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Committee on Sustainable Energy

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Item 9 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the report and close of the Meeting

Draft Conclusions and Recommendations arising from the Committee on Sustainable Energy Twenty-third Session¹

Draft for discussion

The Committee on Sustainable Energy:

Agenda Item 1. Opening and adoption of the Agenda

1. Adopted the Agenda as presented.

Agenda Item 2. Election of officers

2. Elected (name, country) as the chair and (names, countries) as vice-chairs until the end of the twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy. The term of office of already elected officials (names, countries) shall be two years from the date of their election. Underscored the desirability, for the sake of ensuring continuity of the Bureau, that not all officers be elected at the same time.
3. Recommended to strengthen the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, by integrating in its work the Chairs of the Committee's subsidiary bodies *ex officio* and major stakeholders, and requested the Bureau and the secretariat to formalize the arrangement.

Agenda Item 3. Introductory statement and keynote address

4. Endorsed the Joint Statement of the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions, held in Hammamet, Tunisia from 4-6 November 2014, requested the secretariat to submit the Joint Statement to the Economic Commission for Europe for endorsement, and called upon the ECE Executive Secretary to bring it to the attention of the President of the Economic and Social Council for further action. Called upon the Secretaries of the other Regional Commissions to consider doing likewise.

Agenda Item 5. How can energy efficiency uptake be accelerated?

5. Endorsed the report of the first meeting of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency, including the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2014-2015, and requested the secretariat to submit the work plan for approval by the Executive Committee.

¹ The draft conclusions and recommendations will be reviewed by the Committee on Sustainable Energy after each agenda item and updated as needed.

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6. Noted the Study on standards related to energy efficiency in buildings undertaken by the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management (ECE/HBP/2014/4) and requested the secretariat, in collaboration with the Committee on Housing and Land Management, to distil possible measures that could be included in a matrix on best-practices on energy efficiency.

Agenda Item 6. From source to use: the role of fossil fuels in delivering a sustainable energy future

7. Endorsed the report of the fifth meeting of the Expert Group on Resource Classification for 2013-2014, extended the current Work Plan of the Expert Group on Resource Classification until the end of 2015, and requested the Expert Group on Resource Classification to prepare a work plan for 2016-2017.
8. Endorsed the report of the first meeting of the Group of Experts on Gas, including the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Gas for 2014-2015, and noted the approval of the Work Plan by the Executive Committee.
9. Endorsed the report of the tenth meeting of the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels, including the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels for 2014-2015, and noted the approval of the Work Plan by the Executive Committee.
10. Endorsed the report of the ninth meeting of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, including the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane for 2014-2015, and noted the approval of the Work Plan by the Executive Committee.
11. Endorsed the recommendations to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on how carbon capture and storage could contribute to reducing net greenhouse gas emissions (ECE/ENERGY/2014/5) and requested the ECE Executive Secretary to submit them to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on behalf of ECE and its member States for further action. Called upon the ECE member States to consider the recommendations for their own purposes.
12. Endorsed the Bridging Document between the Nuclear Energy Agency/IAEA Uranium Classification and the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Fuel Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources 2009 (ECE/ENERGY/2014/6).
13. Requested that the relevant ECE expert groups prepare a coordinated, solutions-oriented report about methane management in extractive industries with a focus on establishing a baseline, benchmarking and scale of current methane emissions in those industries, with the aim of giving clear guidance to policy makers.

Agenda Item 7. How can renewable energy help optimize energy systems?

14. Endorsed the report of the first meeting of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, including the Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy for 2014-2015, and requested the secretariat to submit the work plan for approval by the Executive Committee.

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15. Invited the secretariat to prepare a Renewable Energy Status Report for the ECE Region in 2015 in collaboration with key partners as a tool for tracking the uptake of renewable energy in the region and invited governments and other organizations to provide financial and/or in-kind expert support to its preparation.

Agenda Item 8. Matters related to future work of the Committee

16. Requested the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat and in dialogue with the expert groups, to prepare a background note and action plan for enhancing the impact and visibility of the work of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and to submit the action plan for endorsement at the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy.
17. Requested the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat and in collaboration with member States, to prepare an assessment of the role of ECE in sustainable energy for submission to the sixty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Europe in April 2015.
18. Recognized the need to support the implementation of the work plans of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies with additional resources, as well as additional meeting days, parliamentary documents and publications.
19. Requested the secretariat to explore mechanisms for electronic communications with member States to enable timely decision-making between formal sessions of the Committee, thus streamlining meeting preparation and outputs.
20. Noted the report on cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (ECE/ENERGY/2014/1).
21. Requested a revised update on regional advisory services (ECE/ENERGY/2014/2), taking into account comments made during the twenty-third session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy about technical cooperation, the needed focus on the regional advisory services and their alignment with the work plans of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and its subsidiary bodies.
22. Agreed to the revised draft publication plan for 2014-2015 (ECE/ENERGY/2014/3) and noted the draft publication plan for 2016-2017.
23. Agreed to the provisional calendar of meetings for 2015 (ECE/ENERGY/2014/4) with the proposed modifications as described in the Report of the twenty-third session.
24. Requested the secretariat to proceed with the preparations of the twenty-fourth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on 19-21 November 2015 (alternative date is 27-28 May 2015). Requested the secretariat to review the schedule of Committee meeting dates for 2016 and beyond to better align the meetings of the Committee with the work plans and the schedule of meetings of its subsidiary bodies.

Agenda Item 9. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting

25. Adopted the report of the twenty-third session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy (ECE/ENERGY/96) subject to any necessary editing and formatting.
