

Decision 2012/26

High-level Meeting on Actions to Promote Improved Air Quality in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

The Executive Body,

Recalling that the Long-term Strategy for the Convention sets a high priority to the increased ratification of the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol), particularly by countries of the region of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia,

Considering the provisions of the Revised Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/17) on raising the political profile of Convention activities in the region, and enabling ratification of the above-mentioned Protocols,

Recalling Executive Body decision 2010/17 on establishment of a coordinating group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in the region of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (Coordinating Group), and proposed activities to implement the Revised Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia in 2012–2014,

1. *Decides* to establish an organizing committee, comprising a representative of the Coordinating Group and the Executive Body Bureau, working in close cooperation with the secretariat and the Coordinating Group, whose aim is to organize a high-level meeting on actions to promote improved air quality in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia;

2. *Requests* the organizing committee to oversee preparations, including the possibility for interpretation service, for the meeting, which could be held during or back to back with the meeting of the Executive Body in December 2013 at the United Nations Office in Geneva, on the basis of a concept note prepared by the Coordinating Group, which outlines the objectives and expected outcomes of the meeting;

3. *Decides* to entrust the Executive Body Bureau to finalize the preparations for the meeting;

4. *Noting with appreciation* the intention of the European Commission and the Russian Federation to provide financial support for arranging and convening the meeting, subject to finalizing the necessary organizational provisions;

5. *Invites* Parties and other United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) member countries to cooperate with the organizing committee, and encourages them to ensure participation of higher officials from countries that are Parties to the Convention as well other ECE member countries, particularly those from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in the event.
