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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
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TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Strategies and Review

Forty-seventh session  
Geneva, 30 August–3 September 2010

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 30 August 2010<sup>1</sup>

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the forty-sixth session of the Working Group.
3. Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol.<sup>2</sup>
4. Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals.
5. Options for adding new substances to the Protocol on persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

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<sup>1</sup> There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, available from the Convention website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting. On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section at the Pregny gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). A map is available on the Convention website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>).

<sup>2</sup> 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

6. Long-term strategy for the Convention.
7. Draft 2011 workplan for the implementation of the Convention.
8. Exchange of information and technology.
9. Other business.
10. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group.

## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 30 August, 3 p.m.

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/101

### Item 2: Adoption of the report of the forty-sixth session of the Working Group

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 30 August, afternoon

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/100 (Report of the forty-sixth session)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to adopt the report of its forty-sixth session and to address any other matters arising from it not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

### Item 3: Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol

*Tentative timing:* Monday 30 August, afternoon–Wednesday, 1 September, morning

*Documentation:* Informal document 1 (Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/11 (Integrated assessment modelling)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/12 (Draft annex I on critical loads and levels)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/13 (Reactive nitrogen)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/14 (Draft annex IX on measures for the control of emissions of ammonia from agricultural sources)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/15 (Techno-economic Issues)

The Working Group will continue its discussions on options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol.

The technical experts will be invited to pursue their work on the draft revised technical annexes prepared by the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues and discussed at the Working Group's forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions in September 2009 and in April 2010 (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/17-22). These discussions will start in the plenary session, which benefits from interpretation, to facilitate the participation of experts from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. As of Tuesday morning, the technical experts will continue their work in parallel to the session (in English only).

The Working Group will further consider the draft amended text of the Protocol submitted to its forty-sixth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/1) in taking into consideration the progress made during that session (as presented in the informal document no. 1). Furthermore, it is expected to take into account the results of the work by the Task Forces and Expert Groups as follows:

(a) The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will provide a progress report on the Task Forces' work (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/11). Furthermore, the Chair, together with the Head of the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling, will present results of the further work on the baseline scenarios as well as proposals on additional scenarios;

(b) The Chair of the Working Group on Effects will present the draft amended annex I to the Gothenburg Protocol, as revised on the basis of the comments from the Working Group at its forty-sixth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/12);

(c) The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen will report on the progress of that Task Force (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/13), including the further work on the draft amended annex IX to the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/14), as well as on the guidance document on control techniques for preventing and abating emissions of ammonia (draft amendments to the guidance document will be presented in an informal document), and on the Framework Code on Good Agricultural Practice for Reducing Ammonia, which is to be revised after completion of the guidance document;

(d) The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution may wish to inform the Working Group of the results of their work on intercontinental transport of air pollutants of relevance to the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol. (An executive summary of the 2010 assessment report prepared by the Task Force will be discussed at the thirty-fourth session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), to be held from 13 to 15 September 2010);.

(e) The lead countries of the Expert Group on Black Carbon, Norway and the United States of America, will brief the Working Group on the results of the first meeting of that Expert Group.

#### **Item 4: Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 1 September, afternoon

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/9 (Heavy metals - Report by the Chair of the Task Force on Heavy Metals)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/10 (Options for revising the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals)

As requested by the Working Group at its forty-sixth session, it will have before it a document prepared by the secretariat on options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/10). The document includes Switzerland's proposals for amending articles 1, 13 and 15 of the Protocol and its annexes I, II, IV and V. In accordance with the mandate

given by the Executive Body at its twenty-seventh session in 2009, the Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to start negotiations with the view to presenting draft proposals for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals to the Parties to the Protocol at the Executive Body's twenty-ninth session in 2011 (see ECE/EB.AIR/99/Add.2). It is expected to present a progress report to the twenty-eighth session of the Executive Body in 2010.

Moreover, the Working Group is invited to consider the results of the technical review of the proposal by the European Union to add mercury-containing products to annex VI to the Protocol on Heavy Metals, carried out by the Task Force on Heavy Metals (see ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/9), and to submit recommendations for consideration by the Parties to the Protocol at the twenty-eighth session of the Executive Body.

A representative of the United Nations Environment Programme secretariat may wish to inform the Working Group about the preparatory work for the negotiation of a global agreement on mercury.

**Item 5: Options for adding new substances to the Protocol on persistent organic pollutants (POPs)**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 2 September, morning

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/8 (Report by the Co-Chairs of the Task Force on POPs)

Based on the report on the eighth meeting of the Task Force on POPs (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/8), the Working Group is expected to discuss the outcomes of the technical reviews of the new substances proposed for inclusion in the POPs Protocol. Following discussions, it will be invited to submit recommendations on the proposed substances for the Parties to the Protocol to decide on at the twenty-eighth session of the Executive Body, in 2010.

**Item 6: Long-term Strategy for the Convention**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 2 September, morning

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/17 (Draft Long-term Strategy)

As agreed by the Executive Body at its twenty-seventh session, a draft long-term strategy was produced taking into account the discussion at the meeting of the extended Bureau at the same session. It was subsequently circulated for comments to the bureaux of the main subsidiary bodies and the Implementation Committee. It is now being submitted to the subsidiary bodies.

The Working Group is invited to consider the strategy and provide its feedback to the twenty-eighth session of the Executive Body.

**Item 7: Draft 2011 workplan for implementation of the Convention**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 2 September, afternoon

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/16 (Draft 2011 Workplan)

The Working Group is expected to consider its tasks for 2011 and to agree on its draft workplan with a view to forwarding it for consideration by the Executive Body at its twenty-eighth session in 2010.

**Item 8: Exchange of information and technology**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 2 September, afternoon

Delegations will be invited to provide information on specific actions taken to implement the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, adopted at the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Body. Furthermore, information on progress in the implementation of the projects for facilitating the ratification of the three most recent protocols to the Convention will be provided, as needed.

**Item 9: Other business**

*Tentative timing:* Friday, 3 September, morning

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

**Item 7: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group**

*Tentative timing:* Friday, 3 September, morning

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Body made at its twenty-fifth session, the Working Group will adopt the decisions taken during the session. 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 Working Group's forty-eighth session in 2011.

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