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Committee on Sustainable Energy

Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency

Second session

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Item 9 of the provisional agenda

Report of the meeting

Draft Conclusions and Recommendations of the Second Session of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency¹

Draft for Discussion

Agenda item 2: Election of officers

1. The Group of Experts elected Ms. Maria Gabriela Soares de Menezes Prata Dias (Portugal), Ms. Antonela Solujic (Serbia), and Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) as vice-chairs to join the Bureau.

2. The Bureau of the Group of Experts has the following members: Mr. Tim Farrell (Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency) as chair and Mr. Asaf Rzayev (Azerbaijan), Mr. Andrei Miniankou (Belarus), Ms. Maria Raytcheva (Bulgaria), Mr. Zlatko Pavičić (Croatia), Mr. Christian Noll (Germany), Mr. Yusuf Yazar (Turkey), Mr. Benoit Lebot (International Partnership on Energy Efficiency Cooperation), Mr. Martin Kumar Patel (Energy Efficiency Chair, University of Geneva), Ms. Maria Gabriela Soares de Menezes Prata Dias (Portugal), Ms. Antonela Solujic (Serbia), and Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) as vice-chairs.

Agenda item 3: Workshop on best policy practices for promoting energy efficiency

3. The Group of Experts took note of the publication “Best Policy Practices for Promoting Energy Efficiency”.

4. The Group of Experts invited member States to deploy a structured framework of policies and measures to promote energy efficiency and a menu of high-impact policies and measures presented in the publication. It further invited member States to share existing practices of implementation of energy efficiency policies and measures.

5. The Group of Experts invited the secretariat to facilitate dissemination of results of the publication and exchange of existing best practices of implementation of energy efficiency policies and measures among member States.

Agenda item 4: Report on the implementation of the Work Plan of the Group of Experts for 2014–2015

¹ The draft conclusions and recommendations will be reviewed by the Experts Group after each agenda item and updated as needed.

6. The Group of Experts noted that it had delivered on the concrete activities of the mandate and work plan for 2014–2015 and will report achievements and key milestones at the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy.

Agenda item 5: International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development

7. The Group of Experts recommended to the Committee on Sustainable Energy to endorse the outcome of the 6th International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development and agreed to support those action items that relate to energy efficiency.

Agenda item 6: Renewal of Mandate and Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2016–2017

8. The Group of Experts recommended to the Committee on Sustainable Energy that its mandate be extended to 31 December 2017, for subsequent approval by the UNECE Executive Committee.

9. The Group of Experts recommended that the draft work plan for 2016-2017 be submitted to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for endorsement and then to the UNECE Executive Committee for subsequent approval.

10. The Group of Experts recommended to the Committee on Sustainable Energy to establish a Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings with the Committee on Housing and Land Management with participation of the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies.

11. The Group of Experts invited the secretariat to continue to closely collaborate with other bodies of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, in particular with the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy and the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels as well as with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission and with other key stakeholders in the context of delivering the work plan, including on the possible development of energy efficiency standards in buildings and in other sectors.

12. The Group of Experts recommended to the Committee on Sustainable Energy that the activity on sharing experience on smart grids and other advanced transmission and distribution technologies be moved to another body of the Committee on Sustainable Energy or become a cross-sectoral activity under the Committee on Sustainable Energy.

Agenda item 7: Key messages for the Committee on Sustainable Energy

13. The Group of Experts invited the Committee on Sustainable Energy to explore possible funding of extra-budgetary projects among UNECE member States and/or to provide in-kind expert support to strengthen the implementation of its work plan for 2016-2017.

14. The Group of Experts recommended to the Committee on Sustainable Energy that its annual sessions be supported by parliamentary documents and reports as needed in relation to the implementation of the work plan for 2016-2017. The Group of Experts recommended to the Committee on Sustainable Energy that the secretariat be invited to continue supporting its work by, inter alia, the following: organizing planned work plan activities, preparing formal documentation required for the development, approval, implementation and reporting of work plan activities, including the translation of official documents into the three official ECE languages (English, French, Russian) to service the Group of Experts meetings.

15. The Group of Experts recommended to the Committee on Sustainable Energy to consider the possibility of providing technical assistance and training programmes in collaboration with other partners to member States at their request and upon the availability of resources to increase the uptake of energy

efficiency and to facilitate achieving the target on energy efficiency of the Sustainable Development Goal 7 “Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all”.

Agenda item 8. Other business

16. At the time the draft conclusions and recommendations were prepared there were no issues to be raised under this item.

Agenda item 9. Report of the meeting

17. The report of the meeting was adopted, including conclusions and recommendations, subject to any necessary editing and formatting.

Agenda item 10. Dates of the next meeting

18. The third session of the Group of Experts is tentatively scheduled to take place on 18–19 October 2016 in Geneva. The Group of Experts proposed that its meetings may take place in venues outside Geneva.
