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Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity
Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels

First session
Geneva, 26-27 November 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 26 November 2007*

The Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels was established for a period of two years by the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its session in November 2006 (ECE/ENERGY/68, paragraph 31) to provide for an intergovernmental dialogue on investment and regulation for the promotion of cleaner electricity production between governmentally appointed experts, complemented by the participation of representatives from the electric power industry and other related industries, as well as the international financial sector and relevant international organizations.

* The first session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be held in conjunction with the sixteenth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (28-30 November 2007). Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available at http://www.unece.org/ie/se/docs/clep_ahge_more.html and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session, by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (clean.electricity@unece.org).

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Election of Officers
3. Adoption of the Terms of Reference
4. Review of the programme of work for 2007/2008
5. Trust Fund for support of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts
6. Forum on Fostering Investment in Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels
7. Other Business
8. Adoption of the report.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/GE.5/2007/3)

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2: Election of Officers

2. In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission, the Ad Hoc Group of Experts will elect its officers and Bureau for a two-year term. At the Preparatory Meeting on 27 March initial nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairmen were made.

Item 3: Adoption of the Terms of Reference (ECE/ENERGY/GE.5/2007/2)

3. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels, Committee on Sustainable Energy, and Executive Committee have considered terms of reference for the Group since the Committee's session in November 2006. The proposed terms of reference for adoption, which were approved by delegates at the Preparatory Meeting on 19 March 2007, will be reviewed at the first session.

Item 4: Review of the programme of work for 2007/2008 (ECE/ENERGY/GE.5/2007/4)

4. Based on the draft terms of reference and the discussion which took place and the conclusions taken at the Preparatory Meeting on 19 March 2007, the secretariat has developed a programme of work for the approval of delegations. The programme, which focuses on the identified UNECE's niche on fostering investments in cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels, envisages a range of activities including studies, analysis, formulation of policy guidelines, creation of investment fostering schemes, assessment of competition and business strategies,

surveys of clean electricity production awareness and readiness, development of norms for cleaner electricity production policy issues, and other related activities.

Item 5: Trust Fund for support of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts
(ECE/ENERGY/GE.5/2007/4)

5. Within the programme of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts, extrabudgetary resources could play an important role in delivering expected outputs to member States. Delegations will be informed of the United Nations rules and procedures relating to receiving funds and managing extrabudgetary resources. Interested parties will be invited to contribute to the trust fund of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Item 6: Forum on Fostering Investment in Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels

6. A one-day forum on Fostering Investment in Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels in the UNECE region aims at addressing the key technological, commercial, investment, regulatory and policy issues promoting cleaner electricity production. The conclusions and recommendations which may be drawn at the end of the forum could assist UNECE member countries and the private sector to formulate appropriate policy and business strategies for promoting and making investments in cleaner electricity production. Equally, they should provide more detailed guidelines for the future activities of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts, including those to be conducted in 2008. The programme of the Forum is annexed to this document.

Item 7: Other Business

7. The meeting should decide on the date and place of the next annual meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Item 8: Adoption of the report

8. Chairman will propose conclusions and recommendations and adoption of the report.

ANNEX

**PROGRAMME FOR THE FORUM ON FOSTERING INVESTMENT IN
CLEANER ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION FROM FOSSIL FUELS**

(Agenda item 6)

Tuesday, 27 November

- 10 a.m. Introduction and Welcome by Mr. George Kowalski, Director, UNECE Sustainable Energy Division
- 10.10 a.m. Issues for the electricity industry and cleaner electricity production in the UNECE region,
Speaker: Mr. Branko Terzic, Global and US Regulatory Policy Leader, Deloitte, McLean, Virginia, United States of America and Chairman of the Forum
- 10.25 a.m. Keynote speech: Fostering Investments in Cleaner Electricity Production in the UNECE Region (speaker to be decided)
- 11 a.m. *Session I*
Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels in the UNECE region: technological issues and challenges along the production chain
Chairman: To be decided
Speakers from the leading electricity technology vendors, electricity companies and international organizations will address in depth the current status and prospects of technology for cleaner electricity production along the production chain from fossil fuels including coal, natural gas and crude oil.
- 12.30 p.m. Discussion, Questions and Answers
Moderator: Chairman of Session
- 1 p.m. Lunch break
- 3 p.m. *Session II*
Financial markets, electricity markets and investing in cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels
Chairman: to be decided
Speakers from leading financial institutions and the major electricity companies, will address key issues in financing cleaner electricity production in the UNECE region in current and expected market circumstances

- 4 p.m. *Session III*
Policy and regulatory issues and challenges in fostering investment in cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels in the UNECE region
Chairman: to be decided
Speakers from UNECE member governments, their regulatory agencies and international organizations will discuss policy and regulatory developments, concepts and way forward in promoting investments in cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels.
- 5 p.m. Discussion, Questions and Answers
- 5.15 to
5.40 p.m. Conclusions and Recommendations
The Chairman of the Forum, Chairmen of Sessions I-III and Mr. Kowalski will assist in concluding the Forum