals

Tentative timing: Thursday, 3 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/8 (Heavy metals – report of the Task Force)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/9 (Heavy metals – report of the Task Force)

In line with its mandate to work on heavy metals in 2009, the Working Group is expected to consider the work of the Task Force on Heavy Metals on the track A and B reviews of the proposal of the European Union to add mercury-containing products to annex VI to the Protocol on Heavy Metals, as presented in the report of the Task Force on its sixth meeting (Plovdiv, Bulgaria, 2–5 June 2009). The Working Group is expected to decide upon an appropriate action.

Furthermore, the Working Group will be invited:

(a) To consider possibilities to produce a guidance document on BAT instead of the current recommendatory annex III to the Protocol;

(b) To explore the possibilities for increasing ratifications of the protocols. These possibilities could include, inter alia, flexibilities regarding ELVs and the application of BAT and timescales for implementation, management options for products, and encouraging countries to provide bilateral support and capacity-building activities for countries in EECCA and SEE subregions. The Working Group may also take into consideration the possible options put forward by the Task Force on Heavy Metals (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/9).

The Working Group is also expected to report on its work to the Executive Body's twenty-seventh session.

The Working Group will receive information from a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) secretariat related to the decision by the UNEP Governing Council to begin a process of negotiating a legally binding global agreement on mercury.

Item 6: Exchange of information and technology

Tentative timing: Friday, 4 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/13 (Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia)

At its twenty-sixth session, the Executive Body welcomed the progress achieved in implementing the Action Plan for EECCA and urged all Parties and bodies under the Convention to address those items of the Action Plan that required stronger efforts. The Executive Body invited the Working Group to report on progress achieved in this area of work at the former's twenty-seventh session.

The Working Group is expected to discuss the further actions taken to implement the Action Plan. It will have before it a document presenting the current status of implementation of the Action Plan, including the outcomes of the informal consultations of EECCA and SEE countries, held in conjunction with the Working Group's forty-third and forty-fourth sessions.

Delegations are expected to inform the Working Group about other initiatives and projects undertaken to strengthen the involvement of EECCA and SEE countries in the work of the Convention.

Item 7: Draft 2010 workplan

Tentative timing: Thursday, 3 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/14 (Draft 2010 workplan)

The Working Group is expected to consider the various tasks as well the possible mandates for negotiations to be launched in 2010, and to agree on its workplan and to forward it for consideration by the Executive Body.

Item 8: Election of officers

Tentative timing: Friday, 4 September, morning

The Working Group is expected to elect its Vice-Chairs for 2009–2010. At its forty-second session, the Working Group elected Mr. D. Fantozzi (United States) and re-elected Mr. P. Jilek

(Czech Republic), Ms. N. Karpova (Russian Federation) and Mr. J. Sliggers (Netherlands) as Vice-Chairs.

Item 9: Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 4 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/23 (Proposal of the European Union to extend Executive Body decisions on emission data and reporting under the Convention and its Protocols)

At its forty-fourth session, the Czech Presidency of the European Union (EU) requested the inclusion of the item “Proposal of the European Union to extend Executive Body decisions on emission data and reporting under the Convention and its Protocol” under this agenda item for the Working Group’s next session. The Working Group is expected to discuss the EU proposal.

Item 10: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Friday, 4 September, afternoon

The Working Group will adopt the decisions taken during the session, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Body at its twenty-fifth session, to continue with this practice for another period of two years (ECE/EB.AIR/91, para. 96 (a)). The draft report of the session, including the agreed decisions, will be finalized by the Chair in consultation with the secretariat following the session, and will be posted on the Convention website. The report will be presented for adoption at the forty-sixth session of the Working Group.
