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Proposed schedule of meetings of the Committee on Environmental Policy and its Bureau for the period of 2014–2018

Note by the secretariat

1. The present document is an update version of the information paper No.8 approved by the Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) at its twentieth session in October 2014. The paper aims to facilitate the CEP discussion regarding its future meetings and meetings of the CEP Bureau.
2. At the same time, the document will continue helping 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 of each year, 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 on 8–10 June 2016.
4. The paper also includes an overview of main holidays and events in the period of 2014–2018.
5. CEP will be invited to consider the revised timetable with a view to its approval.

<i>Date and venue</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Comments</i>
2014		
12 May (Geneva)	1 st meeting of Friends of the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS)	To develop targets and performance indicators to measure the progress in developing SEIS
26-27(p.m.) May (Lisbon)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-20
27(a.m.) May (Lisbon)	Informal joint meeting of CEP Bureau and European Environment and Health Ministerial Board (EHMB) Alternates	To discuss issues related to the European Environment and Health process
27 October (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-20
28–31 October (Geneva)	CEP-20	A regular annual session of CEP

<i>Date and venue</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Comments</i>
2015		
11 May (Geneva)	2 nd meeting of Friends of SEIS	To work on organizing and shaping the regular assessment process, taking into consideration the benefits of SEIS
15–16 June (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-21
26 October (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-21
27–30 October (Geneva)	CEP-21	A regular annual session of CEP
2016		
22 February (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP special session
23–25 February (Geneva)	Special session	To prepare the 8 th EfE Ministerial Conference
6 June (Batumi, Georgia), to be confirmed	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two- hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP special session
7 June (Batumi, Georgia)	Special session	To address pending issues related to the 8 th EfE Ministerial Conference
8-10 June (Batumi, Georgia)	8 th EfE Ministerial Conference	Focussing on two themes: greening the economy and cleaning the air + high-level meeting on education for sustainable development
4 September (via video conference)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-22
6 December (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-22
7–9 December (Geneva) ¹	CEP-22	A regular annual session of CEP
2017		
8–9 June (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-23
13 November (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-23
14–17 November (Geneva)	CEP-23	A regular annual session of CEP
2018		
7–8 June (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	To prepare CEP-24
12 November (Geneva)	Meeting of CEP Bureau	A two-hour meeting in the afternoon the day before CEP-24
13–16 November (Geneva)	CEP-24	A regular annual session of CEP

¹Taking into account that the 8th EfE Conference will take place in June 2016, the CEP Bureau recommended to schedule CEP-22 in early December 2016, given the time needed to prepare the session after the EfE Conference.

Note: Main holidays and events in 2014-2018:

Easter (20 Apr 2014, 5 Apr 2015, 27 Mar 2016, 16 Apr 2017, 1 Apr 2018)

Easter, Orthodox (20 Apr 2014, 12 Apr 2015, 1 May 2016, 16 Apr 2017, 8 Apr 2018)

Eid al-Fitr (28 Jul 2014, 17 Jul 2015, 5 Jul 2016, 25 Jun 2017, 15 Jun 2018)

Eid al-Adha (4 Oct 2014, 23 Sep 2015, 11 Sep 2016, 1 Sep 2017, 22 Aug 2018)

Geneva International Motor Show (6–16 Mar 2014, 5–15 Mar 2015, 3–13 Mar 2016, Mar 2017, Mar 2018)

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) of UNEP, every two years (23–27 Jun 2014, 23–27 May 2016, May/Jun 2018)

OECD EPOC at Ministerial level, every four years (29–30 Mar 2012, 3–4 May 2016, 2020)

OECD EPOC meetings, 1–2 meeting per year (10–11 Feb and 6–8 Oct 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
