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Eighth meeting

Geneva, 9 December 2010

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighth meeting¹

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 9 December 2010*

I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. The Bureau is invited to adopt the agenda of its eighth meeting as set out in the present document (Working Paper No SC-ESD/Bureau/2010/1).

II. Relevant international events for promoting ESD

2. The secretariat will inform the Bureau on recent activities related to promoting ESD in the region, such as the organization of a side event on ESD during the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (New York, 3–14 May 2010) and of a Central Asian sub-regional workshop on ESD.

3. Furthermore, the secretariat will inform the Bureau of developments with regard to preparing for the Seventh “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference, to be held in Astana from 21 to 23 September 2011 as well as developments in preparing for the United

¹ This document was not formally edited.

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form available from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) website (<http://www.unece.org/env/esd/SC.Bureau.htm>), and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting by e-mail (esd@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva’s Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see map available at: <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 2682.

Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012, to be held in Rio de Janeiro (Rio+20).

4. The Bureau is invited to consider ways of promoting ESD at the Ministerial Conference in Astana and at Rio+20.

III. Preparing the sixth meeting of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD

(a) Provisional agenda for the meeting

5. The sixth meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled to take place in Geneva on 7 and 8 April 2011. The Bureau is invited to express its views and to decide on the draft provisional agenda for the sixth meeting of the Committee, including its format and substantive content (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/Bureau/2010/2).

(b) Competences in ESD

6. The UNECE Expert Group on Competences in ESD has met four times since its establishment in 2009. In accordance with its mandate, the Group prepared a draft document on Competences in ESD (SC-ESD/Bureau/2010/3). The Bureau is invited to consider the document and provide comments and further guidance to the Group. The fifth meeting of the Expert Group is scheduled to take place in Geneva from 10 to 12 January 2011. At this meeting the Group will finalize the document in light of comments by the Bureau for submission to the Steering Committee.

(c) Reporting on progress in implementing the Strategy

7. The first mandatory reporting on progress in implementing the Strategy during Phase II (2008-2010) was carried out from March to November 2010. The Bureau is invited to consider the status of this reporting exercise as presented in the document SC-ESD/Bureau/2010/4. In particular the Bureau will be invited to reflect on action to be taken with regard to countries that did not submit their National Implementation Reports. Furthermore, the secretariat will inform the Bureau on developments related to UNESCO reporting on the implementation of the second phase of the United Nations Decade of ESD.

(d) Work Plan for Phase III of the Strategy on ESD

8. A Draft of the Work Plan for Phase III of the Strategy was prepared by the secretariat in line with the decision by the fifth meeting of the Steering Committee (SC-ESD/Bureau/2010/5). The Bureau is invited to consider the document and provide comments and further guidance to the secretariat with a view to finalise it for the Steering Committee's approval in April 2011.

(e) Celebration of the accomplishment of Phase II of the Strategy and renewed commitment for the implementation of Phase III

9. The Bureau will be invited to have a brainstorming discussion to identify ways to celebrate the conclusion of Phase II of the Strategy and renew member States commitment

to the implementation of Phase III. For instance, a panel discussion could be organized during the Steering Committee's sixth meeting with a view to address key remaining challenges in advancing ESD to be identified in the regional progress report in the implementation of Strategy for ESD. Alternatively, a separate high-level event could be organized back-to-back to an already scheduled international event relevant to ESD in 2011 or 2012. Another option could be organizing a high-level meeting of Ministers of Education and of Environment provided that a member State will be prepared to host it either in 2011 or in 2012.

IV. Resource requirements for the implementation of phase III of the Strategy on ESD

10. The Bureau is invited to consider the current status of the trust fund and the draft paper on the resource requirements for the implementation of phase III of the Strategy (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/Bureau/2010/6)

V. Schedule of future meetings

11. The Bureau is invited to consider the schedule of its next meeting. It is proposed that the Bureau holds its next meeting back-to-back to the Steering Committee meeting in April, preferably immediately after the closure of the meeting on 8 April 2011. Furthermore, the Bureau may wish to consider meeting in November/December 2011 in order to prepare the seventh meeting of the Steering Committee in Spring 2012.

VI. Other business

12. The Bureau is invited to discuss any other business that may be brought to its attention.

VIII. Closure of the meeting

13. The Chairperson will make concluding remarks and close the meeting.
