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Working Group on Strategies and Review

Forty-sixth session
Geneva, 12–15 April 2010

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 12 April 2010¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the forty-fifth session of the Working Group.

¹ There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, 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 United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section 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>)

3. Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol².
4. Progress in the implementation of the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.
5. Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals.
6. Other business.
7. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 April, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/99

Item 2: Adoption of the report of the forty-fifth session of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/98 (Report of the forty-fifth session)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to adopt the report of its forty-fifth session and to address any other matters arising from it not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Item 3: Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Monday 12 April, afternoon; Tuesday 13 April, morning; Wednesday, 14 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/1 (Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/2 (Integrated assessment modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/3 (Draft annex I on critical loads and levels)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/4 (Reactive nitrogen)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/5 (Draft annex IX on measures for the control of emissions of ammonia from agricultural sources)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/17 (Draft revised technical annex IV)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/18 (Draft revised technical annex V)

² 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/19 (Draft revised technical annex VI)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/20 (Draft revised technical annex VIII)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/21 (Draft technical annex on total suspended particulates (TSP))
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/22 (Draft technical annex on solvent content of products)

The Working Group will continue its discussions on options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol. It will request technical experts from the delegations to gather in a separate room to discuss the draft revised technical annexes prepared by the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues and submitted to the Working Group's forty-fifth session in September 2009 (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/17, ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/18, ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/19, ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/20, ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/21 and ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/22), as well as the draft proposal for revising the guidance document on best available technologies (BAT). Each of the draft revised technical annexes presents three options for emission limit values. The technical experts are expected to discuss them and to propose, to the extent possible, one of these options. They will be requested to inform the Working Group of their progress on each day of the session and to report their conclusions on completion of their work.

The Working Group will have before it a consolidated document of a draft amended text of the Protocol, taking into consideration the proposed draft amended text as presented in document ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/4, the additional proposals for amendments as presented in document ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/16 and the comments and suggestions made during the discussions at the Working Group's forty-fifth session.

The Chairman of the Working Group on Effects may wish to present draft proposals from that group contained in the report of its twenty-eighth session in September 2009 (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/2, para. 49, and the draft amended annex I to the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/3)). The Working Group is expected to discuss and if possible agree on the draft text presented in the document.

The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on the results of the thirty-sixth meeting of that Task Force as well as with progress made with the target-setting approaches (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/2). The head of the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling will present progress in the development of the baseline scenario.

The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen will present progress in the activities of that Task Force (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/4) and the draft revised annex IX to the Gothenburg

Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/5). The Working Group is expected to discuss the draft annex.

The Working Group will be briefed by the lead country (United Kingdom) of the Network of Experts on Benefits and Economic Instruments on progress in revising the draft guidance document on economic instruments.

Item 4: Progress in the implementation of the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 13 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/7 (Workshop to promote ratification of the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Gothenburg Protocol)

The Working Group may wish to proceed with discussions on how to strengthen the implementation of the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and how to facilitate ratification of the three most recent protocols to the Convention. It will have before it the conclusions of a workshop co-organized by the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues and the Task Force on Heavy Metals. The workshop received financial support from France and Germany and hosted by the Russian Federation in St. Petersburg in October 2009 (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/7).

The delegation of the Russian Federation will make a presentation to mark the start of the project for “Facilitating the ratification and implementation of the Convention’s protocols in EECCA Countries” and explain the steps that the three partner countries (Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation) will undertake to ratify and establish compliance with the three most recent protocols.

The situation of other projects to assist EECCA and South-East European countries with ratifying the most recent protocols will also be presented. Delegations will be invited to provide information on specific actions taken to implement the Action Plan.

Item 5: Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 14 April, morning; Thursday, 15 April, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/6 (Options for revising the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals)

In accordance with the mandate given by the Executive Body at its twenty-seventh session in 2009, the Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to start negotiations with the view to finalizing the discussions and presenting draft proposals for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals to the Executive Body's twenty-ninth session in 2011 (ECE/EB.AIR/99/Add.2). A progress report will be presented to the twenty-eight session of the Executive Body in 2010.

As requested by the Executive Body, the Working Group shall start the negotiations on the basis of the amendments to the Protocol and its annexes I and IV, as proposed by some Parties to the Protocol. The Working Group will have before it a draft working document on options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals proposed by several Parties to the Protocol and compiled by the secretariat (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/6).

Item 6: Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 April, morning

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

Item 7: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 April, morning

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Body made at its twenty-fifth session, the Working Group will adopt the decisions taken during the session. The draft report of the session, including the agreed decisions, will be finalized by the Chair in consultation with the secretariat following the session, and will be posted on the Convention website. The report will be presented for adoption at the Working Group's forty-seventh session in September 2010.
