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### Committee on Sustainable Energy

#### Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels

##### Twelfth session

Geneva, 26–27 October 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday 26 October 2016<sup>1</sup>

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Opening remarks.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Workshop: The Sustainability Credentials of Coal and its Role in the UN Sustainable Development Goal 7.
5. Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy.
6. Report on implementation of the work plan for 2016–2017.
7. Report on the work of the Task Forces.

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<sup>1</sup> Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations need to either register online or complete the registration form posted to the website of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41973>) and transmit it to the ECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session, either by e-mail ([clean.electricity@unece.org](mailto:clean.electricity@unece.org)) or fax (+41 22 917 0038). Prior to the session, delegates are requested to present themselves at least 45 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting at the entrance located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (opposite the Red Cross Building, see the map on the Energy Division's website) to obtain an identification badge. Registration is open every work day at the Pregny Gate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The secretariat can be contacted by telephone (extension 76078 or 71499).



8. Mandate, Terms of Reference and work plan for 2018–2019.
9. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Group of Experts.
10. Any other business.
11. Adoption of conclusions and recommendations.
12. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

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

1. In accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The documents for the session will be published on the ECE Sustainable Energy Division cleaner electricity production website<sup>2</sup>, as they become available. A detailed timetable for the session will be posted to the same location.

### **2. Opening remarks**

2. Opening remarks will be delivered, including a presentation on the status of cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels in the ECE region.

### **3. Election of Officers**

3. At its eleventh session held in October 2015, the Group of Experts elected a Bureau to serve for two years, until the end of 2017. The Group of Experts will be informed of any changes to the Bureau since the eleventh session.

### **4. Workshop: The Sustainability Credentials of Coal and its Role in the UN Sustainable Development Goal 7**

4. Coal typically is viewed as the least sustainable fuel source for electricity generation and industrial use. The negative health and environmental impacts of coal production and consumption are severe and must be addressed. However, detractors often fail to acknowledge the important role coal has played in lifting entire populations from poverty or the scale to which coal is integrated into society through the provision of jobs to large communities in a number of countries. It is in this context that the Workshop will discuss barriers to improving the sustainability credentials of coal and a pathway whereby they can be considered as part of the overall clean energy mix while delivering on the social, economic and environmental pillars of sustainability. The Workshop is organized in cooperation with the World Coal Association.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.unece.org/energy/se/cep.html>

## **5. Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy**

5. The secretariat will update the Group of Experts on the relevant decisions and outcomes of the twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy held on 28–30 September 2016.

## **6. Report on implementation of the work plan for 2016–2017**

6. The Chair will present an overview of the efforts carried out since the last meeting on the work plan for 2016–2017.

## **7. Report on the work of the Task Forces**

7. In accordance with the report of its eleventh session<sup>3</sup> the Group of Experts established four Task Forces. The Bureau and the secretariat will report on progress made by these Task Forces.

- (a) Task Force to assess a future role for thermal power plants in sustainable electricity systems;
- (b) Task Force on increasing flexibility in coal power generation;
- (c) Task Force on decreasing emissions and increasing efficiency from new and existing coal power generation using best practices across the ECE region and globally;
- (d) Task Force to assess means for development and deployment of carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS) technology and know-how.

## **8. Mandate, Terms of Reference and work plan for 2018–2019**

13. The Group of Experts will discuss its Mandate and Terms of Reference and propose activities for its 2018–2019 work cycle. The Group of Experts will also agree on the procedures needed to enable the submission of all relevant documents to the Committee on Sustainable Energy for review and approval at its twenty-sixth session, September 2017.

## **9. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Group of Experts**

14. The Group of Experts will discuss the preparations for its thirteenth session. Possible key topics for the substantive portion of the session will be proposed and discussed. The thirteenth session of the Group of Experts is tentatively scheduled for 26–27 October 2017 in Geneva, unless the Group of Experts agrees otherwise.

## **10. Any other business**

15. The meeting may discuss any other pertinent issues that arise before or during the session and that fall within the scope of the Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts. To the extent possible, delegates are encouraged to notify the Chair and the secretariat in advance if they wish to raise any issues under Item 10.

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/energy/se/pdfs/clep/ge11/ECE.ENERGY.GE.5.2015.2\\_e.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/energy/se/pdfs/clep/ge11/ECE.ENERGY.GE.5.2015.2_e.pdf)

## 11. Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

16. The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt conclusions and recommendations as may be agreed.

17. Where possible the draft conclusions and recommendations will be circulated to participants and Geneva Permanent Representations at least ten days before the start of the meeting.

## 12. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting

18. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will summarize the agreed conclusions and recommendations. The Expert Group will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat, following which the Chair will close the meeting.

## III. Tentative timetable

18. Below is a tentative timetable that is subject to change. An updated timetable will be posted on the ECE cleaner electricity production website<sup>4</sup>.

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<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
<b>26 October 2016</b>	
10:00	Item 1: Adoption of the agenda
10:15	Item 2: Opening remarks
10:30	Item 4: Workshop: The Sustainability Credentials of Coal and its Role in the UN Sustainable Development Goal 7, sessions A and B
13:00	Lunch break
15:00	Item 4: Workshop: The Sustainability Credentials of Coal and its Role in the UN Sustainable Development Goal 7, sessions C and D (continued)
18:00	End of the first day
<b>27 October 2016</b>	
10:00	Item 3: Election of officers
10:10	Item 5: Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy
11:20	Item 6: Report on implementation of the work plan for 2016–2017
11:30	Coffee break

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.unece.org/energy/se/cep.html>

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11:50	Item 7:	Report and recommendations from the work of the Task Forces (a) Task Force to assess a future role for thermal power plants in sustainable electricity systems (b) Task Force on increasing flexibility in coal power generation
13:00	Lunch break	
15:00	Item 7: (continued)	Report and recommendations from the work of the Task Forces (c) Task Force on decreasing emissions and increasing efficiency from new and existing coal power generation using best practices across the ECE region and globally (d) Task Force to assess means for development and deployment of carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS) technology and know-how
16:15	Item 8:	Mandate, Terms of Reference and work plan for 2018–2019
16:45	Item 9:	Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Group of Experts
17:00	Item 10:	Any other business
17:10	Item 11:	Adoption of conclusions and recommendations
17:30	Item 12:	Adoption of the report and close of the meeting
18:00	End of the session	

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