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Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twentieth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 16 November 2011*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Securing affordable and sustainable energy:
 - (a) primary energy resource management: needed legal, fiscal, regulatory, and contractual frameworks;

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- (b) Framework conditions for securing primary energy development;
 - (c) Infrastructure and markets for conversion, transmission and affordable and sustainable end use: achieving efficient markets;
 - (d) Agreements, standards, norms and technology transfer to facilitate efficient mid and downstream markets.
4. Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations .
 5. Cooperation and coordination with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission.
 6. Review of the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies after the 2005 ECE Reform.
 7. Programme of work, biennial evaluation plan, publication plan for 2012–2013, including *inter alia*:
 - (a) Overview and perspectives of the work of the subsidiary bodies;
 - (b) Programme of work for 2012–2013, including subsidiary bodies;
 - (c) Creation of the Industry Centres;
 - (d) Provisional calendar of meetings for 2012.
 8. Regional advisory services programme in the field of energy.
 9. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the discussions during the energy security dialogue (substantive segment).
 10. Adoption of conclusions and decisions.
 11. Other business.

II. Annotations

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/86 – Annotated provisional agenda.

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The documents for the session will be issued in English, French and Russian and will be posted on the ECE website as soon as they become available, at the following address: <http://live.unece.org/index.php?id=25821>

Item 2: Election of officers

2. The Committee should elect a Bureau or confirm/ re-elect the existing Bureau.

Item 3: Securing affordable and sustainable energy

3. At its nineteenth session, the Committee on Sustainable Energy focussed its energy security dialogue on a range of topics and activities that have been under development for several years. These include energy security indicators, gas market liberalization, and perceptions of energy security risks. The discussion also covered possible new or modified agreements and institutional arrangements for international energy cooperation, and the role

of the Committee in the UNECE and the UN system in contributing to stable international cooperation. The twentieth session of the Committee will focus its energy security dialogue from the upstream, midstream and downstream perspectives on the role of major stakeholders towards a path to secure affordable and sustainable energy.

Item 4: Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2011/3 – Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

4. The Committee will be briefed on cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, industry associations and the business community. Country representatives and other major stakeholders will provide their views on international energy cooperation for producer, consumer and transit countries.

Item 5: Cooperation and coordination with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission

5. The secretariat will inform the Committee on the activities of common interest of other Sectoral Committees of the Commission.

Item 6: Review of the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies after the 2005 ECE Reform:

6. The Committee will receive a succinct briefing on the activities and future programme of work of each of its subsidiary bodies, notably:

(a) Energy security dialogue:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2011/1– Energy Security Dialogue: Recent Developments and Future Activities;

(b) Working Party on Gas and Gas Centre:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2011/6– Progress report on studies under the working party on gas;

(c) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/2011/2– Report on its twenty-second session;

(d) Group of Experts on Global Energy Efficiency 21:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/GE.2/2011/2 –Report on its second session;

(e) Expert Group on Resource Classification:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2011/2– Report on its second session;

(f) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2011/2 – Report on its seventh session;

(g) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.5/2011/2– Report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels on its Seventh Session;

ECE/ENERGY/2011/7– Progress report on studies under the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from coal and other fossil fuels.

7. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided, in particular in relation to consideration of the programme of work for 2012–2013 under item 7.

8. Following the review and assessment of their activities, the Committee will consider recommendations to the Executive Committee on the extension or discontinuation of the mandates of selected subsidiary bodies.

Item 7: Programme of work, biennial evaluation plan, publication plan for 2012–2013

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2011/4 - Draft programme of work of the subprogramme on Sustainable Energy, biennial evaluation plan and publication plan for 2012–2013.

ECE/ENERGY/2011/5 - Provisional calendar of meetings for 2012.

9. The Committee should review and adopt its programme of work for 2012–2013, including the consideration on:

(a) The current UNECE review and the reflections on the Committee role in meeting the challenges at hand to secure affordable and sustainable energy supplies. This will lead to a deep reflection of the needs of Member States in the area of sustainable energy. These reflections may lead to changes in the mandates of the CSE and its subsidiary bodies, with possible elimination or modification of existing bodies, or creation of new bodies;

(b) The draft programme of work of the subprogramme on Sustainable Energy for 2012–2013, including the biennial evaluation plan and the publication plan for the same biennium as annexes;

(c) The possible establishment of four industry centres (Electricity Centre, Coal Centre, Energy Efficiency Centre, and Oil Centre). The UNECE Gas Centre has operated since 1994. The main purpose of these centres will be to engage industry in an ongoing dialogue regarding the policy and regulatory frameworks needed to encourage appropriate levels of investment. The intent is to attract the participation and funding of respected energy industries and to structure their activities in such a way that they would mirror the activities of the main subsidiary bodies of the Committee on Sustainable Energy;

(d) The provisional calendar of meetings for 2012.

Item 8: Regional advisory services programme in the field of energy

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2011/2– ECE Regional Advisory Services programme in the field of energy.

10. The Committee will be informed about activities delivered through the Regional Advisory Services for energy.

11. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

12. The Committee may also wish to discuss and agree upon the priorities for future activities to be undertaken through the Regional Advisory Services for energy.

Item 9: Presentation of the Chairperson’s summary of the discussions during the energy security dialogue (substantive segment)

13. The Chairperson and the secretariat will present the Chairperson’s summary of the discussions during the substantive segment of the energy security dialogue

Item 10: Adoption of conclusions and decisions

14. The Committee will adopt the conclusions and decisions formulated under items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Provisional agenda.

Item 11: Other business

Dates of the next session.

The secretariat proposes that the twenty-first session of the Committee takes places on 28–30 November 2012. The Committee will decide on the dates of the next session.

III. Provisional timetable

Wednesday, 16 November

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Agenda items 1, 2 and 3, including Special Session on “Energy Security: towards a path to secure affordable and sustainable energy”
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Special Session continues on “Energy Security: towards a path to secure affordable and sustainable energy”

Thursday, 17 November

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Items 3 (continued),
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Items 3 (continued),

Friday, 18 November

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, Conclusions and decisions
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Close of the meeting
