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THE PEP Steering Committee

(Second session, 29 and 30 March 2004)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF
THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

**to be held at WHO Headquarters, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Monday, 29 March 2004
(Room C, 5th Floor¹)**

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 - (iii) Transport related health impacts and their costs and benefits with a particular focus on children
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 - Energy efficient driving behaviour
 - Improving cost-benefit analysis of cycling infrastructure investments
 - B. Overview of the resources for the implementation of THE PEP work programme
 - C. New project proposals
 - (a) Practical guidance on institutional arrangements and mechanisms for integrated policy and decision-making
 - (b) Promotion of safe walking and cycling in urban areas
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5. Information on the preparation of the 4th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Budapest, 23-25 June 2004)
6. Discussion on potential health and environment impacts of economic and political developments in the region
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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Steering Committee is expected to adopt the agenda of its second session based on a draft prepared by the UNECE and WHO/Europe secretariats (hereafter: the secretariat) (ECE/AC.21/2004/1 – EUR/04/5045236/1).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As decided by the second High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (5 July 2002), the chairmanship of the Steering Committee will rotate annually between the transport, environment and health sectors and be maintained between the sessions to represent the Steering Committee and the Bureau (ECE/AC.21/2002/9-EUR/02/5040828/9, para. 9).

Mr. Zaal Lomtadze, vice-Minister of the Environment of Georgia was elected Chairman of the Steering Committee at the first session (10-11 April 2003). In his capacity as Chairman, Mr. Lomtadze participated at the second intergovernmental preparatory meeting for the 4th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Stockholm, 26 and 27 June 2003), where he co-chaired the session “Progress made on environment and health in Europe from Frankfurt to Budapest” which included a review of progress achieved on transport, environment and health. He also chaired the first meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee (Rome, 31 October 2003).

At its first meeting, the Bureau considered the chairmanship for the period 2004-2005, and proposed Mr. Jaroslav Volf, Director of the National Institute of Public Health of the Czech Republic, to be elected as Chairman at the second session of the Steering Committee. In

accordance with its mandate, and in considering the proposal of the Bureau, the Steering Committee is invited to elect the officers for its second session.

3. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PEP STEERING COMMITTEE AND OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU

The Steering Committee may wish to consider and adopt the reports on its first session (10 and 11 April 2003) (ECE/AC.21/2003/6 - EUR/03/5040828/6) and on the first meeting of its Bureau (31 October 2003) (ECE/AC.21/2004/2 - EUR/03/5045236/4).

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEP PROGRAMME OF WORK 2003-2005

A. Progress report on the implementation of current activities

The Committee will be informed on the progress achieved in the implementation of the activities in THE PEP programme of work 2003-2005 as adopted at its first session (10 and 11 April 2003). On the basis of documentation prepared and taking into account the recommendations of its Bureau, the Committee is expected to assess the progress made in the implementation of the work programme and to provide guidance on future work.

International and non-governmental organizations are invited to provide information on their activities as far as they relate to the activities under THE PEP.

(i) Clearing house on transport, environment and health

The Steering Committee will have before it document ECE/AC.21/2004/3 and Add.1 – EUR/04/5045236/3 prepared by the secretariat. The document summarizes the work on the conceptual design of THE PEP Clearing House that has been carried out under the guidance of the Task Force established by the Steering Committee. The report covers substantive, technical and legal aspects related to the development of the conceptual design of the Clearing House. It provides strategies and estimates for operational, administrative and resources arrangements required for the implementation of the Clearing House starting in 2004 and its pilot operation phase scheduled to begin in early 2005. The addendum to the report includes draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Advisory Board on THE PEP Clearing House on Transport, Health and Environment prepared by the secretariat. The proposed Advisory Board would have a consultative role during the implementation of the Clearing House.

In addition to the above mandated report, the secretariat has prepared a number of background documents on substantive, legal and technical aspects of the Clearing House, which serve to examine various alternatives for its operation and evaluate the overall feasibility of the project. These documents are available at the secretariat and may be accessed and downloaded from THE PEP web site (www.unece.org/the-pep).

The secretariat will also prepare a demonstration site, to be presented at the session, to illustrate the functioning and the proposed design of the Clearing House as well as its information and data search capabilities. The themes for this demonstration have been selected by the Bureau as "Urban Areas", with a focus on (a) cycling and walking and (b) safety aspects, with emphasis on children's issues and (c) congestion.

The Committee is expected to consider the conceptual design of THE PEP Clearing House as prepared by the secretariat with the support of several UNECE and WHO/Europe member Governments. It may also take a decision on the possible phased implementation of the proposed project based on the availability of the necessary resources in 2004 and 2005, as well as on the ToRs of the proposed THE PEP Clearing House Advisory Board.

(ii) Sustainable and healthy urban transport and land-use planning

The Committee is invited to consider document ECE/AC.21/2004/4 – EUR/04/5045236/4 prepared by the secretariat, which contains the summary record of the Workshop on sustainable and healthy urban transport and planning held in Nicosia, Cyprus on 16-18 November 2003 and includes proposals for follow-up action.

The Committee is expected to evaluate the outcome of the Cyprus workshop and provide guidance to the secretariat on follow-up action and possible cooperative arrangements among the various international organizations working in this area.

(iii) Transport related health impacts and their costs and benefits with particular focus on children

The Steering Committee may wish to consider a document (ECE/AC.21/2004/6 – EUR/04/5045236/6) prepared by Austria, France, Malta, the Netherlands, Sweden and

Switzerland describing the main outcomes of a series of four workshops that these countries have undertaken, as follows².

- Workshop I on “Transport Related Health Impacts, Review of Exposures and Epidemiological Status”, hosted by Austria (24 and 25 April 2003, Vienna)³.
- Workshop II on “Economic Valuation of Health Effects due to Transport”, hosted by Sweden (12 and 13 June 2003, Stockholm)⁴
- Workshop III on "Issues Specific to Children", hosted by the Netherlands (16-17 October 2003, The Hague)
- Workshop IV on "Synthesis and recommendations" hosted by Malta (5-6 February 2004).

In particular, the document highlights proposed policy recommendations and input provided to the development of the European Children’s Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE), to be adopted by the Fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Budapest, 23-25 June 2004).

The Steering Committee is invited to provide its views regarding progress achieved so far and possible future directions of work, including for example in the area of research gaps identified through this project. The Steering Committee is invited also to provide comments on a draft brochure presenting a synthesis of the project results, to be distributed at the 4th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health. The draft brochure will be tabled at the meeting.

- (iv) Establishment of a set of indicators to monitor the integration of environmental and health aspects into transport policies and the impact of the policies on health and the environment

The Steering Committee may wish to consider the interim report on progress achieved and resources needed for a phased implementation of this activity contained in the document ECE/AC.21/2004/5 – EUR/04/5045236/5.

² See http://www.unece.org/the-pep/new/en/workplan/health/health_implementation.htm

³ Full papers and presentations can be downloaded from: <http://www.herry.at/the-pep/agenda.htm>

⁴ Full papers and presentations can be downloaded from: <http://www.herry.at/the-pep/stockholm.htm>

The Steering Committee is invited to provide its views regarding progress achieved so far, proposed directions of work and possible strategies to raise additional resources to further the implementation of this action.

(v) Other activities:

- Energy efficient driving behaviour

The representatives of the Netherlands will provide information on the progress achieved in implementation of the activity on “eco-driving” (document ECE/AC.21/2004/10 – EUR/04/5045236/10) for consideration of the Committee. The Committee may wish to consider the inclusion of this project in the work programme of THE PEP and the possibilities to contribute to the further implementation of this project at the Pan-European level.

- Improving cost-benefit analysis of cycling infrastructure investments

The representative of Sweden will inform the Committee about a project carried out by the Nordic countries under the leadership of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. The Bureau has already taken note of this project at its first meeting, on 31 October 2003.

The purpose of the project is to improve the cost-benefit analysis of investments in cycling infrastructure so as to allow comparison with other investments in transport infrastructure. Emphasis will be given to the improvements of cost-benefit analysis of cycling projects, in particular input data on health benefits of cycling. The project is planned to be finalized in summer 2004. At that time, a summary of the project and its main outcomes will be made available in English.

The Committee may wish to take note of the project and reflect on possibilities for further promoting and making use of its outcome in the framework of THE PEP.

B. Overview of the resources for the implementation of THE PEP work programme

As recommended by the Bureau, the Committee will be submitted a summary document containing information on the resources made available by donor countries, in kind and through financial contributions, for the implementation of THE PEP work programme, on their use as well as on the estimated need of additional funds.

The Steering Committee is invited to provide feedback on the information received and consider ways to support further the implementation of the activities under THE PEP. Delegates may also wish to suggest means for attracting support from and enhancing collaboration with various international forums (International Financial Institutions, Central European Initiative, Nordic Council, etc.).

C. New project proposals

The Steering Committee may wish to consider and endorse the following proposals for further activities under THE PEP priority areas, for possible inclusion into its programme of work extending to December 2005.

(a) Practical guidance on institutional arrangements and mechanisms for integrated policy and decision-making

During the discussions held at the Cyprus workshop on integrated transport policy and planning in urban areas, participants expressed the need for concrete guidance on how to integrate environmental and health aspects into decision- and policy-making on transport in general and in particular with regard to institutional and administrative arrangements. Representatives from Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) deemed it useful to receive detailed information on the experiences, good practices as well as lessons learned from countries where collaboration between the environment, health and transport sector representatives has been institutionalized and has proven to be effective.

The Committee may wish to consider and endorse the project proposal as described in document ECE/AC.21/2004/11 – EUR/04/5045236/11, with the main objective to bring together and to widely disseminate experiences, good practices and lessons learned in the field of institutional and administrative mechanisms to promote integrated policy- and decision-making. This project would contribute to implementing priority actions identified in THE PEP work plan, as endorsed by the second High-level Meeting, such as “Development of institutional mechanisms for integration of the environment and health concerns into transport policies, with participation of health and environment sectors representatives in the decision making process at different levels”⁵

⁵ I. 4., ECE/AC.21/2002/9-EUR/02/5040828/9

(b) Promotion of safe walking and cycling in urban areas

Promotion and improvement of safe conditions of cycling and walking in urban areas are a precondition for inducing a shift towards a healthier and more environmentally friendly mobility based on physical activity and was therefore selected as one of the priority activities to be pursued under THE PEP. (See item III. 4. "Development of measures for promoting public transport on the one hand and cycling and walking on the other hand" in THE PEP Work Plan, ECE/AC.21/2002/9 EUR/02/5040828/9).

The Steering Committee is invited to consider and endorse a proposal outlined in document ECE/AC.21/2004/13 – EUR/04/5045236/13 to exchange and disseminate existing good practices of the different countries in the region in promoting safe conditions for people to walk and cycle in urban areas. Consideration could also be given to possible health benefits resulting from safer walking and cycling in a cost-benefit analysis of transport-related policies and infrastructures. A workshop could be organized to focus further on this specific issue. In addition, guidance could be developed on how to assess the costs of health effects in relation to walking and cycling, building on the results achieved through work carried out in the context of THE PEP project "Transport related health impacts and their costs and benefits in particular as regards the children" as well as of other initiatives presently under way in the region.

(c) Other activities

Delegations are invited to present any other projects for implementation under THE PEP work plan, including information on objectives, expected outcome and estimated resource requirements.

5. INFORMATION ON THE PREPARATION OF THE BUDAPEST CONFERENCE

The 4th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health "The future for our children" will take place in Budapest on 23-25 June 2004 (www.euro.who.int/budapest2004). The aim of the Conference is to adopt decisions and commitments on actions in the field of environment and health, with special emphasis on children and future generations. This will be done through the adoption of a Ministerial Declaration and of a children's environment and health action plan for Europe (CEHAPE).

The Committee will be informed on the status of the preparations for the Budapest Conference as well as on how THE PEP is contributing to the development of the Conference

Declaration and of the CEHAPE. A few paragraphs in the Conference Declaration, endorsed by the Bureau, will re-affirm the commitments taken through the adoption of THE PEP, and pledge continued support for its implementation. In addition, policy recommendations made through the project “Transport Related Health Impacts and their Costs and Benefits with a Particular Focus on Children” will provide a direct input to the development of the CEHAPE.

The Bureau decided that a progress report on THE PEP implementation should be prepared as part of the background policy documents for the Budapest Conference. As timing for the finalization of the progress report would not allow for its endorsement at the second session of THE PEP Steering Committee, it was agreed that the progress report would be drafted by the secretariat and circulated to the Bureau for its comments.

The Bureau recommended that steps be taken to ensure high visibility of THE PEP at the Budapest Conference and requested the secretariat to assess with the Conference organizers opportunities for setting-up promotion and dissemination activities. These could include: availability of computers with the demo of THE PEP Clearing House; dissemination of THE PEP Clearing House brochure, and of summary reports of activities implemented under THE PEP; organization of satellite events, e.g. for the presentation of the main results of the workshops on the development of methods for the economic valuation of transport-related health effects and translation into Russian of the project summary brochure.

6. DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IMPACTS OF THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION

Following the request of the Bureau, delegations are expected to share their views on economic and political developments in the region, including also the enlargement of the European Union, as well as to assess their potential impacts on environment and health. The item will be introduced by keynote speakers.

Delegations may wish to exchange views on the possible relevance of these developments for activities carried out in the framework of THE PEP.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Steering Committee will be provided with an update on the World Health Day 2004 (7 April), devoted to Road Traffic Safety and to the Road Safety Week (5-11 April 2004).

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

8. NEXT MEETING

The Steering Committee may wish to decide on the date of its third session. The secretariat has already tentatively scheduled the third session of the Steering Committee to be held on 11 – 12 April 2005.



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