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Report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the supply and use of gas on its thirteenth session**Introduction**

1. The thirteenth session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas was held on 23 January 2013. It was attended by 30 representatives from the following 16 UNECE member countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Latvia, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Eurogas, an association of the European Gas Industry, Belgium and Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV) Global, a natural gas vehicles industry association, were also in attendance.

2. The officers of the session were as follows: Mr. Tamas Korosi (Hungary), Chairman, Mr. Alexey Zorya (Russian Federation), Mr. Jiri Filippi (Czech Republic) and Mr. Ante Zedelj (Croatia), Vice-Chairmen.

I. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

3. The agenda was adopted (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2013/1).

II. Decisions of the twenty-third session of the Working Party on Gas of concern to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (agenda item 2)

4. The Group of Experts took note of the decisions of the eighteenth session of the Working Party on Gas (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2013/2).

5. Delegates requested the Bureau of the Group of Experts to join the announced meeting of the Extended Bureau of the UNECE Working Party on Gas, which would address the future programme of work for the Working Party on Gas, preliminary scheduled for March or April 2013.

III. Key trends in supply of gas to the UNECE region (agenda item 3)

6. Representatives of Hungary and Romania provided an overview of selected key issues in supply of gas to the UNECE region.
7. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts requested the UNECE secretariat to post those presentations on the website of the UNECE Ad Hoc Group of Experts.
8. Delegates invited all member-governments and other interested experts to submit proposals to the UNECE secretariat on the future programme of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts regarding supply of gas in the UNECE region.

IV. Main developments in use of gas in the UNECE region (agenda item 4)

9. Representatives of Spain and NGV Global provided an overview of selected key issues in use of gas to the UNECE region.
10. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts requested the UNECE secretariat to post those presentations on the website of the UNECE Ad Hoc Group of Experts.
11. Delegates invited all member-governments and other interested experts to submit proposals to the UNECE secretariat on the future programme of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts regarding use of gas in the UNECE region.

V. Status of the Working Party on Gas' studies on: underground gas storage, liquefied natural gas and use of gas in transport (agenda item 5)

12. The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts briefed delegates on the status of the Working Party on Gas' studies on: underground gas storage, liquefied natural gas and use of gas in transport with additional details available in the report from the twenty-third session of the Working Party on Gas (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2013/2).
13. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts requested all participants to provide comments and suggestions on those studies once posted and available at the Working Party on Gas' website.

VI. Future directions of work of the Ad Hoc Group of experts (agenda item 6)

14. Delegates invited all UNECE member-countries and interested industry experts to submit proposals regarding future directions of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to the UNECE secretariat. Those proposals should fit the framework given by the preliminary results on the programme of work of the Working Party on Gas of the on-going UNECE reform review process (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2013/2).
15. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts also asked all UNECE member-countries and interested industry experts to provide comments and suggestions on a number of concrete proposed activities within the UNECE Working Party on Gas: carbon capture storage, security of supply and energy savings (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2013/2).

VII. Date of next session (agenda item 7)

16. The fourteenth session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be held on Thursday, 23 January 2014.

VIII. Other business (agenda item 8)

17. No issues were raised at this agenda item.

IX. Adoption of the report (agenda item 9)

18. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts adopted its report on 23 January 2013.
