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### Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

#### Thirty-third session

Geneva, 8–12 December 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 3 p.m.  
on Monday, 8 December 2014\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its thirty-second session.
3. Report on credentials.
4. Matters arising from meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and other related meetings.

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5. Review of implementation of the 2014–2015 workplan:
  - (a) Science;
  - (b) Policy;
  - (c) Compliance;
  - (d) Capacity-building to promote ratification and implementation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia;
  - (e) Communication and outreach.
6. Proposal by Montenegro for adjustments to annex II to the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.
7. Future work under the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals.
8. Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention.
9. Activities of bodies of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and international organizations relevant to the Convention.
10. Election of officers.
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of decisions taken at the thirty-third session.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 8 December, afternoon

The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution is expected to adopt the agenda for its thirty-third session as set out in the present document.

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-third session (ECE/EB.AIR/126)

### **2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its thirty-second session**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 8 December, afternoon

The Executive Body is expected to adopt the report of its thirty-second session.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Body on its thirty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/122 and Add.1 and 2)

### 3. Report on credentials

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 8 December, afternoon

Delegations will be invited to submit their credentials to the secretariat at the latest within 24 hours after the opening of the session. The officers of the session will examine the credentials and report on them to the Executive Body. The Executive Body is expected to adopt the report on credentials.

### 4. Matters arising from meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and other related meetings

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 8 December, afternoon

The secretariat will report on the outcomes of the twentieth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy (Geneva, 28–31 October 2014).

### 5. Review of implementation of the 2014–2015 workplan

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 8 December, afternoon; Tuesday, 9 December, morning and afternoon; and Wednesday, 10 December, morning

The Executive Body is expected to review and assess the implementation of the 2014–2015 workplan with respect to deliverables, timelines and the priority or relevance of the outcomes, as necessary.

#### Documentation

2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/122/Add.2)

#### (a) Science

The Chair of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) will report on the implementation of workplan item 1, dedicated to science. She will also present a summary of the main issues discussed at and the results of the thirty-eighth session of the EMEP Steering Body (Geneva, 15–17 September 2014) and highlight conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the Executive Body.

The EMEP Steering Body Chair will present the outcomes of a review of applications submitted by Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany and Spain in accordance with Executive Body decisions 2012/3, 2012/4 and 2012/12 (see ECE/EB.AIR/111/Add.1 and ECE/EB.AIR/113/Add.1) for adjustments to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them under the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol).

The Chair of the Working Group on Effects will also report on the implementation of workplan item related to science. He will present a summary of the main issues discussed at and the results of the thirty-third session of the Working Group on Effects (Geneva, 17–19 September 2014) and highlight conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the Executive Body.

The Working Group Chair will underline any new insights and the relevant contributions of activities under workplan item 1 to the development, implementation or assessment of the

effectiveness of the Convention's protocols and policies. He will highlight in particular the key scientific findings, and their policy implications, contained in the 2014 joint progress report on the activities of the International Cooperative Programmes and the Joint Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/3); the report on deposition of air pollutants to vegetation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central and South-East Asia and their impacts (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/5); and the report on residential heating with wood and coal: health impacts and policy options (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/6). He will also present the updated outline for the assessment report on the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to be completed in 2016.

The Executive Body may wish to discuss the implications of the results presented for further action under the Convention.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe on its thirty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2014/2, forthcoming)

Report of the Working Group on Effects on its thirty-third session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/2, forthcoming)

Deposition of air pollutants to vegetation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central and South-East Asia and their impacts (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/5)

Residential heating with wood and coal: health impacts and policy options (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/6)

2014 joint progress report on the activities of the International Cooperative Programmes and the Joint Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2014/3)

#### **(b) Policy**

The Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will report on the implementation of workplan item 2, dedicated to policy. He will draw attention to the exchange of information, experiences and good practices initiated to promote the implementation of the Convention's protocols, in particular, in line with Executive Body decision 2013/2 (see ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/112 and annexes II and III).

The Chair of the Working Group will present a draft mandate for a proposed Task Force on Techno-economic Issues (*ibid.*, annex I) for adoption by the Executive Body. He will also present the revised ECE Framework Code for Good Agricultural Practice for Reducing Ammonia Emissions (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/8) for adoption by the Executive Body. Finally, the Working Group Chair will report on the status of preparation of the guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and dust from mobile sources to be prepared in accordance with article 3, paragraph 6, of the amended Gothenburg Protocol.

#### **Documentation**

Revised ECE Framework Code for Good Agricultural Practice for Reducing Ammonia Emissions (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/8)

Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its fifty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/112)

**(c) Compliance**

The Chair of the Implementation Committee will report on the implementation of workplan item 3 on compliance.

He will present the two reports by the Committee on compliance by individual Parties with their protocol obligations. The Executive Body is expected to consider the Committee's reports and recommendations.

At its thirty-first session in December 2012, the Executive Body elected one new member to the Implementation Committee for a term of two years. At its thirty-second session in December 2013, the Executive Body re-elected three Committee members for new consecutive terms of two years and five Committee members for first terms of two years. The Executive Body is therefore expected to elect one member to the Committee.

**Documentation**

Seventeenth report of the Implementation Committee – Review of compliance by Parties with emission reduction obligations (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/2)

Review of compliance by Parties with reporting obligations in 2014 (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/3)

Recommendations from the Implementation Committee to the Executive Body concerning protocol obligations (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/4)

**(d) Capacity-building to promote ratification and implementation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia**

The Chair of the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, other bodies under the Convention and the secretariat will report on the implementation of workplan item 4 — capacity-building to promote ratification and implementation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia — giving an overview of the actions taken to strengthen the ratification and implementation of the Convention and its protocols and to increase cooperation and exchange of information between the countries of the subregion as well as to support their participation in the work of the Convention.

Delegations will be invited to provide information on their efforts to implement and ratify the most recent protocols under the Convention and any needs for capacity-building and assistance.

The Executive Body is expected to take note of the information provided.

**(e) Communication and outreach**

The Chair and the secretariat will report on the implementation of workplan item 6 dedicated to communication and outreach. The Chair will present the report on outreach activities (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/7) summarizing existing activities and highlighting possible additional opportunities. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the findings and advise the Bureau and the secretariat on the next steps.

**Documentation**

Report on outreach activities (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/7)

## **6. Proposal by Montenegro for adjustments to annex II to the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 10 December, afternoon

In accordance with article 13 of the Gothenburg Protocol, Montenegro submitted a proposal to the Executive Body at its thirty-first session in December 2012 to adjust annex II to the Protocol by adding to it its name, together with emission levels and emission ceilings. The proposal was circulated to Parties to the Protocol at least 90 days in advance of that session in accordance with article 13, paragraph 2. At the thirty-first session, Parties to the Protocol considered the proposal and requested Montenegro to submit a revised proposal to the EMEP Steering Body. They requested the EMEP Steering Body to review the revised proposal and make recommendation to the Parties meeting within the Executive Body at its thirty-second session. At the thirty-second session in December 2013, Parties to the Protocol considered the proposal and decided to defer a decision on a proposed adjustment until the thirty-third session of the Executive Body and invited the EMEP Steering Body and its Chair to continue the dialogue with the delegation of Montenegro with a view to providing a rationale behind its proposal for emission ceilings. Parties to the Protocol may wish to further consider the proposal submitted by Montenegro and the respective recommendation of the EMEP Steering Body.

### **Documentation**

Report of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe on its thirty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2014/2, forthcoming)

## **7. Future work under the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 10 December, afternoon

In accordance with the request of the Executive Body at its thirty-first session in December 2012 (ECE/EB.AIR/113, para. 16 (c)), the Executive Body will consider the outcomes of the negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme leading to the adoption of the Minamata Convention on Mercury with respect to mercury-containing products and emission limit values for heavy metals and consider any impact on future work under the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals.

## **8. Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 11 December, morning

The secretariat will inform the Executive Body about the status of Parties' contributions to the trust funds for financing the implementation of the Convention and the expenditures in 2014. The secretariat will present a draft revised annex to the 1984 Protocol on Long-term Financing of EMEP taking into account the accession of Armenia to the Protocol in January 2014. The Executive Body is expected to amend the Protocol by adopting a revised annex in accordance with its article 4, paragraph 3.

The Executive Body is also expected to decide on the detailed use of resources for EMEP in 2015 following the recommendation of the EMEP Steering Body at its thirty-eighth session (see ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2014/2, forthcoming).

## **Documentation**

Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/1)

Report of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe on its thirty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2014/2, forthcoming)

## **9. Activities of bodies of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and international organizations relevant to the Convention**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 11 December, morning

The secretariat will report on relevant activities of ECE bodies. Representatives of international organizations (e.g., the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization) will be invited to provide information on their activities of particular relevance to the Convention. Representatives of organizations and networks from outside the region will also be invited to inform the Executive Body about existing and potential areas of collaboration with the Convention. The European Union will be invited to provide additional relevant information, in particular on the review process of its air quality policy. The Executive Body is expected to take note of this information.

## **10. Election of officers**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 11 December, afternoon

At its thirty-first session in December 2012, the Executive Body re-elected its Chair for a term of two years. At the same session, it had also elected a Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review for a term of two years. In accordance with rule 17 of its rules of procedure (ECE/EB.AIR/106/Add.1, decision 2010/19, annex), at its present session the Executive Body is expected to elect its Chair for a term of two years. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Body is also expected to elect a Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review for a term of two years.

In accordance with rules 17 and 21, officers shall be eligible for re-election, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms unless the Executive Body decides otherwise.

## **11. Other business**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 11 December, afternoon

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

## **12. Adoption of decisions taken at the thirty-third session**

*Tentative timing:* Friday, 12 December, morning

The Executive Body may wish to adopt its decisions taken during the session. The draft report of the session, reflecting the adopted decisions, will be finalized by the secretariat following the session. The report will be presented for adoption at the Executive Body's thirty-fourth session.