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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH
THE PEP Steering Committee
(Fourth session, 10 and 11 April 2006)

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

**to be held in to be held at WHO Headquarters Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Monday, 10 April 2006***

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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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 the documents will be made available in the meeting room. Before the meeting, missing documents may be obtained directly from the UNECE secretariat (Fax: +41-22-917-0039). All the documents may also be accessed and downloaded from the relevant THE PEP website (www.thepep.org or www.unece.org/thepep). To access the WHO premises, delegates have to be registered in a list of participants that will be made available at the WHO reception, at the entrance of the main building. Delegates are requested to fill-in the attached registration form (also available from THE PEP web site (www.the-pep.org)) and to transmit the duly filled-in form **at the latest by 28 February 2006** to the secretariat, either by fax (+39 06 4877 599) or by e-mail (mga@ecr.euro.who.int). In Geneva, prior to the session, delegates are requested to report at the entrance of the main building, where they will receive an ID badge and be directed to the meeting room.

The Steering Committee is expected to adopt the agenda of its fourth session prepared by the UNECE and WHO/Euro secretariats (hereafter: the secretariat) in consultation with the Bureau.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(a) Election of the Chairperson

At its third session, in April 2005, the Steering Committee elected Mr. Nigel Dotchin from the Department for Transport of the United Kingdom as its chair. In this capacity, Mr. Dotchin has, in addition, represented the Committee at the meeting of the EEHC (Copenhagen, June 2005).

The Bureau to the Committee considered the chairmanship for the period 2006-2007 at its meeting of 2 December 2005, and proposed the election of Mr. Robert Thaler, Head, Division of Transport, Mobility, Human Settlements, Noise, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water, Austria, as Chairman of the fourth session of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is invited to elect the Chairman for its fourth session.

(b) Election of members of the Bureau

List of current members of the Bureau is annexed to the provisional agenda

The Steering Committee may wish to discuss the composition of its Bureau and consider (re-)electing the Members of the Bureau.

3. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE THIRD SESSION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND ON THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU

*Documents: ECE/AC.21/2005/13–EUR/05/5046203/13;
ECE/AC.21/2006/2–EUR/06/THEPEPST/2*

The Steering Committee may wish to consider and adopt the reports on its third session (11-12 April 2005) as well as on the meeting of its Bureau held on 2 December 2005.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME

A. Progress reports and proposals for further action

The Committee will be informed of progress made in the implementation of its work programme since its previous session. It will also have before it proposals for further steps to be taken under each activity. On the basis of the documentation prepared for the session and taking into account the recommendations of its Bureau, the Committee is expected to assess progress made in the implementation of the work programme and to provide guidance on future work.

Delegations, international and non-governmental organizations may wish to provide information on their activities as far as they relate to the activities under THE PEP work programme. Those who wish to make a short presentation at the session are requested to contact the secretariat in advance.

(a) Clearing House on Transport, Environment and Health

Document: ECE/AC.21/2006/3–EUR/06/THEPEPST/3
The Clearing House web site: www.thepep.org/CHWebSite

The Committee will be informed of the technical and substantive work undertaken by the Advisory Board and the secretariat during the pilot operation phase of the Clearing House in 2005 as well as of the feedback provided since the beginning of its operation for the general public in December 2005.

The Committee may wish to consider activities to promote visibility and use of the Clearing House, particularly in EECCA countries and countries in South-Eastern Europe. It may wish to consider, furthermore, how to ensure the sustained operation of the Clearing House in the years to come, how to increase active participation by countries and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and how and to what extent additional services should be developed to complement the present features of the Clearing House.

The Committee will also be informed about the outcomes and lessons learned from the “Eco-driving” project, promoted by the Netherlands, which have been made available on the Clearing House.

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

Document: ECE/AC.21/2006/4 – EUR/06/THEPEPST/4

Following the joint ECMT – THE PEP workshop on “Implementing Sustainable Urban Travel Policies in Russia and other CIS countries” held in Moscow in 2004, delegations of Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia have expressed their interest in hosting further workshops addressing specific

environment and health related issues in urban transport of concern to them and their neighbouring countries.

The Steering Committee will be invited to consider a proposal to organize a Caucasian workshop, as a first in a series of sub-regional workshops to strengthen capacity in addressing environment and health issues related to transport in the EECCA and SEE countries. The workshop will be hosted by Georgia, possibly in late 2006. In order to maximize synergies with other relevant activities implemented under THE PEP, the workshop would consist of two main parts. The first part would address questions related to the upgrading of the public transport system in the principal towns of the sub-region, involving also improving the co-ordination and collaboration between the various sectors and levels of Government regarding urban transport policy making and implementation. The second part of the workshop would focus on the assessment of health and environment impacts of urban transport in the sub-region.

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

Document: ECE/AC.21/2006/5–EUR/06/THEPEPST/5

The Steering Committee will be informed of progress achieved in the follow-up work to the project on the transport-related health impacts and their costs and benefits. It may wish to provide its views in particular on the “tool box” that is being developed by a Task Force. The “tool-box” is meant to support three main target users (i.e. decision makers at the political level, policy makers and experts/practitioners) by making easily available to them advocacy tools, key-messages, briefings on selected topics, guidance for different types of assessments, case-studies and access to information and networks. The project is also aiming at stimulating the development of national case studies. The “tool-box” would also be disseminated and made accessible through THE PEP Clearing House.

As part of this activity, the Committee will also be updated on the progress made and next steps in “developing methods for the economic valuation of transport-related health effects in children” with the support of the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

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

Document: ECE/AC.21/2006/7–EUR/06/THEPEPST/7

The Committee may wish to assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the project on supportive institutional conditions for the effective integration of environment and health issues into transport policies.

The Committee will be invited to consider a report that reviews and analyzes the current institutional practice for policy integration in the UNECE – WHO/Europe region, established on the basis of a questionnaire survey, a review of relevant publications and the outcomes of a workshop hosted by Germany (Berlin, 23-24 January 2006). It may wish to provide guidance on the further development and dissemination of the project report and on the capacity building activities to be taken to implement the recommendations put forward at the workshop.

(e) **Promotion of safe walking and cycling in urban areas**

Document: ECE/AC.21/2006/6–EUR/06/THEPEPST/6

The Steering Committee will be informed about and invited to consider the progress achieved and the further steps to be taken to promote safe conditions for people to walk and cycle in urban areas through the exchange and dissemination of good practices and through improving the assessment of health effects from cycling and walking as well as of the costs and benefits of promoting non-motorized transport.

B. Resources for the implementation of THE PEP work programme

Document: ECE/AC.21/2006/8–EUR/06/THEPEPST/8

The Committee is invited to consider a summary document prepared by the secretariat containing information on the use of the financial and in kind resources made available by donor countries for the implementation of THE PEP work programme 2006-2007, as well as on the estimated need for additional extra budgetary funds.

On the basis of secretariat document ECE/AC.21/2005/12–EUR/05/5046203/12, the Committee, at its third session, had proposed a simple and flexible system of supporting, on a voluntary basis, THE PEP implementation by providing donors with the possibility of subscribing to “shares”. A secretariat letter sent on 17 May 2005 to Ministers of Transport, Environment and Health contained this proposal as well as a description of the approved projects, but did not solicit additional funds. The Committee may, therefore, wish to consider ways of supporting the implementation of THE PEP activities under the current work programme in a more sustainable way.

5. ENHANCING COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PROCESSES

In line with the recommendations of the Bureau, the Committee may also wish to suggest means for enhancing collaboration with various international forums (EU, IFIs, Central European Initiative, Nordic Council, ECMT, FEDRE, etc.) and processes (Environment and Health, Environment for Europe, etc.) that are closely linked to the activities implemented under THE PEP.

The Committee will be informed about the relevant activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

6. PREPARATION OF THE THIRD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH (2007)

Document: ECE/AC.21/2006/9–EUR/06/THEPEPST/9

The Committee is invited to provide guidance as regards the preparations for the third High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health, which is scheduled to take place in 2007.

It may, in particular, consider and provide its views on the following issues:

(a) Items for consideration and agenda of the High-level Meeting.

It is suggested that the High-level Meeting would focus on three main items. On the basis of a background paper, the Meeting would first discuss the progress achieved and the challenges encountered in integrating transport, environment and health goals in the region and the successes made in reducing the negative effects of transport on health and the environment over the past ten years – since the Vienna Conference on Transport and Environment held in 1997.

The Meeting would, thereafter, be invited to consider the adequacy of the response to date by the UNECE and WHO/Europe Member States, with a focus on assessing the first years of implementation of THE PEP. To provide a basis for discussion, a document would be prepared summarizing the activities carried out until now within the Programme, their outcomes as well as the main difficulties met and challenges ahead in the effective implementation of THE PEP's work plan. The Meeting would also be invited to reaffirm the commitments made and indicate what improvements and/or further steps should be taken to increase the impacts of these commitments, if needed.

Finally, based on a discussion paper and building on the documentation and discussions of the previous sessions, a number of Ministers and other high-level participants would be invited to hold a panel discussion on the necessities for and challenges to integrating transport, environment and health policies in the UNECE-WHO/Europe region. A parallel should also be made to the contribution of this work to the regional implementation of the sustainable development goals contained in the Johannesburg plan of implementation, which currently focuses on air pollution, climate change and energy issues, as well as to the implementation of the Declaration of the 4th Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, where THE PEP contribution is specifically acknowledged.

The Steering Committee may wish to discuss and agree upon the substantive contents of the draft agenda for the third High-level Meeting.

(b) Date and venue

The Steering Committee is invited to discuss the date and the venue of the Meeting that would optimize high-level participation from all the three sectors. The Committee may wish to consider and decide upon the following options that were discussed by the Bureau at its meeting in December 2005:

- (i) Organizing the High-level Meeting back-to-back to the ECMT Ministerial meeting to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in May 2007. This option was considered to maximize the participation of Ministers and high-level representatives from the transport sector, seen as the key factor for the success of the process. However, this date would possibly overlap with the mid-term review meeting of the WHO's Environment and Health process, in which case it would limit the participation of certain health and environment representatives.
- (ii) Holding the High-level Meeting back-to-back to the 5th session of THE PEP Steering Committee in 2007. According to this proposal, the High-level Meeting would take place first and be followed by a one day session of the Steering Committee to allow it to take stock of the decisions made and to discuss how to reflect them in its programme of work. Under this option, the High-level Meeting and the Steering Committee's session could be held either in the UN premises in Geneva or in a possible host country. Regarding the timing of the joint meeting, two possibilities were discussed:

- i. April 2007, to allow for reporting on the outcomes of the High-level Meeting to the 15th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development to be held in May 2007 (to be confirmed);
- ii. Early December 2007, to have more time to prepare for the High-level Meeting.

(c) Structure and speakers

The last session of the High-level Meeting could contain a Ministerial Panel, composed of representatives of the three sectors and the different parts of the region.

The Steering Committee may wish to provide its views on the modalities for organizing the sessions. The delegations are also invited to come up with preliminary proposals for chairs for the sessions, participants in the panel discussions and possible facilitators for the discussions.

(d) Documentation

The Steering Committee is invited to consider both the discussion papers and other background documents that should be submitted to the High-level Meeting as well as documents to be adopted by the Meeting and decide on the modalities for their drafting. It could consider convening additional Bureau Meetings, open also to a limited number of other interested experts, to produce the draft documents.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Steering 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 fifth session. This date will depend on the outcome of the discussion on the date of the High-level Meeting under agenda item 6 (b).

Annex I

At its third session (11-12 April 2005), the Steering Committee elected the following 12 members of its Bureau, representing the three sectors and the different parts of the region on an equal footing:

(a) The health sector:

- Dr. Jaroslav Volf; Director of the National Institute of Public Health of the Czech Republic
- Ms. Ursula Ulrich-Vögtlin, Head of Health and Environment Unit, Federal Office of Public Health, Switzerland;
- Mr. François André, Deputy Counsellor, Ministry of Social Affairs, Health and the Environment, Belgium;
- Mr. David Hohman, Senior International Health Advisor, United States of America;

(b) The transport sector:

- Mr. Xavier Delache, Deputy Director, Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport, Housing, Tourism and the Sea, France;
- Mr. Vadim Donchenko, Deputy Director General, State Scientific and Research Institute of Road Transport (NIIAT), Ministry of Transport, Russian Federation;
- Mr. Nigel Dotchin, the Department for Transport, the United Kingdom;
- Mr. Risto Saari, Senior Officer, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Finland;

(c) From the environment sector:

- Ms. Zsuzsanna Bibok, Head, Department for Integrated Pollution Control, Ministry for Environment and Water, Hungary;
 - Mr. Zaal Lomtadze, Vice Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Georgia; **(outgoing)**
 - Ms. Narin Panariti, Director, Policy, Integration and Legislation Division, Ministry of Environment, Albania;
 - Mr. Robert Thaler, Head, Division of Transport, Mobility, Human Settlements, Noise, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water, Austria.
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