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Group of Experts on Gas

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Item 16 of the provisional agenda:

Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

Draft Conclusions and Recommendations arising from the Group of Experts on Gas Second Session

Draft for discussion

Agenda Item 4: Matters arising from the twenty-third session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy related to the Group of Experts on Gas

1. The Committee on Sustainable Energy at its twenty-third session in November 2014 requested that the relevant expert groups prepare a coordinated, solutions-oriented report about methane management in extractive industries with a focus on establishing a baseline, benchmarking and scale of current methane emissions in those industries, with the aim of giving clear guidance to policy makers. In response to the request, the Group of Experts on Gas accepted to participate in the preparation of this report.
2. The Group of Experts on Gas recommended that the other groups of experts also delegate expert(s) to join this coordinated, solutions-oriented effort, under the lead of the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, which would give clear guidance to policymakers on how to manage methane in a sustainable way.

Agenda item 6: Best practice guidance in reducing gas leaks along the gas value chain

3. The Group of Experts on Gas took note of the work of Task Force on Best Practice Guidance in Reducing Gas Leaks along the Gas Value Chain, including the challenges faced in meeting the deadlines contained in the Work Plan for 2014–2015 and recommended that the revised timeline proposed by the Task Force be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement.

Agenda item 7: Best practice guidance on the role of natural gas in increasing the uptake of renewable energy

4. The Group of Experts invited the Bureau to coordinate with the Bureau of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy on activities that stem from their respective work plans.

Agenda item 13: Work plan for 2014–2015 and for 2016–2017

5. The Group of Experts invited the Bureau, in cooperation with the secretariat, to prepare a draft work plan for the period 2016–2017 and present it to the Group of Experts at its third session.