

Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

41st session of the Executive Body

Comments by Canada on the Draft Decisions of the Executive Body (ECE/EB.AIR/2021/8)

Canada thanks the secretariat for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft EB decisions in advance of the 41st session of the Executive Body.

Canada has the following suggestion to amend the draft decision on **V. Mandate of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Air Pollution**:

Under paragraph 3 (c) “The Task Force will be comprised of experts from the Parties and other interested countries and international organizations acting in their personal capacity;”

Canada proposes to replace “experts” with “participants” and “personal” with “expert”.

The edited paragraph 3(c) would then read “The Task Force will be comprised of **participants** from the Parties and other interested countries and international organizations acting in their **expert** capacity;”

This change will ensure consistency with paragraphs (5) and (6) which call for experts in air quality to participate and national focal points to be nominated, respectively. It could be contradictory for a participant to act in their personal capacity if they are nominated as a focal point by a Party to the Convention or by a country within or outside the UNECE. It is also our understanding that what is intended with the use of “personal capacity” is that participants can represent their countries and can also engage and provide advice and information based on their expertise, knowledge and experience. Canada’s proposed edits are to help clarify the intention and expectation of the participants.

Canada may submit further comments on the draft decisions.