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Agenda item 7(b)

Implementing the Amsterdam Declaration

### **THE PEP Relay race (staffete)**

#### **Concept note on THE PEP workshop (Ukraine, 2011)**

##### **A. Background**

1. The workshop is organized under the auspices of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), established in 2002 by the Member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe). THE PEP aims to support healthier and more environmentally friendly transport in the Pan-European region through the implementation of integrated and concrete policy actions involving the transport, health and environmental sectors. At the Third High-level Meeting held in January 2009 in Amsterdam, ministers and other high-level officials from UNECE and WHO/Euro Member States renewed their political commitment to sustainable and healthy transport in the region and adopted the Amsterdam Declaration “Making THE Link: Transport Choices for our Health, Environment and Prosperity”, clearly defining mechanisms to support its implementation on the ground ([http://www.unece.org/thepep/en/hlm/documents/2009/Amsterdam\\_Declaration\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.unece.org/thepep/en/hlm/documents/2009/Amsterdam_Declaration_ENG.pdf)).

2. One of THE PEP priority goals is to manage sustainable mobility and promote a more efficient transport system by promoting mobility management schemes for businesses, schools, leisure activities, communities and cities, raising awareness of mobility choices by improving the coordination between land use and transport planning and promoting the use of information technology. Furthermore, one of the elements of THE PEP work plan for 2009-2014 in supporting national action and international cooperation is to build capacity for better integration of transport, health and environment policy.

3. This is the fourth workshop in a series organized under the auspices of THE PEP a continuation of THE PEP staffete (relay race) successfully launched in January 2009 in Amsterdam, and followed by the Workshop in Prague-Pruhonic, Czech Republic, in September 2009, Skopje, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, in June 2010 and Batumi, Georgia, in September 2010.

##### **B. Objectives**

4. The focus of the workshop will be on policy integration among the three sectors (environment, health and transport) in developing and implementing sustainable urban transport policies, together with local authorities, industry and civil society. The major objective of the workshop is to encourage and enhance cooperation between transport, health and environment policymakers in Ukraine and other Eastern European countries in developing strategies and measures to implement sustainable and healthy urban transport policies.

5. Environment, transport and health as well as other related sectors will be represented. Government officials, national and local authorities, representatives of private sectors, academia, nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) and international experts will come together to inform and learn from each other. Participants will have the opportunity to present successful experiences and discuss obstacles and causes of deficiencies in implementation of sustainable urban transport policies.

### **C. Provisional programme**

6. Using an interactive format of presentations and discussions, transport, health and environment policymakers will work together to identify the current challenges and needs to promote innovative policies in Ukraine and Eastern Europe which would further support environmentally friendly and healthy transport policies and enhance urban mobility.

7. The Workshop will have the following sessions:

Session 1: Challenges: Sustainable urban transport as a key component of economic recovery

Session 2: Working together for effective policy integration

Session 3: Using the public preferences and perceptions to guide sustainable urban policy and planning: Bottom-up approach

Session 4: Success stories and experiences in managed mobility in selected urban areas

Session 5: Tools and Methods for assessing the health and environmental impacts of transport

Session 6: Conclusions and recommendations

8. Sessions will contain presentations which will be followed by discussions. To maximize the time for discussion and exchange of experience, there will be limited number of presentations and interventions from the floor.

### **D. Responsible partners**

9. The workshop is organised under the leadership of the Government of Ukraine, in collaboration with the THE PEP secretariat (UNECE and WHO-Europe) and the Charity Information Center "Green Dossier".

### **E. Dates and venue**

10. The workshop is expected to take place in Kiev, Ukraine, in May or June 2011.