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**EXECUTIVE BODY FOR THE CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE
TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Effects

Twenty-sixth session
Geneva, 29–31 August 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 August 2007 ¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-fifth session
3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies
4. Recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge
5. Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol

¹ There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting. On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the UNOG Security and Safety Section's new location at the Pregny gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). A map is available on the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>).

6. Further development of effects-oriented activities
7. Financing of effects-oriented activities
8. Election of officers
9. Other business

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 August, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/1 (Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Sixth Session)

Item 2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-fifth session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 August, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/2 (Report on the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Working Group on Effects)

Item 3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 August, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/89 and Add.1 (Report of the Executive Body on Its Twenty-Fourth Session Held in Geneva from 11 to 14 December 2006)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/84 (Report of the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/86 (Report of the Thirty-Ninth Session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/2 (Report on the Thirtieth Session of the Steering Body to EMEP)

The Working Group is expected to take note of the matters arising from the twenty-fourth session of the Executive Body for the Convention, the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, and the thirtieth session of the Steering Body of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP).

Item 4. Recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 29 August, afternoon – Thursday, 30 August, afternoon

- Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/3 and Add.1 (2007 Joint Report of the International Cooperative Programmes (ICPs) and the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/6 (2007 Results of Monitoring Forest Condition in Europe)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/7 (Trends in Surface Water Chemistry and Biota: the Importance of Confounding Factors)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/8 (Recent Results on Corrosion Trends and the Protection of Cultural Heritage from Air Pollution)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/9 (Ellenberg Modelling Approach to Identify (Semi-)Natural Vegetation at Risk from Ozone)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/10 (Nitrogen Fluxes and Carbon-Nitrogen Interactions at ICP Integrated Monitoring Sites)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/11 (Progress on European Empirical and Modelled Critical Loads of Nitrogen, Exceedances and Dynamic Modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/12 (Health Relevance of Particulate Matter from Various Sources)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/13 (Dynamic Modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/15 (Workshop on Effects of Low-Level Nitrogen Deposition)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/16 (Gothenburg Workshop on Air Pollution and Its Relations to Climate Change and Sustainable Development)
Other documents and publications made available by the programmes

The Working Group will have before it the 2007 Joint Report and its addendum, which cover achievements of effects-oriented activities. Lead countries will draw attention to recent activities, in particular the Task Force meetings, and publications. The Working Group is expected to take note of the progress made. It may wish to provide guidance for future activities. The pursuing review of recent results is organized according to the following pollution-specific topics:

- (i) Acidification;
- (ii) Nutrient nitrogen;
- (iii) Ozone;
- (iv) Particulate matter;
- (v) Heavy metals;
- (vi) Persistent organic pollutants (POPs);
- (vii) Cross-cutting items.

Each topic will have contributions from the relevant workplan items, in particular the common workplan items, and other work, which are carried out in all programmes. The presentations will also include issues from the technical reports of the programmes and workshops. The Working Group is expected to take note of the technical reports and the completion of workplan items. It may wish to provide guidance for future goals.

Item 5. Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Friday, 31 August, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/14 (Review Report of the Working Group on Effects)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/17 (Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol)

The Working Group will have before it for consideration documents for the review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol. The Working Group is expected to agree on the texts of the documents and to approve their submission to the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its fortieth session and to the Executive Body at its twenty-fifth session.

Item 6. Further development of effects-oriented activities

Tentative timing: Friday, 31 August, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/4 (Draft 2008 Workplan for Effects-Oriented Activities)

The Working Group will have before it for consideration a document prepared by its Bureau in consultation with the Extended Bureau of the Working Group, taking into account the recent relevant decisions of the Executive Body as well as available information on the Clear Air for Europe (CAFE) programme of the European Commission. The Working Group is expected to approve its submission to the Executive Body at its twenty-fifth session.

Item 7. Financing of effects-oriented activities

Tentative timing: Friday, 31 August, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/5 (Financing of Effects-oriented Activities)

The Working Group will have before it a note, prepared by the secretariat, on the financing of effects-oriented activities, summarizing the voluntary contributions received in 2006 and 2007, reviewing the use of the contributions in 2007, and presenting plans for their use in 2008. The Working Group is expected to consider the note and approve its submission to the Executive Body at its twenty-fifth session.

Item 8. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Friday, 31 August, afternoon

The Working Group is expected to elect a chairperson and five vice-chairpersons. The elected officers constitute the Bureau and will remain in office over the next session.

Item 9. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 31 August, afternoon

The Working Group will have before it for consideration a provisional list of meetings for 2007/2008 compiled by the secretariat on the basis of information provided by the delegations and programmes.
