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Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-first session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 28 November 2012*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Managing Change: Enabling the Shift to Sustainable Energy:
 - (a) Introductory presentations on the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative, Rio + 20 and Managing change to sustainable energy, as applicable to the UNECE Region;

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- (b) Access to energy for all in the UNECE Region;
 - (c) Doubling the rate of improvement in energy efficiency in the UNECE Region;
 - (d) Increasing the share of renewables in the energy mix in the UNECE Region;
 - (e) Reducing the environmental footprint of fossil based electricity production and use;
4. Cooperation and coordination with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission.
 5. Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.
 6. Review of the work of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies after the 2005 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Reform.
 7. Regional advisory services in the field of energy.
 8. Programme of work, biennial evaluation, strategic framework, including *inter alia*:
 - (a) Programme of work for 2012–2013, including subsidiary bodies;
 - (b) Biennial evaluation report for 2010–2011;
 - (c) Provisional calendar of meetings for 2013;
 - (d) Draft Strategic Framework for 2014–2015.
 9. Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the discussions under item 3.
 10. Adoption of conclusions and recommendations
 11. Other business.
 12. Closure of the meeting.

II. Annotations

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/88 – 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 official documents for the session will be issued in English, French and Russian and will be posted on the UNECE website as soon as they become available, at the following address: <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=29066>.

Item 2: Election of officers

2. The Committee will be invited to elect a Chairperson and other members of the Bureau.

Item 3: Managing Change: Enabling the Shift to Sustainable Energy

3. The twenty-first session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (CSE) will focus its dialogue on Managing Change: Enabling the Shift to Sustainable Energy.

4. The session will focus, in particular on five high-level themes: the relevance for the UNECE Region of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative, RIO + 20 and Managing change to sustainable energy, access to energy for all in the UNECE region, doubling the uptake of energy efficiency investments in the region, increasing the share of renewables in the energy mix in the region, and reducing the environmental footprint of fossil based electricity production and use.

Item 4: Cooperation and coordination with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission

5. The secretariat will inform the delegates in writing on complementary activities of common interest of other Sectoral Committees of the Commission. Opportunities for further synergies will be presented.

Item 5: Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2012/2 – Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

6. The Committee will be briefed in writing on cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, industry associations and the business community. Speakers from UN Energy and the International Energy Agency (IEA) will address the issues as will the Special Advisor of the Secretary General on interaction between the Regional Commissions.

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

7. The Committee will be briefed on the activities and possible future programmes of work of each of its subsidiary bodies in light of the reform review process, outcome and timing conducted by the Executive Committee.

8. The Committee has received a succinct briefing on the activities and possible programmes of work of each of its subsidiary bodies, notably:

- (a) Working Party on Gas and Gas Centre:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2011/6 – Progress report on studies under the Working Party on Gas; Report on the activities of the Gas Centre.

- (b) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Programme:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/2012/2 – Report on its twenty-third session;

- (c) Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/GE.1/2012/2 – Report on its eighteenth session

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

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/GE.2/2012/2 – Report on its third session;

- (e) Expert Group on Resource Classification:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2012/2 – Report on its third 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.5/2011/5 – Report on its eighth session.

Item 7: Regional advisory services in the field of energy

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2012/1 – UNECE Regional Advisory Services in the field of energy.

9. The Committee has been informed in writing about the results of the Regional Advisory Services for energy.

Item 8: Programme of work, biennial evaluation, strategic framework

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2012/4 – Biennial evaluation report for 2010-2011;

ECE/ENERGY/2011/4 - Draft programme of work of the subprogramme on Sustainable Energy for 2012-2013;

ECE/ENERGY/2012/3 – Provisional calendar of meetings for 2013;

ECE/ENERGY/2012/5 – Draft Strategic Framework for 2014-2015 of the subprogramme on Sustainable Energy.

10. The Committee should review and adopt, subject to the outcome of the Reform Review Process, its programme of work for 2012–2013, including the consideration on:

(a) The biennial evaluation report for 2010-2011;

(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 provisional calendar of meetings for 2013, including dates of next Committee session;

(d) The secretariat will also inform the delegates of the draft Strategic Framework for 2014-2015.

Item 9: Presentation of the Chairperson's summary of the discussions (substantive segment)

11. The Chairperson and the secretariat will present the Chairperson's summary of the discussions during the substantive segment under item 3.

Item 10: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

12. The Committee will be invited to adopt the recommendations and conclusions as may be agreed. Draft decisions, identifying which State(s) initiated or are supporting the drafts, will be circulated by the secretariat before the meeting, based on prior consultations. Draft conclusions regarding future programs and activities will be submitted in advance of

the meeting, based on prior consultations, and may include amendments meeting consensus during the meeting.

Item 11: Other business

13. The Committee will be invited to discuss any other business that might be brought to its attention. Delegations wishing to propose items are invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

Item 12: Closure of the meeting

14. The Chair, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will sum up the agreed conclusions and decisions and close the meeting. The report will be adopted at the meeting. If not adopted at the meeting the draft report of the meeting and the list of participants will be drawn up by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau and circulated for comments and approval to the Committee members and the Geneva Missions and delegations. After approval, the report will be posted on the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=29066>).

III. Provisional timetable

Wednesday, 28 November

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Agenda items 1, 2 and 3, including substantive segment on “Managing change: enabling the shift to sustainable energy”

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Substantive segment continues on “Managing change: enabling the shift to sustainable energy”

Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,

Thursday, 29 November

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Presentation of draft recommendations and conclusions for preliminary remarks

Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (continued),

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Items 9, 10, 11 and 12, recommendations and conclusions

Close of the meeting