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Twenty-first session

Geneva, 28–30 November 2012

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) Doubling the uptake of energy efficiency investments;
 - (b) Increasing the share of renewables in the energy mix;

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- (c) Reducing the environmental footprint of fossil energy 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.
10. Adoption of conclusions and decisions.
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. At its twentieth session in November 2011, the Committee elected the following Bureau members: Mr. Sigurd Heiberg (Chairman, Norway), Mr. Renaud Abord-de-Chatillon (France), Mr. Juergen Keinhorst (Germany), Mr. Sergio Garribba (Italy), Mr. Talyat Aliev (Russian Federation), Mr. Jean-Christophe Füeg (Switzerland), Mr. Yagshygeldi Kakayev (Turkmenistan), Mrs. Barbara McKee (United States), Mrs. Nataliia Boitsun (Ukraine) – Vice Chairpersons. 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 the functions that the UN, the UNECE and the CSE must fill to serve its member States in their efforts of Managing Change: Enabling the Shift to Sustainable Energy, referencing UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/66/288 “The Future We

Want” endorsing the outcome document of the Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012 (Rio+20).

4. The session will focus, in particular on three high-level themes: doubling the uptake of energy efficiency investments, increasing the share of renewables in the energy mix, and reducing the environmental footprint of fossil energy production and use. These three themes will be considered from different needs and perspectives: looking at ways of removing investment obstacles for energy access, efficiency and climate change; acting on the Rio+20 consensus, adapting energy infrastructure, including the power grid for a new energy mix; and monitoring change processes and trends issues.

5. The Committee will also consider areas of collaboration and common interest among countries and sub-region of UNECE; sustainable energy for all process and follow-up to Rio+20; development assistance in energy; collaboration among UN Regional Commissions; and issues for consideration at the sixty-fifth session of the UNECE in 2013.

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

6. The secretariat will inform the delegates on complementary activities of common interest of other Sectoral Committees of the Commission.

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.

7. 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 the benefits of international energy cooperation for producer, consumer and transit countries.

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

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

9. The Committee will receive a succinct briefing on the activities and programme 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;

- (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.

10. The Committee will be informed 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.

11. The Committee should review and adopt 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. The secretariat proposes that the twenty-second session of the Committee takes place on 20-22 November 2013;

(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)

12. The Chairperson and the secretariat will present the Chairperson's summary of the discussions during the substantive segment.

Item 10: Adoption of conclusions and decisions

13. The Committee will adopt the conclusions and decisions formulated under the items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Provisional agenda.

Item 11: Other business

14. 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

15. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will sum up the Committee's conclusions and decisions and close the meeting. The report of the meeting and the list of participants will be finalized by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau for circulation to the Committee after the meeting. 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”

Presentation of draft conclusions and decisions for preliminary remarks

Thursday, 29 November

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Item 3 (continued),

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Item 3 (continued),

Friday, 30 November

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, conclusions and decisions

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, conclusions and decisions (continued)

Close of the meeting