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Bureau

Seventh meeting

Geneva, 20 November 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING¹

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva

starting at 10 a.m. (in Salle A-R) on Thursday, 20 November 2008*

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Bureau is invited to adopt the agenda of its seventh meeting as set out in the present document (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/BUREAU-7/2008/1).

Item 2. Provisional agenda for the fourth meeting of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD

The fourth meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled to take place in Geneva on 19-20 February 2009. The Bureau is invited to consider and decide on the draft provisional agenda for the fourth meeting of the Committee, including its format and substantive content (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/BUREAU-7/2008/2).

The host country secretariat for the UNESCO World Conference on ESD “Moving into the Second Half of the United Nations Decade of ESD” (Bonn 31 March - 2 April 2009) has enquired to put an item dedicated to the Conference on the Committee’s agenda. In this context the Bureau is also invited to consider the possible input from the Steering Committee into the Conference.

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, which is available from the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/env/esd/SC.Bureau.htm>), and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat no later than 2 weeks before the meeting either 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 UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the UNECE website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1502.

Item 3. Documents for the fourth meeting of the UNECE Steering Committee on ESD

The Bureau is invited to consider the draft documents for the upcoming meeting of the Committee, such as the draft proposal for a mandate, including terms of reference, for a possible expert group on competences in ESD (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/BUREAU-7/2008/3) and the draft Guidance for Reporting (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/BUREAU-7/2008/4).

The Bureau is also invited to consider the outline of a publication with the provisional title “Is it happening? facilitating assessment of the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD” (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/BUREAU-7/2008/5). The publication aims at providing a user friendly access to various materials related to the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD. The outline was revised to reflect comments by the UNECE Expert Group on Indicators for ESD.

Item 4. Template for good practices in ESD

The Bureau will consider the template for good practices in ESD that was revised by the UNECE Expert Group on Indicators for ESD jointly with UNESCO with a view to adapting it to match the reporting format (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/BUREAU-7/2008/6).

Item 5. Resource requirements for the implementation of phase II of the Strategy on ESD

The Bureau is invited to consider the paper with updated information on the financial status of the Trust Fund for ESD. (Working Paper No. SC-ESD/BUREAU-7/2008/7).

Item 6. International events related to the education for sustainable development

The Bureau will be informed on the outcomes of the international events on education for sustainable development (ESD) that took place recently, such as the International Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (Bordeaux, 27-29 October 2008), the International Workshop “Visions and preparations for a common blueprint on Education for Sustainable Development” (Gothenburg, 11-12 November 2008) and the OECD Workshop on ESD (Paris, 11-12 September 2008).

Item 7. Schedule of future meetings of the Bureau

The Bureau is invited to consider the schedule of its next meetings. It is proposed that the Bureau hold its eighth meeting as a half-day meeting back-to-back to the fourth meeting of the Steering Committee, preferable on 20 February 2009 (in the afternoon).

Item 8. Other business

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

Item 9. Closure of the meeting

The Chairperson will make closing remarks and close the meeting.
