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Proposed schedule of meetings of the Committee on Environmental Policy and its Bureau for the period of 2014–2016

Note by the secretariat

1. The present document was prepared with a view to facilitate the discussion by the Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) regarding its future meetings and meetings of the CEP Bureau.
2. At the same time the document will help the secretariat to forecast meetings well in advance to ensure timely booking of meeting rooms and interpretation (e.g. UNOG requests such forecasts to be done one year in advance). In this regard it should be noted that in the period of 12 May–20 June 2014, and similar periods in 2015 and 2016, only one meeting with simultaneous interpretation per day can be granted for the whole ECE due to meetings of Human Rights Council, International Labour Organization and World Health Organization taking place at the Palais des Nations.
3. The schedule presented below was developed taking into account the preparations for the eighth “Environment for Europe” (EfE) Ministerial Conference in 2016 following on the recommendations by the CEP Bureau (see document ECE/CEP/2013/22). For easy of reference, meetings taking place in 2013 are also included.
4. The paper also includes an overview of main holidays and events in the period of 2014–2016.
5. CEP will be invited to consider the timetable with a view to its approval.

<i>and venue</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Comments</i>
2013			
29 April		Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare the CEP-19, including the EfE mid-term review of the Astana main commitments
21 October		Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-19 (after the informal meeting of MEAs and CEP governing bodies' representatives)
22–25 October		CEP-19	A regular session of CEP, including the EfE mid-term review of the Astana main commitments

<i>2014</i>		
10 April	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-20
27 October	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-20
28–31 October	CEP-20	A regular session of CEP

<i>2015</i>		
16 April	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-21
26 October	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-21
27–30 October	CEP-21	A regular session of CEP

<i>2016</i>		
24–26 February	Special session (tentative)	To prepare the 8 th EfE Ministerial Conference
June	Special session (tentative, back-to-back to the Conference)	To address pending issues related to the 8 th EfE Ministerial Conference
June	8 th EfE Ministerial Conference	Tentative schedule
24 October	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A one-and-a-half hour meeting in the morning immediately before CEP-22
25–28 October	CEP-22	A regular session of CEP

Note: Main holidays and events in 2014-2016:

Easter (20 Apr 2014, 5 Apr 2015, 27 Mar 2016)

Easter, Orthodox (20 Apr 2014, 12 Apr 2015, 1 May 2016)

Eid al-Fitr (28 Jul 2014, 17 Jul 2015, 5 Jul 2016)

Eid al-Adha (4 Oct 2014, 23 Sep 2015, 11 Sep 2016)

Geneva International Motor Show (7–17 Mar 2013, Mar 2014, Mar 2015, Mar 2016)

UNEP Governing Council/UN Environment Assembly of UNEP (18-22 Feb 2013, 23–27 June 2014, June 2015, June 2016)

OECD EPOC meetings (13–15 Feb & 29–31 Oct 2013, May/June 2014, ... 2015, ... 2016)
