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Water and Health to the Convention on
the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Working Group on Water and Health

Eleventh meeting

Geneva, 3 and 4 April 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Wednesday,
3 April 2019, at 10 a.m.**

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Progress in the ratification process.
3. Progress in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

* The present document is being issued without formal editing.

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4. Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures:
 - (a) Setting targets and implementing measures;
 - (b) Fourth reporting exercise.
5. Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases:
 - (a) Strengthening capacity in surveillance of water-related diseases and outbreak management;
 - (b) Strengthening capacity in uptake of risk-based approaches in drinking water quality surveillance.
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 - (a) Strengthening water, sanitation and hygiene in schools;
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II. Annotations

1. The main objectives of the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health under the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) are to review the implementation of the programme of work for the period 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.1-EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.1), adopted at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 14–16 November 2016), and to discuss the draft programme of work for 2020–2022 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2019/3-EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2019/WGWH/07), as well as the preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Belgrade, 19–21 November 2019). The meeting will also review progress with the implementation of the water, sanitation and health-related Sustainable Development Goals in the pan-European region and discuss how the Protocol’s practical framework can further facilitate their achievement.

2. The meeting will begin on Wednesday, 3 April 2019, at 10 a.m. and will close on Thursday, 4 April 2019, at 5.30 p.m. It will be held back to back with the twenty-second meeting of the Bureau (Geneva, 5 April 2019).

3. The working languages of the meeting will be English, French and Russian.

4. All relevant documentation for the meeting of the Working Group will be available online on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website.¹

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 3 April, 10–10.05 a.m.

5. The Chair of the Working Group on Water and Health will open the meeting and welcome participants. The Working Group is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

2. Progress in the ratification process

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 3 April, 10.05–10.15 a.m.

6. As of 23 January 2019, the following 26 countries are Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health: Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine. There have been no changes in membership since the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Oslo, 25–27 November 2013).

7. Representatives of signatories and other States not yet Party to the Protocol will be invited to report on any recent or anticipated developments in their respective countries with respect to becoming a Party to the Protocol.

8. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform the Working Group about the commitment taken by the group of countries that cooperate under the WHO Small Country Initiative at the fifth high-level meeting of the small countries (Reykjavik, 26–27 June 2018) to accede to the Protocol by 2022.

9. Norway will inform the Working Group about the seventh meeting of the Nordic-Baltic Network for Drinking Water and Health (Uppsala, Sweden, 3–4 December 2018), which promoted accession to the Protocol.

3. Progress in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 3 April, 10.15–11.00 a.m.

10. The Working Group will review progress with regard to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets pertinent to water, sanitation and health. In particular, the Working Group will discuss the experience of countries that submitted their Voluntary National Reviews to the high-level political forum in 2018 and possible inputs to the Voluntary National Reviews currently under preparation for the high-level political forum in 2019. The Working Group will also discuss the outcomes of the 2019 Regional

¹ See www.unece.org/index.php?id=50188.

Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE region (Geneva, 20–21 March 2019) and its possible implications for the future work under the Protocol.

4. Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 3 April, 11.00 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–3.30 p.m.

(a) Setting targets and implementing measures

11. The Chair of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting will report on the outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Task Force (Geneva, 24–25 April 2018).

12. Countries in which substantial progress with regard to target-setting processes has been achieved since the tenth meeting of the Task Force will be invited to report on any significant developments.

13. The ECE secretariat will present the *Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation* (ECE/MP.WH/16, forthcoming) recalling that the Task Force requested to make this publication available as soon as possible. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the application of the Guide at national level.

14. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform about the developments with regard to the implementation of the water, sanitation and hygiene related commitments of the Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Ostrava, Czechia, 13–15 June 2017). The Working Group will be invited to share experiences in implementing the Declaration.

15. Representatives of Romania and Switzerland, current lead Parties for programme area 1 on improving governance for water and health, will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

(b) Fourth reporting exercise

16. The ECE secretariat will report on the status of the ongoing fourth reporting exercise under the Protocol, recalling that the deadline for submission of the national summary reports is 23 April 2019. When preparing their national summary reports, Parties and other States should refer to the guidelines and template for summary reports that were adopted at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties, as annexes to decision IV/1 on reporting in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.2-EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.2).

17. The Working Group will be invited to exchange experiences on the preparation of the national summary reports within the current reporting cycle, including challenges, lessons learned and good practices.

18. The Working Group will also be invited to discuss the content and the format of the regional report on the status of implementation of the Protocol. It will advise the secretariat regarding the preparation of the document and its submission to the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session as an official pre-session document.

19. The Working Group will be updated on the results of the global baseline for indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals pertinent to water, sanitation and health, It will exchange experiences in national monitoring and reporting and will discuss how the work under the Protocol could further support efforts in this regard.

20. The Working Group will be informed about the key messages of the 2019 global reports of the WHO/United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene: (i) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 baseline report on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for health care facilities; and (ii) SDG 6 progress report on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for households. The Working Group will also be presented the outcomes of the fifth cycle of the UN-Water Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS), including the pilot survey for high-income countries, in particular from the pan-European region.

Documentation

Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation (ECE/MP.WH/16, forthcoming)

Decision IV/1 on reporting in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.2-EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.2)

Informal document

Report of the tenth meeting of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting

5. Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 3 April, 3.30–4.30 p.m.

(a) Strengthening capacity in surveillance of water-related diseases and outbreak management

21. Representatives of Belarus and Norway, lead Parties for programme area 2.1 on prevention and reduction of water-related diseases, will inform the Working Group about the achieved progress. The Working Group will be informed, in particular, about the outcomes of the national workshops on effective approaches to surveillance of water-related disease and drinking-water quality carried out in Armenia (Yerevan, 4–6 June 2018) and Azerbaijan (Baku, 8–10 October 2018).

22. Representatives of Belarus and Norway, together with the WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat, will update the Working Group on the status of development of the guidance document *Surveillance and management of outbreaks of water-related infectious diseases associated with water supply system*. The Working Group will be invited to provide feedback and agree on the next steps for its finalization, with a view to submitting it to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session for endorsement.

23. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform the Working Group about the workshop on prevention and control of soil-transmitted helminthiasis (Chisinau, 21–22 June 2018) that specifically focused on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions.

24. Participants will be invited to provide information on activities to strengthen water-related disease surveillance and outbreak response systems in accordance with article 8 of the Protocol on Water and Health.

25. Representatives of Belarus and Norway will inform the Working Group about the suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Informal documents

Brief summaries of the national training workshops on water-related disease surveillance and outbreak response in Armenia and Azerbaijan

Draft manuscript *Surveillance and management of outbreaks of water-related infectious diseases associated with water supply systems*

(b) Strengthening capacity in uptake of risk-based approaches in drinking water quality surveillance

26. Representatives of Belarus and Norway, lead Parties for programme area 2.1 on prevention and reduction of water-related diseases, will report on the progress of work, in particular on the status of development of the guidance document *Risk-based approaches for drinking water quality surveillance*. The Working Group will be invited to provide feedback and agree on the next steps for its finalization, with a view to submitting it to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session for endorsement.

27. Participants will be invited to provide information on national activities towards strengthening risk-based drinking-water quality surveillance approaches.

28. Representatives of Belarus and Norway will inform the Working Group about the suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Informal document

Draft manuscript *Risk-based approaches for drinking water quality surveillance*

6. Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 3 April, 4.30–5.30 p.m.

(a) Strengthening water, sanitation and hygiene in schools

29. Representatives of Georgia, Hungary and the Republic of Moldova, lead countries for programme area 3 on institutional water, sanitation and hygiene, will report on the progress of work, including the outcomes of the third expert group meeting on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in schools (Bonn, 23–24 October 2018).

30. Lead country representatives, together with the WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat, will update the Working Group on the status of development of the two documents *A tool for public health surveillance of WASH facilities and conditions in schools* and *Collection of WASH fact sheets for school managers*. The Working Group will be invited to provide feedback and agree on the next steps for their finalization, with a view to submitting them to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session for endorsement.

31. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform about the core questions and indicators for monitoring WASH in schools and the release of the SDG baseline report on Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools. The Working Group will be invited to share experience in using these core questions for national monitoring purposes.

32. The Working Group will be invited to provide information on national activities on WASH in schools, including setting and implementing targets under the Protocol, national monitoring activities.

33. Representatives of Georgia, Hungary and the Republic of Moldova will inform the Working Group about the suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

*Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools: Global Baseline Report 2018*²

*Core questions and indicators for monitoring WASH in schools in the Sustainable Development Goals*³

Informal documents

Draft manuscript *A tool for public health surveillance of WASH facilities and conditions in schools*

Draft manuscript *Collection of WASH fact sheets for school managers*

(b) Strengthening water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities

34. The representatives of Hungary and Serbia will inform the Working Group about plans of undertaking national assessments on WASH on health care facilities. The representative of Tajikistan, together with the WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat, will present the progress, initial outcomes of application of the water, sanitation and hygiene health care facility improvement tool (WASH FIT) and planned future work.

35. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform about the UN Secretary General's global call for action to provide adequate WASH services in each health care facility by 2030 and the forthcoming draft resolution with respect to WASH in health care facilities to be discussed at the seventy-second World Health Assembly in May 2019. The Working Group is invited to promote implementation of the Secretary General's call and to advise countries to prepare a national position in support of adoption of the draft resolution at the World Health Assembly.

36. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform about the core questions and indicators for monitoring WASH in health care facilities. The Working Group will be invited to share experience in using these core questions for national monitoring purposes.

37. Participants will be invited to provide information on national activities on WASH in health care facilities, including setting and implementing targets under the Protocol.

38. Representatives of Georgia, Hungary and the Republic of Moldova will inform the Working Group about the suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

² Available at www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/jmp-wash-in-schools/en/.

³ Available at <https://washdata.org/sites/default/files/documents/reports/2018-08/SDGs-monitoring-wash-in-schools-2018-August-web2.pdf/>.

Documentation

Core questions and indicators for monitoring WASH in health care facilities in the Sustainable Development Goals⁴

Informal document

Meeting report on improving water, sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities (Bonn, 27–28 September 2017)

7. Compliance procedure

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 3 April, 5.30–6 p.m.

39. The Working Group will be informed on the outcomes of the Committee's sixteenth (Geneva, 6–7 March 2018) and seventeenth (Geneva, 5–6 November 2018) meetings. In particular, the Working Group will be informed on the developments with regard to the review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol, the outcomes of the Committee's consultations with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania under the Consultation Process and the awareness-raising on the compliance procedure. The Working Group will also be informed on the plans for preparation of the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties for submission to its fifth session.

Documentation

Report of the Compliance Committee on its sixteenth meeting (ECE/MP.WH/C.1/2018/2-EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2018/CC/06)

Report of the Compliance Committee on its seventeenth meeting (ECE/MP.WH/C.1/2018/4–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2018/CC2/06, forthcoming)

8. Small-scale water supplies and sanitation

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 9.30–10.15 a.m.

40. Representatives of Germany and Serbia, lead Parties for programme area 4 on small-scale water supplies and sanitation, will inform the Working Group about the achievements made in this area, in particular the outcomes of the sub-regional workshops for Nordic and Baltic countries (Vilnius, 22 November 2017) and for EU Member States (Dessau, Germany, 18–20 June 2018).

41. The Working Group will be informed about the status of development of a document on financing of small-scale water supply and sanitation. The Working Group will be invited to provide feedback and agree on the next steps for its finalization.

42. Participants will be invited to provide information on national activities to improve small-scale water supplies and sanitation, specifically actions taken by the participating countries to implement the recommendations of the abovementioned workshops.

43. Representatives of Germany and Serbia will inform the Working Group about the suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

⁴ Available at www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/core-questions-and-indicators-for-monitoring-wash/en/.

Documentation

Informal documents

Report of the sub-regional workshop on improving small-scale water supplies for better health in European Union countries (Dessau, Germany, 18–20 June 2018)

Outline of draft document on financing of small-scale water supply and sanitation

9. Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 10.15–11.15 a.m.

44. Representatives of the Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina, the lead Parties for programme area 5 on safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems, will inform the Working Group about the progress made, in particular the outcomes of the Workshop on sanitation in the pan-European region (Bonn, Germany, 12–13 February 2019).

45. The Working Group will be updated on the progress in the preparation of the scoping study on sanitation in the pan-European region and its preliminary findings. Based on the outcomes of the study, the Working Group will discuss the need for developing further policy and/or technical guidance and practical tools on sanitation under the Protocol.

46. Delegates from Croatia, Italy, Lithuania and Serbia will report on the outcomes of the national water safety plan (WSP) policy and capacity building workshops in 2018, including their impact and relevant policy developments.

47. A delegate of Tajikistan will inform the Working Group about the progress on implementing water safety plans in rural Tajikistan and the adoption of WSPs in national regulations, in the context of the WHO Regional Office for Europe project supported by Finland.

48. The Working Group will be invited to provide information on national processes and activities towards adopting water safety plan and sanitation safety planning approaches in policy and practice at national level.

49. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform about the promotion of uptake of the WSP at the fifth high-level meeting of the small countries and at the High-level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” (Dushanbe, 20–22 June 2018), as well as on the advice provided to the European Commission in revising the EU Drinking Water Directive to support the adoption of WSP approach.

50. Representatives of the Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina will inform the Working Group about the suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Informal document

Draft manuscript *Sanitation scoping study for the pan-European region*

10. Equitable access to water and sanitation

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 11.15 a.m.–12 p.m.

51. Representatives of France and Hungary, lead Parties for programme area 6 on equitable access to water and sanitation, will inform the Working Group about the progress made, in particular the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the expert group on equitable access to water and sanitation (Paris, 26–27 June 2018).

52. Representatives from Azerbaijan, Belarus and Bulgaria will report on progress made in assessing equitable access to water and sanitation in their countries, as well as on the main findings and impacts of the assessments. The Working Group will be further briefed on progress made to develop and/or implement action plans to address inequities in access to water and sanitation in Armenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia, and about the progress made by countries in taking action to improve equitable access.

53. The ECE secretariat will inform the Working Group about the preparation of a draft publication dedicated to capitalizing the findings and lessons learned from the work on equitable access to water and sanitation under the Protocol. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the draft publication and to agree on the next steps for its finalization, with a view to submitting it to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session for consideration and adoption.

54. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform the Working Group about the forthcoming publication on Environmental health inequities in Europe, which includes aspects related to equity in water, sanitation and hygiene.

55. The Working Group will be updated on the various initiatives (contribution to publications, participation to regional and global events) taken and planned in 2019 to highlight evidence and promote tools developed under the Protocol for ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation.

56. Representatives of France and Hungary will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed future activities in this area.

Documentation

Guidance Note on the Development of Action Plans to Ensure Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation (ECE/MP.WH/15)

Informal document

Draft publication: Realising the human rights to water and sanitation in the pan-European region – Findings and lessons learned from the work on equitable access to water and sanitation under the Protocol on Water and Health

11. Increasing resilience to climate change

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 12–12.30 p.m.

57. Representatives of Italy and Spain, lead countries for programme area 7 on increasing resilience to climate change, will inform the Working Group about the progress made in this area, in particular the conclusions of the International workshop on water scarcity: Taking action in transboundary basins and reducing health impacts (Geneva, 11–12 December 2017) that was organized in cooperation with the Water Convention. Moreover, the representative of Italy will present the outcomes of the first Scientific Symposium "Health and Climate Change" (Rome, 3–5 December 2018).

58. The Working Group will be invited to report on the efforts to increase resilience to climate change at national level and on any national, regional and international climate change related events where the Protocol and the tools developed under its framework were promoted.

59. Representatives of Italy and Spain will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss the proposed future activities in this area.

12. Assistance to support implementation at the national level

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 2.30–3 p.m.

60. A representative of the ECE secretariat will inform the Working Group about the support for implementation of the Protocol at the national level provided by the ECE-led National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Supply and Sanitation under the European Union Water Initiative.

61. A representative of the WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will brief participants about the assistance provided to member States through the framework of biennial collaborative agreements to support the Protocol's work.

62. The Working Group will be informed about the results of the project to support implementation of national targets in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, and the project on scaling-up water safety plans in Tajikistan, supported by the Programme for Finland's Water Sector Support to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (2014–2018).

13. Implementation of the programme of work for 2017–2019

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 3–3.45 p.m.

63. On the basis of the discussion under previous agenda items, the Working Group will review progress made with regard to the implementation of the Protocol's programme of work for 2017–2019 and will entrust its Chair, the Chair of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting as well as the lead countries and organizations for different activities, with the assistance of the joint secretariat, to prepare a report on the progress achieved for submission to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session.

64. The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol entrusted the Working Group to oversee the management of the funds of the Protocol under the ECE Technical Cooperation Trust Fund and the WHO Regional Office for Europe Voluntary Fund. On the basis of an informal document prepared by the joint secretariat, the Working Group will be informed about the financial status of the two funds, the contributions received, the funds used and the resources that will be required for the implementation of the programme of work for 2017–2019.

65. In this regard, the Chair of the Working Group will recall the reasons for rescheduling and merging a number of meetings under the Protocol that were planned for 2018–2019, namely the need to prioritize activities due to unavailability of sufficient financial and human resources. The Chair will further brief participants on the efforts undertaken by the Bureau and the joint secretariat towards fundraising for the resources needed for the implementation of the programme of work for 2017–2019. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the information provided and to discuss ways and means to attain the level of financial support needed to implement the Protocol's programme of work.

66. Representatives of Parties, other States, relevant international and non-governmental organizations and other partners will be invited to inform the Working Group of their intention to contribute to the activities contained in the programme of work, inter alia, through financial and in-kind contributions.

Documentation

Programme of work for 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.1–
EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.1)

Informal document

Overview of contributions and expenditures related to the Protocol and resources required up to the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties compared with funds raised

14. Programme of work for 2020–2022, terms of reference for the bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 3.45–4.45 p.m.

67. On the basis of the draft programme of work for 2020–2022 prepared by the Bureau with support of the secretariat and the discussions under previous agenda items, the Working Group will discuss and agree on future activities under the Protocol, including potential lead countries and partner organizations. When discussing the programme of work, the Working Group will also consider the resources needed for its implementation, on the basis of the informal document with an overview of resource requirements for 2020–2022 prepared by the joint secretariat, and discuss ways and means to attain the level of financial support needed to implement the future programme of work.

68. In this relation, the Director of the ECE Environment Division will inform about existing staff resources in the ECE secretariat and will refer to the 21st meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 7–8 November 2018) which concluded that additional human and financial resources were required to continue and expand work under the Protocol, in particular in view of increased mandate reflected in the draft programme of work for 2020–2022. The Working Group will discuss an increase of staff resources in the ECE secretariat and may wish to request the establishment of an additional regular budget post for the Protocol.

69. The Working Group will also discuss and agree on the future institutional structure under the Protocol and the mandates and the terms of reference of the different subsidiary bodies to guide the implementation of the programme of work for 2020–2022.

70. Representatives of Parties, other States, relevant international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other partners will be invited to inform the Working Group of their intention to contribute to the activities contained in the draft programme of work, inter alia, through financial and in-kind contributions and/or by becoming a partner in the implementation of specific programme areas.

71. The Working Group will agree on ways and means to finalize the draft programme of work for 2020–2022 for its submission to the Meeting of the Parties for adoption at its fifth session.

Documentation

Draft programme of work for 2020–2022 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2019/3-
EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/WGWH/07)

Informal document

Overview of resource requirements for 2020–2022

15. Preparations for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 4.45–5.20 p.m.

72. A representative of Serbia, host country for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties, and the joint secretariat will report on the logistical preparations for the meeting and the overall programme of events.

73. The Working Group will discuss the draft provisional agenda prepared by the joint secretariat in consultation with the Bureau, and advise the Bureau, the host country and the joint secretariat on further preparations, in particular:

- (a) Special session, including speakers and participation;
- (b) Side events, including possible themes and organizers;
- (c) The expected level of participation;
- (d) Promotion of the fifth session.

Documentation

Informal document

Draft agenda and list of documents for the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties

16. Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 5.20–5.25 p.m.

74. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the joint secretariat as soon as possible.

17. Date and venue of the twelfth meeting

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 April, 5.25–5.30 p.m.

75. The Working Group will set a tentative date and venue for its twelfth meeting.

18. Closure of the meeting

76. The Chair will close the meeting at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 4 April 2019.
