Item 4 of the provisional agenda Adoption of report of the Steering Committee on its eleventh session and reports of the Bureau on its twenty-first through twenty-fifth meetings

Report of the 22nd Meeting of the Extended Bureau of the Steering Committee of the Pan-European Programme on Transport, Health and Environment (THE PEP) (30-31 January 2014, Zurich)

I. Introduction and participation

1. The 22nd meeting of the Extended Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee was held on 30 to 31 January 2014 in Zurich (Switzerland), hosted by the Swiss Federal Office of Transport. The meeting was attended by THE PEP Bureau representatives from: Austria, Belgium, France, Lithuania, Norway, Russian Federation, Serbia, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United States of America. A representative of the London European Partnership for Transport (representing Polis) was present.

2. The meeting was opened by THE PEP Secretariat, represented by: Mr Marco Keiner, Ms Brinda Wachs (UNECE Environment Division), Mr Martin Magold, Mr George Georgiadis (UNECE Transport Division), Ms Francesca Racioppi and Mr Christian Schweizer (WHO/Europe).

3. The Meeting was chaired by Mr Mihail Kochubovski (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and the two vice chairs Mr Matthias Rinderknecht (Switzerland) and Mr. Robert Thaler (Austria). The Chair stressed the importance of the meeting to finalize the preparations for the 4th High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (4HLM), to be held from 14 to 16 April 2014 in Paris, hosted by the Government of France. He noted that the Bureau shall aim to finalize the outcome document and to ensure a high-level of participation at the 4HLM.

4. The Bureau adopted the provisional agenda as proposed by THE PEP secretariat and the report of the 21st meeting of the extended THE PEP Bureau, held on 29 November 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland (secretariat notes 01 and 02bis).

II. Preparation of the 4HLM: Declaration

5. The secretariat presented the new draft of the outcome document for 4HLM based on the comments received from member States at the 11th session of the Steering Committee and via email.

6. The Bureau discussed and revised the draft outcome document thoroughly, reaching consensus on each paragraph and further shortening and specifying the text. The agreed version can be accessed online at:

www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/thepep/documents/ECE-AC21-2014-3%E2%88%92EUDCE1408105-1.6-4HLM-3e__Advance_copy_for_the_web_.pdf).

III. Preparation of the 4HLM: Programme

7. The French delegation presented information about the selected conference venue in the center of Paris for the ministerial segment on 15 April. The venue offers ample and modern conference facilities for plenary sessions and side events. One room (up to 100 people) will be made available for two consecutive side events during the lunch break on 15 April.

8. The French delegation clarified that limited pace for exhibition is available but further inquiries are needed to define the exact scope.

9. The Bureau discussed the proposed programme for the 4HLM (secretariat note 02bis) and made adjustments and added specifications to the opening and closing sessions, the ministerial segment and the timing of the various elements. The revised version is included in the Annex.

10. The secretariat presented the outline of the programme for the Joint Session with ITF/THE PEP/TRA on 14 April (secretariat note 04) and the Bureau agreed on a revised programme.

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Draft Programme for Joint Strategic Seminar (ITF/THE PEP/TRA)

Urban Innovation and Change: The dynamic nexus of Transport, Environment and Health

Monday 14 April, 2014, 17.30-19.00, Venue: La Defense, CNIT, Paris

- 17.30-17.40 Opening of the Seminar: Mr. José Viegas (Portugal), Secretary-General of International Transport Forum (ITF) (moderator, confirmed)
- 17.40-17.55 First key note speaker: Ms. Khatuna Gogaladze (Georgia), Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection (confirmed)
- 17.55-18.10 Second key note speaker: High level official from France (proposed)

Three additional panelists will comprise the Seminar, presenting brief (5 minutes) statements.

- 18.10-18.15 Panelist 1 Dr. Srdan Matic, Coordinator, Environment and Health WHO Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen (confirmed)
- 18.15-18.20 Panelist 2 Mr. Fred London, Architect, John Thompson and Partners, London (confirmed)
- 18.20-18.25 Panelist 3 Ms. Eva Molnar, Director, Transport Division, UNECE (confirmed)
- 18.25-19.00 The brief statements will be followed by a moderated discussion, prepared questions, discussion from the floor and some conclusions and recommendations for both scientists and policymakers.
- 19.00 Close of Seminar, followed by Reception.

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11. The secretariat presented the current provisional programme for the Invited Session of THE PEP at TRA on 16 April (secretariat note 05). The Bureau adopted the proposal without comments. The secretariat will proceed with securing the speakers.

12. The French delegation informed the Bureau that invitation letters will be sent shortly, to be followed by letters by the secretariat requesting nominations. Once the nominations are sent to the UNECE, France, as host country, would contact nominated participants to register them.

IV. Preparation of the 4HLM: Publications

13. The secretariat had shared with the Bureau before the meeting the latest drafts of the proposed four publications to be launched at the 4HLM: Jobs in Green and Healthy Transport, From Amsterdam to Paris and Beyond: THE PEP 2009-2020, Developing National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans and Signs and Signals for Pedestrians and Cyclists.

14. The Bureau had no further comments during the meeting and was invited to provide final comments the latest by 6 February 2014, after which the secretariat will proceed with publishing.

V. Other business

15. The next meetings of the Bureau will take place as follows: 25 February 2014 in Vienna, 16 April 2014 in Paris and 21 November 2014 in Geneva (Switzerland).