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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials  
“Environment for Europe”

Fifth meeting  
Geneva, 30 August 2007

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH MEETING**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 30 August 2007<sup>1</sup>

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the meeting agenda.
2. Provisional agenda of the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”.
3. The future of the “Environment for Europe” process.
4. The status of preparations by the host country.

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<sup>1</sup> New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/env/efe/wgso/Belgrade/WGSOMeetings.htm>), and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting either by fax (+41 22 917 0107) or by e-mail ([efe@unece.org](mailto:efe@unece.org)). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the UNECE website at <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>). In case of difficulty, please contact the “Environment for Europe” secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 6307.

5. The “Environment for Europe” communication plan.
6. Schedule of the upcoming meetings of the Working Group of Senior Officials and the Executive Committee.
7. Other business.
8. Closure of the meeting.

## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. The Committee on Environmental Policy, at its eleventh session, established the Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials (WGSO) for preparing the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, to be held in Belgrade from 10 to 12 October 2007. To date, the WGSO has held four meetings: on 12 and 13 October 2005, on 29 and 30 June 2006, on 12 and 13 October 2006, and on 30 and 31 May 2007.

2. At its fourth meeting, the WGSO decided to hold an additional half-day meeting back – to back to the third meeting of the Drafting Group for preparing the Ministerial Declaration, in order to consider pending issues related to the organization of the Conference and its provisional agenda, as well as to the future of the “Environment for Europe” process.

### **Item 1. Adoption of the meeting agenda**

*10 a.m – 10.10 a.m.*

3. The WGSO is invited to adopt the provisional agenda of its fifth meeting (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2007/20).

### **Item 2. Provisional agenda of the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”**

*10.10 a.m. – 11.10 a.m.*

4. The WGSO, at its fourth meeting, approved the provisional agenda for the Conference, with some comments to be reflected in the final document for the Conference. In the light of the received comments, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chairperson, finalized the provisional agenda (ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/1). In addition, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chairperson, prepared the document presenting the organization of work of the Conference (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2007/22) on the basis of inputs received from the UNECE member States and partners in the “Environment for Europe” process. The WGSO is invited to consider and approve the latter document.

5. The WGSO is also invited to consider and approve two proposed category I documents: a document on partnerships with the private sector (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2007/25) that was not submitted to the WGSO earlier; and a document on energy efficiency that the WGSO requested be revised (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2007/24).

**Item 3. The future of the “Environment for Europe” process**

*11.10 a.m. – 12.10 p.m.*

6. Following the request by the WGSO at its fourth meeting, the secretariat, in consultation with the Chairperson and on the basis of inputs by the UNECE member States and partners in the “Environment for Europe” process, prepared a document on the future of the “Environment for Europe” process (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2007/23).

7. The first draft of this document was discussed by the second meeting of the open-ended Drafting Group (Geneva, 2–3 July 2007) and thereafter was revised to reflect the comments by the Drafting Group. This document is submitted to the WGSO for consideration and approval as a category I document for the Conference. It is supposed to facilitate discussions and decisions by Ministers about the future of the “Environment for Europe” process.

**Item 4. The status of preparations by the host country**

*12.10 p.m. – 12.20 p.m.*

8. The host country will update the WGSO on the national preparatory process for the organization of the Conference, including the resource requirements.

**Item 5. The “Environment for Europe” communication plan**

*12.20 p.m. – 12.30 p.m.*

9. Following the recommendation by the Executive Committee to develop a Communication Plan for the Belgrade Conference once the Conference agenda is better defined, the WGSO at its second meeting requested the secretariat to develop such a plan in consultation with the Chairperson. At its third meeting, the WGSO approved the Communication Plan for the Belgrade Conference (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2006/13). The UNECE secretariat and the host country will inform the WGSO on progress in communication activities.

**Item 6. Schedule of the upcoming meetings of the Working Group of Senior Officials and the Executive Committee**

*12.30 p.m. – 12.40 p.m.*

10. The WGSO is invited to consider possible dates for its sixth meeting to be held in Belgrade just before the Conference. The sixth meeting was initially scheduled to be held from 6 to 8 October 2007 with the envisaged task of finalizing the draft Ministerial Declaration as well as, if needed, considering pending organizational issues for the Conference. If required, the seventh meeting of the Executive Committee would be held back to back with the sixth meeting of the WGSO.

**Item 7. Other business**

*12.40 p.m. – 12.50 p.m.*

11. The WGSO is invited to discuss any other business that may be brought to its attention.

**Item 8. Closure of the meeting**

*12.50 p.m. – 1 p.m.*

12. The Chairperson will make closing remarks and close the meeting.

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