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Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for
Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range
Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

Working Group on Effects

Ninth joint session

Geneva, 11–15 September 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth joint session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 3 p.m.
on Monday, 11 September 2023*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the Bureaux of the Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects. Report from the Saltsjöbaden meeting and discussion on follow-up actions.
3. Reorganization and relocation of the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East activities: review of the options.
4. Financial and budgetary matters:
 - (a) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe;
 - (b) Working Group on Effects.

* There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates attending the meeting are therefore requested to register online, **by 28 August 2023**, through the meeting web page: <https://unece.org/info/events/event/371556>. This will be a paperless meeting. All documentation for the session and related information will be posted on the meeting web page. Delegates should bring copies of any documentation they will require. On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). A map is available on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website (<https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates>).



5. Progress in activities of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and its workplan for 2024–2025:
 - (a) Improvement and reporting of emission data and adjustments under the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone:
 - (i) Adjustments under the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone;
 - (ii) Improvement and reporting of emission data;
 - (b) Measurements and modelling;
 - (c) Integrated assessment modelling;
 - (d) Hemispheric transport of air pollution.
6. Joint thematic session/discussion:
 - (a) Air pollution effects on biodiversity;
 - (b) Methane;
 - (c) Heavy metals.
7. Outreach activities, information-sharing and cooperation with other organizations and programmes.
8. Information-sharing by Parties.
9. Progress in activities and workplan for 2024–2025 of effects-oriented activities:
 - (a) Air pollution effects on health;
 - (b) Air pollution effects on materials, the environment and crops:
 - (i) Air pollution effects on materials;
 - (ii) Air pollution effects on vegetation;
 - (iii) Air pollution effects on forests;
 - (iv) Air pollution effects on waters;
 - (v) Integrated monitoring of air pollution effects on ecosystems;
 - (c) Critical loads and other issues related to modelling and mapping;
 - (d) Working Group on Effects web portal.
10. Summary of 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (science part):
 - (a) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe;
 - (b) Working Group on Effects.
11. Election of Officers:
 - (a) Working Group on Effects;
 - (b) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe.
12. Other business.
13. Adoption of the draft report on the ninth joint session.
14. Closing of the ninth joint session.

II. Introduction

1. The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention) agreed, at its thirty-second session (Geneva, 9–13 December 2013), that, as of 2015, the Working Group on Effects and the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) should meet jointly to achieve enhanced integration and cooperation between the Convention's two scientific subsidiary bodies.¹ The two bodies will hold their ninth joint session from 11 to 15 September 2023 in Geneva.

III. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects will be invited to adopt the agenda for their ninth joint session as set out in the present document.² The provisional time schedule is presented in an informal document entitled "Organization of work during the ninth joint session".

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth joint session
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/1–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/1)

Organization of work during the ninth joint session
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.14–ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/WG.1/2023/INF.14)

2. **Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the Bureaux of the Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects. Report from the Saltsjöbaden meeting and discussion on follow-up actions.**

3. The Chair of the Executive Body for the Convention and the secretariat will inform participants about matters arising from the forty-second session of the Executive Body (Geneva, 12–16 December 2022). The Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will inform participants about the outcomes of the sixtieth session of the Working Group (Geneva, 4–6 September 2023).

4. The Chairs of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects will present a summary of the work of their Bureaux since the eighth joint session (Geneva, 12–16 September 2022).

5. The Co-Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will present highlights from the seventh Saltsjöbaden workshop (Gothenburg, Sweden, 12–15 March 2023), which provided a number of useful recommendations related to work of the scientific and technical bodies under the Air Convention. The key objective of the segment will be to discuss concrete follow-up actions to the Saltsjöbaden workshop to be implemented by international cooperative programmes, task forces and EMEP centres.

Documentation

2023 Joint progress report on policy-relevant scientific findings
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/3–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/3)

¹ ECE/EB.AIR/122, para. 47 (b).

² Documentation for the session and other information materials will be made available on the web page for the session (<https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Air-Pollution/events/371556>).

3. Reorganization and relocation of the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East activities: review of the options

6. The Chair of the EMEP Steering Body will present the document Reorganization and relocation of the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East activities: review of the options by the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe for consideration by the participants. The EMEP Steering Body will discuss the document and agree on options to be forwarded for consideration by the Executive Body at its forty-third session.

Documentation

Reorganization and relocation of the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East activities: review of the options by the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/7–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/7)

4. Financial and budgetary matters

7. The secretariat will introduce the note on financial and budgetary matters and report on any updates regarding payment of mandatory, voluntary and in-kind contributions to EMEP and for the effects-oriented activities in 2022 and 2023. The secretariat will also update participants on the contracts for the Convention centres in 2023 and the information provided by the centres on the total costs of their operation.

(a) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

8. Participants are expected to discuss and adopt the detailed budget for the EMEP centres in 2024, and to submit the budget proposal to the Executive Body for its approval.

(b) Working Group on Effects

9. Participants are expected to discuss the budget for the centres under the Working Group in 2024 and to submit the budget proposal to the Executive Body for its approval.

Documentation

Financial and budgetary matters (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/5–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/5)

5. Progress in activities of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and its workplan for 2024–2025

10. Participants are expected to consider progress in the activities of EMEP in 2023 and in relation to the 2022–2023 workplan for the implementation of the Convention. Representatives of centres and task forces will present the main achievements and difficulties in the implementation of the 2022–2023 workplan items, and their relevance in connection with the goals of the long-term strategy for the Convention for 2020–2030 and beyond (Executive Body decision 2018/5).³ EMEP centres and task forces will also present the proposed science-related aspects and elements for the 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention.

Documentation

³ All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present document are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>.

Draft 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention: science-related aspects and elements
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/6–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/6)

(a) Improvement and reporting of emission data and adjustments under the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

(i) Adjustments under the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

11. The representatives of the Centre on Emission Inventories and Projections and the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections will inform the Steering Body about the outcome of the analyses of requests to apply the adjustment procedure. Denmark, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland submitted adjustment applications, that were already approved in 2022.

12. The Steering Body is expected to consider the outcome of the analyses and make recommendations to the Executive Body at its forty-third session.

Documentation

Review of adjustment applications
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.6–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.6)

(ii) Improvement and reporting of emission data

13. The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections will report on progress made, including the results of the annual meeting of the Task Force (Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 18–20 April, 2023).

14. A representative of the Centre on Emission Inventories and Projections will inform the Steering Body about the status of emissions data reporting, the work of the Centre and the work on data quality. She will report on progress in the inventory improvement programme, in particular as regards the stage 3 in-depth reviews of the emission inventories and the experiences gained in the 2023 review.

15. Participants will discuss and review quality assurance issues regarding national emission inventories. Some national experts from Parties may be invited to present their views on emissions reported to the Convention, especially when significant changes in emission estimates are reported from one year to another.

Documentation

Emission inventories and projections
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.3–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.3)

Present state of emission data, review process and data for modellers
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/4–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/4)

(b) Measurements and modelling

16. The EMEP status and technical reports relevant for the evaluation of progress made in 2023 will be made available on the EMEP website.⁴ Under this subitem, representatives of the EMEP task forces and centres will report on progress in measurements and modelling activities as follows:

(a) The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Task Force (Warsaw (hybrid), 10–12 May 2023);

(b) A representative of the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West will give an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling of acidification, eutrophication and

⁴ See http://emep.int/emep_publications.html.

photo-oxidants, including progress made by the Chemical Coordinating Centre and the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling, the work of the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West, discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for future work;

(c) A representative of the Chemical Coordinating Centre will present an overview of activities on atmospheric monitoring and modelling of particulate matter, including with respect to work at the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West and the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling, the work of the Chemical Coordinating Centre, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for future work.

17. Participants are expected to discuss the progress of work carried out over the year, the status of implementation of the EMEP monitoring strategy and cooperation with national experts, as well as to provide guidance on the further development of measurements and modelling work.

Documentation

Measurements and modelling

(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.1– ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.1)

EMEP Status Report 1/2023, *Transboundary particulate matter, photo-oxidants, acidifying and eutrophying components Joint MSC-W & CCC & CEIP Report* (forthcoming)

EMEP/MSW Supplementary material to EMEP Status Report 1/2023 (forthcoming)

MSW Data Note 1/2023 *Individual Country Reports Transboundary air pollution by main pollutants (S, N, O₃) and PM* (forthcoming)

EMEP/CCC Report 1/2023 *Data Report 2021: Particulate matter, carbonaceous and inorganic compounds* (forthcoming)

EMEP/CCC Report 2/2023 *Ozone measurements 2021* (forthcoming)

EMEP/CCC Report 3/2023 *Heavy metals and POP measurements 2021* (forthcoming)

EMEP/CEIP Technical Report 01/2023 *Summary of the Stage 3 ad-hoc review 2022*

EMEP/CEIP Technical Report 02/2023 *Methodologies applied to the CEIP GNFR gap-filling 2023*

Part I: Main pollutants, Particulate Matter and BC (NO_x, NMVOCs, SO_x, NH₃, CO, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, PM coarse, BC) (forthcoming)

EMEP/CEIP Technical Report 03/2023 *Methodologies applied to the CEIP GNFR gap-filling 2023*

Part II: Heavy Metals and POPs (Pb, Cd, Hg, Benzo(a)pyrene, Benzo(b)fluoranthene, Benzo(k)fluoranthene, Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene, Total polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, Dioxin and Furan, Hexachlorobenzene, Polychlorinated biphenyls) (forthcoming)

EMEP/CEIP Technical Report 04/2023 *Inventory Review 2023* (forthcoming)

EMEP/CEIP Technical Report CEIP 05/2023 *Methodology report* (forthcoming)

(c) Integrated assessment modelling

18. The Co-Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on the Task Force activities, including the results of its fifty-second meeting (Utrecht, Netherlands, 24–26 May 2023), and plans for 2024–2025. A representative of the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling will also report on activities and plans.

Documentation

Integrated assessment modelling

(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.2–ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/WG.1/2023/INF.2)

(d) Hemispheric transport of air pollution

19. The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will report on the results of recent activities and meetings that the Task Force co-organized or to which it contributed. The most recent meeting organized by the Task Force was held online on 18–21 April 2023.⁵

Documentation

Hemispheric transport of air pollution
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.4–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.4)

6. Joint thematic session/discussion

20. A joint thematic session will be held to discuss two issues: (a) air pollution effects on biodiversity; and (b) methane. The participants will also discuss how to address heavy metals through the work of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects.

Documentation

Joint report by the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/3–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/3)

(a) Air pollution effects on biodiversity

21. At the EMEP Steering Body/Working Group on Effects Extended Bureaux meeting (Uppsala, Sweden, 24–26 April), participants identified several cross-cutting themes as priorities to be addressed under the Convention, including air pollution effects on biodiversity, particularly in the context of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and overall cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity.

(b) Methane

22. Another important cross-cutting issue identified at the above-mentioned Extended Bureaux meeting was various aspects of methane emission management. The discussion will particularly focus on the integrated areas of climate change and air pollution, as well as on how to increase scientific and policy cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

(c) Heavy metals

23. Participants of the Extended Bureaux meeting in Uppsala, Sweden, agreed that heavy metals constituted an important cross-cutting issue for future work of EMEP and the Working Group on Effects and should be included in the 2024–2025 workplan. The EMEP Steering Body/Working Group on Effects Chairs will present a proposal on how to move forwards with this issue for consideration by the Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects.

7. Outreach activities, information-sharing and cooperation with other organizations and programmes

24. Representatives of partner organizations and programmes will be invited to briefly present their work and their cooperation with the two scientific bodies under the Convention.

25. A representative of the secretariat will provide information on communication and outreach activities under the Convention.

⁵ For details, see <http://htap.org/>.

8. Information-sharing by Parties

26. Representatives of Parties are invited to prepare and present their national experiences in implementing monitoring and modelling activities under EMEP and/or their national effects-oriented activities. Parties are requested to present both successes in implementation and obstacles thereto.

9. Progress in activities and workplan for 2024–2025 of effects-oriented activities

27. Participants are expected to consider progress in effects-oriented activities in 2023 in relation to the 2022–2023 workplan for the implementation of the Convention. (ECE/EB.AIR/148/Add.1). Representatives of international cooperative programmes, centres and task forces and the Joint Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution (Task Force on Health) will present the main achievements and difficulties in the implementation of the 2022–2023 workplan items, and their relevance in connection with the goals of the long-term strategy for the Convention for 2020–2030 and beyond (Executive Body decision 2018/5, annex). Lead countries will highlight recent activities on ecosystems monitoring, modelling and mapping, publications and task force meetings. Representatives of international cooperative programmes and the Task Force on Health will also present the proposed elements for the 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention.

28. Members of the Bureau of the Working Group on Effects and representatives of international cooperative programmes will report on progress in implementing the recommendations from the review of the international cooperative programmes, including progress in developing a common web portal for the Working Group.

29. Participants are expected to take note of the technical reports and the progress in implementation of the 2022–2023 workplan and provide guidance for future work.

Documentation

Joint report by the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/3–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/3)

(a) Air pollution effects on health

30. A representative of the Task Force on Health will report on its activities, including the results of its twenty-sixth meeting (Bonn, Germany (online), 16–17 May 2023).

Documentation

Effects of air pollution on health
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.13–ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/WG.1/2023/INF.13)

(b) Air pollution effects on materials, the environment and crops

(i) Air pollution effects on materials

31. A representative of the International Cooperative Programme on Effects of Air Pollution on Materials, including Historic and Cultural Monuments (ICP Materials) will report on its activities, including the results of its thirty-eighth Task Force meeting (Bochum, Germany, 3–5 May 2023).

Documentation

Technical report of the International Cooperative Programme on Effects of Air Pollution on Materials, including Historic and Cultural Monuments
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.9–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.9)

(ii) Air pollution effects on vegetation

32. A representative of the International Cooperative Programme on Effects of Air Pollution on Natural Vegetation and Crops (ICP Vegetation) will report on its activities, including the results of its thirty-sixth Task Force meeting (Geneva (online), 13–15 February 2023).

Documentation

Technical report of the International Cooperative Programme on Effects of Air Pollution on Natural Vegetation and Crops
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.10–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.10)

(iii) Air pollution effects on forests

33. A representative of the International Cooperative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests (ICP Forests) will report on its activities, including the results of its thirty-ninth Task Force meeting (online, 6–8 June 2023).

Documentation

Technical report of the International Cooperative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.7–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.7)

(iv) Air pollution effects on waters

34. A representative of the International Cooperative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of the Effects of Air Pollution on Rivers and Lakes (ICP Waters) will report on its activities, including the results of its thirty-ninth Task Force meeting held jointly with the thirty-first Task Force meeting of the International Cooperative Programme on Integrated Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Ecosystems (ICP Integrated Monitoring) (Lunz, Austria, 9–11 May 2023).

Documentation

Technical report of the International Cooperative Programme on Assessment and Monitoring of the Effects of Air Pollution on Rivers and Lakes
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.8–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.8)

(v) Integrated monitoring of air pollution effects on ecosystems

35. A representative of ICP Integrated Monitoring will report on its activities, including the results of its thirty-first Task Force meeting.

Documentation

Technical report of the International Cooperative Programme on Integrated Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Ecosystems
(ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.11–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.11)

(c) Critical loads and other issues related to modelling and mapping

36. Representatives of the International Cooperative Programme on Modelling and Mapping of Critical Levels and Loads and Air Pollution Effects, Risks and Trends (ICP Modelling and Mapping), its Coordination Centre for Effects and the Centre for Dynamic Modelling will report on their activities, including the results of the thirty-ninth ICP Modelling and Mapping Task Force, thirtieth Coordination Centre for Effects and fourth Centre for Dynamic Modelling meeting (Prague, 28–30 March 2023).

Documentation

Technical report of the International Cooperative Programme on Modelling and Mapping of Critical Levels and Loads and Air Pollution Effects, Risks and Trends (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/INF.12–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/INF.12)

(d) Working Group on Effects web portal

37. A representative of the Centre for Dynamic Modelling will provide an update on the development of the common web portal for the Working Group on Effects.

10. Summary of 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (science part)

(a) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

38. The Steering Body to EMEP expected to discuss and propose elements for the draft 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention. The Steering Body will forward the relevant elements of the workplan for consideration and approval by the Executive Body at its forty-third session.

(b) Working Group on Effects

39. The Working Group on Effects is expected to discuss and propose elements for the draft 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention. The Working Group will forward the relevant elements of the workplan for consideration and approval by the Executive Body at its forty-third session.

Documentation

Draft 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (science part) (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2023/6–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2023/6)

11. Election of Officers

40. At the eighth joint session of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects, no candidates were nominated either for the EMEP Steering Body Chair or the Working Group on Effects Chair positions. Therefore, the current Chairs, Ms. Laurence Rouïl (France) and Ms. Isaura Rábago (Spain), agreed to remain in their positions for one year to allow time to find suitable candidates in 2023.⁶ The Executive Body at its forty-second session (Geneva, 12–16 December 2022) encouraged Parties to submit nominations for the upcoming elections at the ninth joint session of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects.

(a) Working Group on Effects

41. The Working Group on Effects is expected to elect its Chair following the rules of procedure adopted by the Executive Body for the Convention at its twenty-eighth session (Geneva, 13–17 December 2010), which also apply to the Working Group.⁷ In accordance with rule 17 (1) of the rules of procedure, chairs are elected for a two-year term of office and are eligible for re-election but may not serve more than two consecutive terms unless the Working Group decides otherwise. The Working Group may also wish to decide on continuing to allow representation of the European Commission at Bureau meetings.

42. In accordance with rules 17 and 21 of the rules of procedure for sessions of the Executive Body and subsidiary bodies under the Air Convention, Ms. Sabine Augustin was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Effects for a two-year term at the eighth

⁶ ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2022/2–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2022/2, para. 94.

⁷ Executive Body decision 2010/19, annex, rule 21 (1).

joint session.⁸ She recently informed the secretariat that, in view of her retirement in December 2023, she will not be able to complete her term. Therefore, the Working Group on Effects is expected to elect a new Vice-Chair at its upcoming session. Following rule 20 (3) of the rules of procedure, due to the premature ending of the term, the term of office shall be one year, commencing at the end of the session at which the officer is elected. Officers shall be eligible for re-election but may not serve more than two consecutive terms unless the Working Group on Effects decides otherwise.

(b) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

43. The Steering Body is expected to elect its Chair following the rules of procedure adopted by the Executive Body for the Convention at its twenty-eighth session, which also apply to the Steering Body (see para. 41 above).

12. Other business

44. At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item. Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

13. Adoption of the draft report on the ninth joint session

45. The Chairs, with support from the secretariat, will present a record of the main conclusions and recommendations made at the session, which will form the basis of the draft report. Participants are invited to review and adopt the draft report on the session and entrust the secretariat to finalize it following the session.

14. Closing of the ninth joint session

46. The Chair will close the meeting at 1 p.m.

⁸ ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2022/2–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2022/2, para. 93 (b).