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Prague, Czech Republic, 24 June 2007

1. The extended Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee held an ad-hoc session on 24 June 2007 in Prague to follow up on the decisions taken by the Committee at its fifth session (16-17 April 2007) and by the extended Bureau at its meeting on 18 April 2007. It discussed next steps to be taken for the preparation of the third High-level Meeting (HLM) on Transport, Environment and Health and the time schedule for the preparatory process.
2. The meeting was chaired by Mr. François André, FPS Health, Food Chain Safety Environment, Service for International & Horizontal Affairs, Belgium.
3. The following Bureau members attended: Mr. François André (Belgium), Ms. Hristina Mileva (Bulgaria), Mr. Jaroslav Volf (Czech Republic), Ms. Manana Juruli (Georgia), Mr. Dmitry Kazmin (Russian Federation).
4. Ms. Manana Juruli (Georgia) and Ms. Daugale Bagdanaviciute (Lithuania) attended as members of the extended Bureau that had been established for the preparatory process of the HLM.
5. Ms. Francesca Racioppi, Ms. Sonja Kahlmeier (WHO) and Ms. Brinda Wachs (UNECE) participated on behalf of the secretariat of THE PEP.

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6. The Bureau discussed the preparations for the HLM, in particular:

a) follow-up of an expression of interest of Kazakhstan to organize a preparatory workshop targeted at EECCA/SEA countries, possibly in spring 2008;

b) letters to be sent to ministries of health, environment and transport to announce the HLM and to invite their support, and to relevant Directorates General (DGs) of the European Commission (SANCO, ENV, TREN, RELEX) as well as to other stakeholders, inviting them to participate in the preparatory process and at the HLM.

c) the initiation of the main background documents for the HLM, including the review report which will be developed by two consultants (Ms. Louise-Grenier and Mr. Nick Cavill) and the assessment report. With regard to the draft declaration to be adopted at the HLM, draft elements proposed by the lead countries would be developed further, taking into account examples such as the Draft Ministerial Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”². A first draft declaration would be circulated to the extended Bureau for its consideration at its next meeting (10 December 2007, Rome).

d) possibilities for the involvement of youth in the HLM based on the experiences of the UN Road Safety week³ (23-29 April 2007) and the WHO Interministerial Mid-Term Review Meeting (13-15 June 2007)⁴.

7. Ms. Hristina Mileva informed participants on the possibility to organize a sub-regional workshop of SEE countries on green spaces and sustainable transport in urban settings in early 2008 within the framework of the project “Urban Green as a Key for Sustainable Cities” (GreenKeys)⁵. This project is partly financed by the European Union Community Initiative INTERREG III B CADSES programme (Central, Adriatic, Danubian and South-Eastern European Space) and the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs. It includes 12 cities in 7 countries, namely: Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Slovenia. Additional partners are Albania, Greece and Lithuania. The expression of interest was welcomed by participants and would be followed up by the secretariat, taking into account other planned events leading up to the Sixth Session of the Steering Committee in April 2008 and the HLM in fall 2008.

8. The next meeting of the extended Bureau would be held on 10 December 2007 in Rome, Italy.

² [http://www.unece.org/env/efe/wgso/Belgrade/documents/WGSO/WGSO-5/Declaration\(060707\)AdvanceCopy.doc](http://www.unece.org/env/efe/wgso/Belgrade/documents/WGSO/WGSO-5/Declaration(060707)AdvanceCopy.doc)

³ <http://www.who.int/roadsafety/week/en/>

⁴ <http://www.euro.who.int/IMR2007>

⁵ <http://www.greenkeys-project.net/en/home.html>