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**High-level Dialogue on Fostering Investment in Electricity
Generation in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia**
Montreal, 14 September 2010

Annotated Provisional Agenda for the High-Level Dialogue on Fostering Investment in Electricity Generation in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia¹

To be held at Palais des Congrès de Montréal, 1001, Place Jean-Paul Riopelle, Montréal,
Québec H2Z 1H2, starting at 08:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 September 2010².

I. Mandate

1. At its fourth session held on 16-17 November 2009 at Palais des Nations, Geneva, the UNECE Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and other Fossil Fuels welcomed the UNECE Secretariat information that the implementation of a technical assistance project “Enhancing Investment in Advanced Fossil Fuel Technologies for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Development in Countries

¹ This event is being organized jointly with e8, a key world energy association and World Energy Council. The UNECE also extended the invitation to GEF, UNDESA and US Energy Association to provide selected contributions to the event.

² The accreditation procedures for this meeting have been designed in cooperation between the UNECE and Hydro Quebec, the host of the World Energy Congress. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the UNECE registration form, which is available from the website of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (http://www.unece.org/energy/se/docs/clep_montreal2010_hld_invst_elec_gen.html) and transmit it to the UNECE Secretariat, if possible at least eight weeks prior to the session – namely, by **15 July 2010** – either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (liliane.mauranne@unece.org and catherine.pierre@unece.org). Equally, the delegates are supposed to register for the World Energy Congress at <http://www.wecmontreal2010.ca/en/program/registration-fees.html>. An update on the issuance of an identification badge for the event will be available at a later date.

with Economies in Transition” for the biennium 2010-2011 had been approved by the UN General Assembly for the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) funding.

2. At the same session the Ad Hoc Group of Experts welcomed the initiative of the “e8 organization³” to join UNECE efforts to promote investments in cleaner electricity production in the UNECE region and requested the UNECE Secretariat to structure that cooperation in direct contact with the e8 organization (ECE/ENERGY/GE.5/2009/4).

3. In close consultations with the Chairman and the Bureau of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts, the UNECE Secretariat has agreed with e8 organization and World Energy Council, who in the meantime expressed an interest in joining the initiative, on the modalities of their cooperation on fostering investments in cleaner electricity production in the UNECE region and in particular in economic in transition. The first step of that cooperation is the holding a joint event entitled High-level Dialogue on Fostering Investment in Electricity Generation in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia to take place in the framework of the 21st World Energy Congress in Montreal, Canada on 14 September 2010.

II. Provisional agenda

07:00-08:30

Registration and continental breakfast⁴.

08:30-08:45

1. Opening and introduction.
2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. Fostering investment in advanced fossil fuel power generation technologies for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in countries with economies in transition and emerging market economies.

08:45-09:45

Session I Current State and Prospects for Electricity Generation in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

09:45-10:45

Session II Perspectives on policy and regulatory frameworks that foster power project investment.

³ Created in the wake of the 1992 Rio Summit, the e8 is a non-profit international organization, composed of 10 leading electricity companies from the G8 countries, whose mission is to play an active role in global electricity issues within the international framework and to promote sustainable energy development through electricity sector projects and human capacity building activities in developing and emerging nations worldwide.

⁴ Note: The US Energy Association invites all participants in the Dialogue to attend its luncheon on 13 September 2010 and its evening reception on 14 September 2010.

10:45-11:45

Session III Role for financial institutions and technology vendors in promoting electricity investments.

11:45-12:30

Session IV Key policy and corporate strategies to attract foreign direct electricity generation investment in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia and the UNECE - e8 – WEC initiative.

12:30-12:45

4. Other business.
5. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

III. Annotations to the provisional agenda**Item 1****Opening and introduction**

1. Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels and a representative of the UNECE Secretariat will open the meeting. Representatives of e8 and World Energy Council would be invited to welcome the participants.

Item 2**Adoption of the agenda**

2. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first substantive item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda⁵.

Item 3**Fostering investment in advanced fossil fuel technologies for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in countries with economies in transition.**

3. As a follow-up to the recent approval by the UN General Assembly of the UNECE proposal submitted to the United Nations Development Account (UNDA, for a project entitled "Enhancing investment in advanced fossil fuel technologies for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in countries with economies in transition" and the agreement among the UNECE, e8 and World Energy Council to undertake a joint initiative on fostering those investments in the UNECE region, High-level Dialogue on Fostering Investment in Electricity Generation in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia is designed to identify the concrete needs and key issues of the concerned economies in

⁵ Official documents for the session will be issued in English, French and Russian and will be posted as soon as they become available to the Official Document System of the United Nations website at: <http://documents.un.org/> and the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division website at: http://www.unece.org/energy/se/clep_ahge.html. Interpretation in English, French and Russian will be available during the meeting.

transition and emerging market economies as well as to provide the initial directions of the required actions.

4. While in principle capital is available for investment in cleaner electricity generation and related infrastructure in those countries, but current laws and/or regulations are not necessarily clear or adequate to provide satisfactory incentives to investors, the present high government officials and corporate executives from the UNECE region at the Montreal Dialogue are best placed to name the pressing related issues and debate the most promising activities which could lead to the improvement of the investment climate in the power generation.

5. The UNECE High-level Dialogue will contribute to a better understanding of the best practices to foster the investments in a complex interaction among technology providers, electricity companies, international investment community and host-Governments. The panel discussions would include the following key issues such as market, technological and cost developments, selected investment trends, evolving regulation and possible future trends.

6. High government officials, senior representatives of international financial institutions and leading corporate executives from the energy, industry and financial sector from the UNECE region will be invited to take an active part in the Dialogue.

7. Based on the outcome and conclusions of the Montreal Dialogue, the UNECE Secretariat in close cooperation with e8 and World Energy Council will organize a follow-up technical event during the annual 2010 session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels scheduled for November 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland. In particular, the Montreal Dialogue is planned in such a way that the present high government officials from economies in transition and emerging market economies in the UNECE region could share the vision for their eventual national action plans to foster power generation investments to be developed by their institutions and experts before and during the Geneva workshop.

Item 4

Other business

8. 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 Ad Hoc Group of Experts (Annex to ENERGY/GE.4/2006/2). To the extent possible, delegates are encouraged to notify the Secretariat and Chairman in advance if they wish to raise any issues under Item 4.

Item 5

Adoption of the report of the meeting

9. Participants are expected to adopt the report of the meeting.
