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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRANSPORT
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Third session
Amsterdam, 22-23 January 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION

To be held at the Felix Meritis European Centre for Arts, Culture and Science, Amsterdam,
starting at 09.30 hours on Thursday, 22 January 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Transport, Health and Environment Challenges for the pan-European region.
4. Linking Transport, Health and Environment Knowledge.
5. Transport, Health and Environment Policy Choices.
6. Making the Transport, Health and Environment Future.
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8. Close of meeting

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Thursday, 22 January 2009, morning session

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. As requested by the Second High-Level Meeting and in order to assess progress made within the Pan-European Programme on Transport, Health and Environment (THE PEP), a Third High-level Meeting will be convened on 22-23 January 2009 in Amsterdam (ECE/AC.21/2002/6–EUR/02/5040828/6. The Meeting is expected to adopt its agenda, which was prepared by the extended bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee with the assistance of the secretariat (ECE/AC.21/2009/1–EUR/09/5086385/1).

Item 2: Election of officers

2. The Meeting is expected to elect its officers for the session as well as to agree on the organization of its work.

Item 3: Transport, Health and Environment Challenges for the pan-European region

3. A brief film, prepared by the delegation of The Netherlands will be shown, highlighting challenges in sustainable transport in the region. High-level speakers will address the Meeting on trends and developments in the three sectors. A background report prepared by a consultant and agreed upon by THE PEP Steering Committee will serve as a basis for discussion (*Transport, Health and Environment: Trends and Developments in the UNECE-WHO Pan-European Region (1997-2007)* (ECE/AC.21/3, in English)). Delegations are invited to provide information on challenges in their country in achieving sustainable transport, underlining the impacts on environment and health.

4. A panel discussion will follow, involving chairpersons who serviced THE PEP Steering Committee since its inception to consider achievements and carve out a future vision for THE PEP. A brochure on THE PEP achievements and good practice in sustainable transport among Member States will serve as a basis for discussion (*The Pan-European Programme on Transport, Health and Environment: Evaluation and Progress Made* (ECE/AC.21/2, English, French and Russian)).

5. A high-level panel discussion will follow on the topic “How sustainable is transport in the pan-European region today?” with representatives of government, civil society and the private sector. The conclusions of the panel will form the basis for discussion on the outcome document under agenda item 4.

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Item 4: Linking Transport, Health and Environment Knowledge

6. A keynote speech will evoke experiences gained in the seven years since the creation of THE PEP, including good practice implemented at regional, national and local levels. A brochure on integrated approaches to policymaking will serve as a basis for discussion (*Working Together for Sustainable and Healthy Transport: Guidance on Supportive Institutional Conditions for Policy Integration of Transport, Health and Environment* (ECE/AC.21/1, English, French and Russian)). Delegations are invited to share experiences of good practice and case studies in integrating the three sectors to attain a more sustainable transport system, highlighting problems encountered and results achieved.

7. The Chairman will introduce the draft outcome document: *Making THE (Transport, Health and Environment) Link: Transport choices for our health, environment and prosperity*. This document was prepared by the extended bureau of the Steering Committee in consultation with Member States for adoption by the High-level Meeting (EUR/09/5086385/5, English, French and Russian).

8. A debate on key issues in the outcome document will follow, including strategies, policies and measures to achieve the proposed three pan-European goals and concrete actions for policymakers in achieving these goals. Delegations are expected to approve the text for adoption by the end of the Meeting.

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Item 5: Transport, Health and Environment Policy Choices

9. Key note speeches will address the question “How do we make the right policy choices?” followed by a debate. Delegations are invited to share their experiences by highlighting policy options and choices in transport, health and environment and selected tools and methods for their implementation.

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Item 6: Making the Transport, Health and Environment Future

10. This session will address the future vision, priorities and workplan for THE PEP, as evoked in the outcome document (EUR/09/5086385/5/annex). A representative of the European Commission will present information on their policy directions (European Commission Green Paper: Towards a new culture for Urban Mobility).

11. This will be followed by a debate from the floor on the topic “How can we best ensure synergy on an international, national and sub-national level to promote integration of transport, health and environment?” Delegations are invited to discuss the way forward for THE PEP, including how to ensure engaged participation and support for the programme and its future activities.

Item 7: Adoption of the outcome document

12. The Meeting is expected to consider and adopt the final outcome document. The Steering Committee, at its next session in spring 2009, will use this document as a basis for the development of a renewed workplan for THE PEP for 2009-2011.

Item 8: Close of the meeting

13. The Chairman will sum up the Meeting, highlighting the main conclusions.

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