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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRANSPORT,
ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Steering Committee on the Transport, Health and
Environment Pan-European Programme¹

Sixth session
Geneva, 28–29 April 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH SESSION

To be held at World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva,
starting on Monday, 28 April 2008 at 14.00*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers

¹ THE PEP.

* The sixth meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva, located at the end of Avenue Appia, about 3 km from the centre of Geneva and 1½ km from the Palais des Nations. WHO can be reached by bus No. 8 with the destination board indicating “OMS”, which runs from Veyrier to WHO via Rive (the centre of town) and Place Cornavin (the main railway station). To access WHO premises, delegates must be registered in a list of participants that will be made available at the WHO reception facility at the entrance to the main building. Prior to the session, delegates are requested to report to the entrance to the main building, where they will receive an ID badge and will be directed to the meeting room. Delegates are requested to fill in the registration form which is available from The Pep website (www.thepep.org or www.unece.org/thepep) and transmit it **at the latest by 28 March 2008** to the THE PEP secretariat, either by fax (+39 06 4877 599) or by e-mail (mga@ecr.euro.who.int). For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. **A limited number of copies of documents will be available in the meeting room.** Before the meeting, missing documents may be obtained directly from secretariat. Documents may also be downloaded from www.thepep.org or www.unece.org/thepep.

3. Adoption of the reports of the fifth session of the Steering Committee and of the meeting of its Bureau
4. Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (2008)
 - (a) Overarching theme of the Third High-level Meeting
 - (b) Main background documents
 - (i) Review of transport developments and their effects on health and the environment in the UNECE–WHO/Europe region (1997–2007)
 - (ii) Assessment of the policy response to date by UNECE and WHO/Europe member countries – focus on THE PEP (2002–2008)
 - (iii) Draft Declaration
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 - (e) Preparatory process
 - (i) Composition of the preparatory group
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6. Implementation of the Steering Committee’s work programme
 - (a) Progress reports and proposals for further action
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 - (iii) Transport-related health impacts and their costs and benefits, with a particular focus on children – The Toolbox on Transport, Environment and Health
 - (iv) Guidance on supportive institutional conditions for policy integration of transport, health and environment
 - (v) Promotion of safe walking and cycling in urban areas
 - (b) Resources for the implementation of the work programme of THE PEP
7. Enhancing collaboration with other organizations and processes
8. Other business
9. Next meeting of the Steering Committee

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2008/1–EUR/08/5068055/1

1. The Steering Committee is expected to adopt the agenda of its sixth session as prepared by the UNECE and WHO/Europe secretariats (collectively referred to hereafter as “the secretariat”) in consultation with the Bureau.

Item 2: Election of officers

2. The Steering Committee will be invited to elect a Chairperson for its sixth session.

3. The Steering Committee may wish to discuss the composition of its Bureau and to consider (re-)electing its members (see annex I).

Item 3: Adoption of the reports of the fifth session of the Steering Committee and of the meeting of its Bureau

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/2007/10–EUR/07/THEPEPST/10
ECE/AC.21/SC/2008/2–EUR/08/5068055/2

4. The Steering Committee may wish to adopt the reports of its fifth session (16–17 April 2007, Geneva) as well as of the meeting of its Bureau (10–11 December 2007, Rome).

Item 4: Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (2008)

5. The Committee will be invited to provide guidance regarding the preparations for the third High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health, scheduled to take place in autumn 2008.

(a) Overarching theme for the Third High-level Meeting

6. At its fifth session, the Steering Committee agreed the High-level Meeting should focus on key emerging issues that are relevant for the region and have global significance. The Committee will be invited to agree an overarching theme for the Third High-level Meeting. As a basis for discussion, a short list of themes previously discussed is attached in annex II.

(b) Main background documents

(i) Transport, Health and Environment: Trends and Developments in the UNECE-WHO Pan-European Region (1997-2007)

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2008/4–EURO/08/5068055/4 (Executive Summary of Review Report); Draft of Review Report (in English only).

7. At its fifth session, the Steering Committee endorsed the draft outline for the Review Report and agreed it should serve as a background document for the High-level Meeting, drawing on available statistics and information from Member States, in particular countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-Eastern Europe (SEE) and from international organizations. The Committee will be invited to consider the draft of the Review Report prepared by the secretariat and to provide comments to allow its finalization for the High-level Meeting.

(ii) THE PEP Assessment Report

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2008/3–EUR/08/5068055/3

8. The Assessment Report was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the extended Bureau on the basis of replies to THE PEP questionnaire and other materials. The aims were to provide information on progress at national level and concrete achievements in the priority areas of THE PEP, to highlight successes and weaknesses and to propose recommendations for strengthening the programme in the coming years.

9. The Assessment Report should serve as a basis for discussions at the High-level Meeting on the future strategic direction of THE PEP. This could include issues such as whether: (a) to reinforce the existing priority areas of THE PEP or to adopt new ones; (b) to devise ways to strengthen the programme, (c) to secure a stable financing mechanism; and (d) to develop new workplan elements. The Committee will be invited to provide comments and modifications to the Assessment Report to allow the secretariat to finalize it for the High-level Meeting.

(iii) Draft Declaration

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2008/5–EURO/08/5068055/5

10. At its fifth session, the Steering Committee reiterated that the declaration to be adopted by the Third High-level Meeting should contain commitments for future activities, in accordance with the agreed objectives (ECE/AC.21/2007/10–EUR/06/THEPEPST/10, para. 16). It entrusted the extended Bureau (open to all Member States) to assist the secretariat in the preparation of a first draft of the declaration to be submitted to Member States for negotiation at the present session of the Committee and during the preparatory process for the High-level Meeting. The Committee will be invited to review in detail the draft declaration and to suggest elements for further consideration, as appropriate.

(iv) Provisional agenda for the High-level Meeting

Documentation: Conference Room Paper no. 1

11. The secretariat has transmitted a first announcement of the High-level Meeting to the Transport, Health and Environment Ministers of Member States in September 2007 and prepared a

draft provisional agenda in consultation with the extended Bureau. The Steering Committee will be invited to consider the provisional agenda as well as organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting, including proposals for keynote speakers and topics and facilitators for panel discussions, in line with the overarching theme of the Meeting.

(c) Date and venue

12. The Steering Committee may wish to discuss the scheduled date in the light of other related events scheduled in 2008². The secretariat has reserved conference facilities at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 3 and 4 November 2008.

(d) Preparatory process

13. At its fifth session, the Steering Committee invited its Bureau to begin preparing the High-level Meeting during its meetings in Prague (24 June 2007) and Rome (10–11 December 2007) (ECE/AC.21/SC/2008/2–EUR/08/5068055/2). Additional discussions took place during the ad hoc meeting of the Bureau in Brussels (14–15 February 2008) and will be reported orally. The Committee will be invited to agree on a work plan and time schedule for further preparatory work, including the finalization of the declaration for adoption by the High-level Meeting, on the basis of a note prepared by the secretariat (Conference Room Paper no. 1).

Item 5: THE PEP Self-evaluation

Documentation: Conference Room Paper no. 2

14. The secretariat will present the self-evaluation covering the biennium 2006–2007. The evaluation is intended to analyze the effectiveness of THE PEP in improving cooperation, communication and collaboration among the three sectors and its impact on the development of inter-sectoral policies and strategies in Member States. The Steering Committee may wish to use this as a basis for discussion on the future strategic direction of THE PEP.

Item 6: Implementation of the Steering Committee's work programme

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/2008/6–EUR/08/5068055/6 (summary of work programme) ECE/AC.21/2008/7–EUR/08/5068055/7 (resources document) and informal documents (report of the Telč workshop³, reports on economic valuation of

² Related events in 2008 include: the Ministerial Meeting on Euro-Asian transport links held during the seventieth session of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (19–21 February 2008); the International Transport Forum (ITF) Ministerial Meeting on Transport, Energy and the Challenge of Climate Change (28–30 May 2008, Leipzig, Germany); and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Global Forum on Sustainable Development: Transport and Environment in a Globalizing World (10–12 November 2008, Guadalajara, Mexico).

³ Workshop on “transport-related health impacts and their costs and benefits” (25–27 June 2007, Telč, Czech Republic).

health effects from cycling and walking, report of the project on cost-benefit analysis of transport-related health costs).

(a) Progress reports and proposals for further action

15. The Steering Committee will be informed of progress in the implementation of its work programme since its previous session and will be invited to provide guidance on future work.

16. Delegations and international organizations may wish to provide information on activities relating to activities under the work programme of THE PEP. Those wishing to make a short presentation at the session are requested to contact the secretariat in advance.

(i) Clearing House on Transport, Environment and Health

17. The Steering Committee will be informed of the technical and substantive work done by the secretariat during the pilot operation phase of the Clearing House on Transport, Environment and Health to fine-tune and improve the Clearing House website (www.thepep.org/CHWebSite). The Committee will be invited: (a) to provide views on the strengths and weaknesses of the Clearing House and to give guidance on its further development; (b) to exchange information on actions taken at the national level to promote the visibility and use of the Clearing House, particularly in EECCA and SEE countries; and (c) to propose ways and means to ensure the sustained operation of the Clearing House.

(ii) Sustainable urban transport and land-use planning

18. At its fifth session, the representative of Georgia informed the Steering Committee about the outcome of the South Caucasian Workshop on Sustainable Urban Transport and Land-use Planning (18–20 October 2006, Tbilisi). The delegation of Moldova expressed interest in holding a follow-up workshop, possibly covering integrated approaches to policymaking in transport, health and environment as well as citizens' travel preferences and perceptions. At the Bureau meeting in Prague in June 2007, the representative of Bulgaria indicated the possibility of collaborating on the workshop, possibly in concert with the Green Keys project (<http://www.greenkeys-project.net/en/home.html>) focusing on sustainable cities in the SEE region.

19. The workshop could serve as a preparatory meeting for the High-level Meeting to highlight sustainable urban transport problems in EECCA and SEE countries. It could also share good practices and lessons learned, including case studies and other outputs of THE PEP Toolbox on Transport, Environment and Health. The Steering Committee may wish to be informed by the delegations of Moldova and Bulgaria on developments regarding the organization of a subregional workshop in 2008.

(iii) Transport-related health impacts and their costs and benefits, with a particular focus on children – The Toolbox on Transport, Environment and Health

20. At its fifth session, the Steering Committee was informed about progress made in the development of the Toolbox on Transport, Environment and Health (ECE/AC.21/SC/2007/6–EUR/07/5068055/6), including the project “Developing methods for the economic valuation of transport-related health effects, with a special focus on children”. The Committee will be updated on developments and further steps.

21. In particular, the Steering Committee will be informed on feedback received during a workshop on “transport-related health impacts and their costs and benefits” (25–27 June 2007, Telč, Czech Republic) and during a meeting of the Task Force on THE PEP Toolbox. The Committee may wish to provide guidance on progress made in the development of the Toolbox and on further steps, including how best: (a) to enable the Toolbox to support capacity-building needs in EECCA and SEE countries for assessing transport-related health effects; and (b) to make relevant information, tool and methods more readily available. In addition, the Committee will receive the project report on the economic valuation of transport-related health effects and will be invited to consider follow-up work, including pilot testing of the guidance.

- (iv) Guidance on supportive institutional conditions for policy integration of transport, health and environment

Documentation: ECE/AC.21/SC/2008/8–EUR/08/5068055/8 (policy integration brochure)

22. The Steering Committee will be invited to review a document on policy integration prepared by Germany. Once approved, the document will be published as a brochure to be made available at the High-level Meeting. The Committee may also wish to consider follow-up action in this area, including the possibility of a capacity-building workshop to promote intersectoral cooperation among the three sectors in EECCA and SEE countries.

- (v) Promotion of safe walking and cycling in urban areas

23. The Steering Committee will be invited to provide its views on methodological guidance to the economic valuation of health effects from cycling and walking developed with support from Austria and Sweden. The Committee may wish to provide feedback on possible opportunities for follow-up, including pilot testing of the guidance.

(b) Resources for the implementation of the work programme of THE PEP

24. The Steering Committee will be invited to consider a document prepared by the secretariat summarizing information on the use of the financial and in-kind resources made available by donor countries for the implementation of the work programme of THE PEP. The Committee may wish to consider ways of supporting the implementation of the activities of THE PEP under the current work programme in a more sustainable way.

Item 7: Enhancing collaboration with other organizations and processes

25. At its fifth session, the Steering Committee encouraged strengthening collaboration between THE PEP and related international processes, including: the fifteenth meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development (30 April–11 May 2007, New York) on sustainable energy, air pollution and climate change issues; the Intergovernmental Midterm Review of the implementation of the Budapest Conference commitments (13–15 June 2007, Vienna); and the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” (10–12 October 2007, Belgrade). The Committee may wish to be informed about the results of these meetings, with a view towards attracting wider political support and building momentum for the third High-level Meeting.

26. The Chair will report on a meeting held with the European Commission (EC) on 15 February 2008 in Brussels. Based on the results of this meeting, the Steering Committee may wish to consider elements for future collaboration, such as in the framework of the consultative process for the EC “Green Paper: towards a new culture for urban mobility” and possible input to the High-level Meeting.

Item 8: Other business

27. The Steering Committee may wish to consider any other issues of interest in the field of transport, health and environment.

Item 9: Next meeting of the Steering Committee

28. The Steering Committee may wish to decide on the date of its seventh session.

Annex I

The current composition of the Bureau is as follows:

Health sector:

- Mr. François André, Attaché, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (Belgium)
- Ms. Hristina Mileva, Ministry of Health (Bulgaria)
- Dr. Jaroslav Volf, Director, National Institute of Public Health (Czech Republic)
- Ms. Ursula Ulrich-Vögtlin, Head, Health and Environment Unit, Federal Office of Public Health (Switzerland)

Transport sector:

- Mr. Marc Strauss, Head, European Affairs Division, Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport, Housing, Tourism and the Sea (France)
- Mrs. Sjoukje Faber, Senior Policy Advisor on Environment and Health Issues, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (Netherlands)
- Mr. Vadim Donchenko, Deputy Director General, State Scientific and Research Institute of Road Transport, Ministry of Transport (Russian Federation)
- Mr. Nigel Dotchin, Department for Transport (United Kingdom)

Environment sector:

- Mr. Chuck Ashley, First Secretary, Environment, Science and Technology, Permanent Mission of the United States (United States)
- Ms. Narin Panariti, Director, Policy, Integration and Legislation Division, Ministry of Environment (Albania)
- Mr. Robert Thaler, Head, Division of Transport, Mobility, Human Settlements and Noise, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water (Austria)
- Ms. Nino Tkhilava, Head, Integrated Environmental Management Department, Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources (Georgia)

Annex II

Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (2008)

Possible slogans to support overarching theme

1. MOVING AHEAD: *Green Cities for a Healthy Tomorrow*
2. THE NATURE OF CITIES: *Urban Transport Solutions for Sustainable and Healthy Living*
3. TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT: *Sustainable Cities for the Future of our Children*