

Bureau Call

22 September 2019

17:00-18:00 (Geneva time)

MINUTES

A. Participants:

Bureau Members:

Present

- Mr. Ray Pilcher (Chair)
- Mr. David Creedy
- Mr. Clark Talkington

Apologies

- Mr. Clemens Backhaus
- Mr. Sergazy Baimukhametov
- Mr. Yuriy Bobrov
- Mr. Neil Butler
- Mr. Hasan Erdoğan
- Mr. C. Ozgen Karacan
- Mr. Milanko Savic
- Mr. Sergey Ivanovich Shumkov
- Mr. Jacek Skiba
- Mr. Igor Yashchenko
- Mr. Zhixin Jin

Secretariat:

- Mr. Michal Drabik

B. Draft agenda:

1. Agenda of the annual session.
2. Bureau elections.
3. The 15th session of the Group in 2020.

1. Adoption of the agenda

- The agenda was adopted.

2. Agenda of the annual session:

- The Secretariat reported on progress in preparations for the 14th annual session of the Group in November. The issue of incorporating CMM into countries' renewable or alternative energy portfolios, which is to be discussed at the annual session under item 4 (Role of fossil fuels in decarbonizing energy systems) was addressed, and it was decided to approach that subject broadly, without focusing only on the United States. In addition, the time allocated to Item 4, which is to be delivered jointly with the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Systems was decided to be shortened to 1 hour 10 minutes.

- An additional hour was decided to be allocated to Item 5 (Ninth joint meeting of UNECE Group of Experts on CMM and GMI Coal Subcommittee). The Secretariat was requested to obtain from GMI a draft agenda of the GMI Coal Subcommittee's meeting, as it would like to be involved in planning of that session.
- The Secretariat presented to the Bureau its vision for Item 9 (Gender issues in the coal mining industry). It was decided that the presentations on that matter should be followed by the discussion during which the Group should try to determine actions that it could take to help overcome the barriers identified by the speakers.

3. Bureau elections

- The Secretariat provided the Bureau with an update on the upcoming elections. The Bureau was informed that so far, nominations were received only from three member States: Bosnia and Herzegovina (Mr. Softic), Poland (Mr. Pikus), and Serbia (Mr. Savic).
- Nominations for Bureau Members representing the private sector were discussed, and all presented candidates were approved by the Bureau. The following Members will be presented for re-nomination: Mr. Backhaus (A-TEC Anlagentechnik GmbH), Mr. Bobrov (Association of Donbass Mining Towns), Mr. Butler (HEL-EAST Ltd), Mr. Creedy (Sindicatum Sustainable Resources) Mr. Zhixin Jin (International Centre of Excellence in China), and Mr. Talkington (Advanced Resources International, Inc). In addition, one new candidature, of Mr. Kroplewski (International Centre of Excellence in Poland), was accepted.
- The Bureau approved re-nomination of Mr. Pilcher (Raven Ridge Resources Inc.) for the Chair of the Group.
- The elections will take place under Item 2 (Election of officers) at the beginning of the 14th session, on Thursday, 7 November 2019.
- The newly elected Bureau Members will commence their mandates upon the conclusion of the 14th session, and will serve for the two-year term, until the conclusion of the 16th session, in 2021.

4. The 15th session of the Group in 2020

- The Bureau was provided with information on the 15th session of the Group, which is to take place in March 2020. As the calendar of the meetings administrated by the Sustainable Energy Division has changed, from 2020 onwards the meetings of the Group are to be kept in March, back to back with the annual sessions of the Group of Experts on Gas (GoE on Gas).
- As due to the above-mentioned change of the calendar the 15th session of the Group is to be held only 4 months after the 14th session, the meeting is to be limited to only 3 hours necessary to discuss any administrative issues that might arise by then. The rest of the meeting, together with additional 3 days will take the form of a one week-long Global Methane Forum (GMF) organized jointly with the GoE on Gas and GMI. The GMF will feature the plenary session, workshop on Methane Management in Extractive Industries, as well as meetings of 4 GMI subcommittees, namely: Steering, Oil and Gas, Biogas, and Coal.
- The Bureau requested the Secretariat to keep it informed on preparation for the GMF, and to assure that the subjects interested to the Group will be featured in the event's agenda.

5. Date of the next Bureau call

- The next meeting will take place on Thursday-Friday, 7-8 November, in Geneva (14th Session of the Group).

6. End of the meeting.

- The Chair and the secretariat thanked participants for their time and involvement in the call.
- The meeting was closed.