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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Committee on Environmental Policy

#### Special session

Astana, 20 September 2011

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the special session

**To be held at the Independence Palace, Astana, starting at 2 p.m.  
on Tuesday, 20 September 2011**

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Environmental Performance Reviews:
  - (a) Environmental Performance Review of Turkmenistan;
  - (b) Environmental Performance Reviews Programme: overview of activities.
3. Preparations for the Seventh “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference:
  - (a) Conference outcomes;
  - (b) Last-minute organizational issues.
4. Calendar of meetings.
5. Other business.
6. Closure of the meeting.

#### II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. The Committee on Environmental Policy’s activity is guided by the goals set out in the document on future strategic directions for the environment adopted in 2003 (CEP/2004/2) and by the workplan on United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) reform adopted in 2005 (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1). In 2007, UNECE adopted the revised terms of reference for the Committee (E/ECE/1447/Add.1).

2. The reform plan of the “Environment for Europe” (EfE) process adopted by the Committee, and subsequently endorsed by UNECE, mandated the Committee to act as the convening body for the preparatory processes for the EfE Ministerial Conferences (see ECE/CEP/S/152 and Corr.1, annex I).

3. Information and materials for this meeting are being made available on the website of the Committee on Environmental Policy (<http://www.unece.org/env/cep/welcome.html>).

## **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

4. Following the opening of the meeting, the Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document (ECE/CEP/S/2011/7). The provisional timetable for the meeting is presented in information paper No. 1.

## **2. Environmental Performance Reviews**

### **(a) Environmental Performance Review of Turkmenistan**

5. The Committee will conduct a peer review of the environmental performance of Turkmenistan. The Committee will be invited to conclude the peer review by adopting the recommendations contained in the draft report elaborated by the Expert Group on Environmental Performance at its meeting on 1 and 2 September 2011.

### **(b) Environmental Performance Review Programme: overview of activities**

6. The Committee will be briefed on other recent and planned activities under the Environment Performance Review (EPR) Programme.

7. The Committee will be invited to consider the information provided.

## **3. Preparations for the Seventh “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference**

### **(a) Conference outcomes**

8. In line with the EfE Reform Plan, the Committee at its special session in May 2011 prepared and approved a draft ministerial declaration (ECE/CEP/S/2011/2, annex I) for consideration and adoption at the upcoming seventh EfE Ministerial Conference (Astana, 21–23 September 2011). The draft declaration is focused on follow-up and further actions, and is strictly limited in terms of scope to the themes of the Conference.

9. The Committee may wish to revise the text of paragraph 19 of the draft ministerial declaration (ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/L.1) should there be offer(s) from member State(s) to host the Eighth EfE Ministerial Conference.

10. The Committee will be invited to consider any proposals for initiatives and policy tools at both the regional and subregional levels that might have been forwarded by interested countries and EfE partners by the established deadline of 1 July 2011. To facilitate the discussions, interested EfE actors should make texts of such initiatives available in English and Russian languages prior to the meeting.

### **(b) Last-minute organizational issues**

11. The Committee will be invited to consider any last-minute organizational issues for the Conference that might arise.

**4. Calendar of meetings**

12. The eighteenth annual session of the Committee is scheduled to take place in Geneva, from 24 to 27 April 2012.

**5. Other business**

13. The Committee will be invited to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention. Delegations wishing to propose items are invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

**6. Closure of the meeting**

14. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will sum up the Committee's conclusions and decisions and close the meeting. The report of the meeting and the list of participants will be finalized by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau for circulation to the Committee after the meeting. These documents will be posted on the Committee on Environmental Policy website.

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