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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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

Fourth meeting
Geneva, 13 October 2006

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 2 p.m. on Friday, 13 October 2006

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. The Executive Committee is invited to adopt the provisional agenda of its fourth meeting (Working Paper No. WGSO/EXECOM-4/2006/1).

Item 2. The conceptual framework of the Belgrade Conference

2. Following the discussions and decisions taken by the WGSO at its third meeting the Committee is invited to discuss and provide further guidance and recommendations with regard to the development of the provisional agenda of the Belgrade Conference, to the activities planned as input to the Conference agenda, and to the outcomes of the Conference.

3. Concerning preparation of the Ministerial Declaration of the Belgrade Conference the Committee is invited to consider the possible framework for the Ministerial Declaration (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2006/14) in the light of discussions by the WGSO, with a view to provide recommendations to the secretariat in preparing the first draft of the Ministerial Declaration for Committee's next meeting.

4. With regard to the proposed activities to provide input into the agenda of the Conference (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2006/11), the Committee is invited to consider them in greater detail, i.e. whether the number of proposed documents for each topic is appropriate and well balanced and whether the topics are sufficiently covered with category I and background documents. In this context, the Committee may also wish to consult the overview of other proposed activities (Information paper No 1), as necessary.

Item 3. The budget required for the Conference and the preparatory process

5. Following the discussions and decisions taken by the WGSO at its third meeting the Committee is invited to further consider the situation with regard to the budget required for the Conference, and possible mechanisms for fund-raising.

Item 4. The fourth meeting of the WGSO and the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee

6. The Committee is invited to consider the timing for its next meeting. It is proposed that the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee takes place on 14 February 2007. Should the WGSO establish a drafting group to develop the ministerial declaration, as well as agree on its proposed working schedule (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2006/14), the first meeting of the drafting group would take place back-to-back to the Committee's fifth meeting, on 15-16 February 2007. Furthermore, it is proposed that the fourth meeting of the WGSO takes place in Geneva on 30 May –1 June 2007, back-to-back with the special session of the CEP (29 May 2007).

Item 5. Other business

7. The Committee is invited to discuss any other business that may be brought to its attention.