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## **ECE Committee on Sustainable Energy (CSE)**

### **Bureau Meeting**

**Astana, 12 June 2017, 8.00-9.00**

### **Bureau Report - BMR Nr. 2017/1**

#### **Present, CSE Bureau:**

Mr. Jürgen Keinhorst, Chair

Mr. Nazir Ramazanov, Mr. Jean-Christophe Fueeg, Mr. Valeriy Pysarenko for Mr Ihor Didenko, Mr. Ray Pilcher, Mr. Barry Worthington, Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski, Vice-Chairs

Ms. Miriam Gutzke, Germany, Mr. Simon Bueschi, Switzerland

#### **Invited expert:**

Mr. Sigurd Heiberg, former Chair of the CSE

#### **Secretariat, ECE Sustainable Energy Division (SED):**

Mr. Scott Foster, Director, SED, Mrs. Stefanie Held, Mrs. Charlotte Griffiths, Mr. Gianluca Sambucini, Mr. Viktor Badaker, Mr. Branko Milicevic, Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Ms. Lisa Tinschert, Mr. Michal Drabik, Mr. Hari Tulsidas

#### Immediate action points

SED secretariat:

- Incorporate comments of the Bureau into the agenda for the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the CSE, to be discussed at the Bureau call on 6 July 2017 (note: changed date)
- Circulate presentation of the Pathways to Sustainable Energy project to the Bureau for input
- Prepare documents for the Bureau call

Bureau:

- Provide input on the policy research questions of the modellers (slide 8)
- Provide nomination letters for re-election at the forthcoming 26<sup>th</sup> session (Chair and Vice-Chairs; not Kazakhstan and United States).

#### **Main discussion points**

##### Adoption of the Agenda

- The agenda was adopted as presented.

##### Item 1 8<sup>th</sup> Forum and energy ministerial: implementation of the outcome document, next steps

- Participating ministers in the energy ministerial event on 11 June 2017 adopted an outcome document, which is largely based on the recommendations by the Committee on Sustainable Energy's in its 25<sup>th</sup> session and including comments through a public consultation process.
- The Bureau recommended to present the results of the energy ministerial and the 8<sup>th</sup> Forum to the Committee with the recommendation "to take note". It further requested that the outcomes be incorporated into the relevant work plans of the subsidiary bodies.

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### Item 2 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee: main topics and agenda; highlights from work plans

- The Bureau discussed the main items for the forthcoming 26<sup>th</sup> session of the CSE. It recommended to include a session on CCUS to inform on the status of technologies. This was now more important than ever as CCUS constituted a major stepping-stone to achieve the 2-degree target. The Bureau recommended further to consider the ongoing work by CSLF and GCCSI as the two leading agencies on this topic. The Chair of the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels reminded that CCS was a long-standing and integral part of the adopted work plan for the Group, and that guidelines were prepared for submission to the UNFCCC COP process. The Bureau further cautioned to single out this topic, as all technologies were equally important for the transition to sustainable energy.

### Item 3 Collaboration with the other regional commissions

- The Chair wished for more presence of UNECE work in the region with concrete activities. The secretariat reminded of UNDA, the role of the regional advisor and the ongoing 8<sup>th</sup> Forum as examples for presence and visibility in the UNECE region.

### Item 4 Bureau elections: reminder

- The secretariat reminded of the pending Bureau elections for all but two of the elected country representatives (Kazakhstan and United States) and the Chair. Nomination letters should be addressed to the secretariat asap.

### Item 5 Pathways to Sustainable Energy: update

- The secretariat presented the status, in particular outcomes from the kick-off workshop with the three modelling agencies in Germany in Mai 2017. Input was requested to guide the research questions.
- The Bureau requested the full presentation with background information (note: attached to the Bureau email).

### Item 6 Cross-cutting collaboration and modernisation of energy infrastructure: update

- The Chair of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane informed of the plans to hold a workshop on a project that the CSE discussed at its 25<sup>th</sup> session, namely the modernisation and transition of industrial ecosystems. He stressed the importance of cross-cutting projects that seek to involve at a maximum the network of the CSE and its subsidiary bodies for example for funding, approaching donors etc. The Bureau will be kept informed of developments.

### Item 7 AOB

- The Ukrainian representative presented key points of the ninth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development and confirmed the intention of his country to host the Forum in 2018.

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