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Sixteenth session
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Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda
Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixteenth session*

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 20 October 2010

I. Provisional agenda

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4. Outcome of the contract implementation by the Investment Fund Designer project contractor.

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5. Presentation of the work-in-progress by the Development of a Website and Internet Communications Network of Energy Efficiency Managers in Eastern Europe project contractor.

6. Seminar on Policy Reforms to Promote Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Investments.

7. Outcome of the International Energy Efficiency Forum and the Workshop on Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects.

8. Review of progress in implementation of grants by the National Participating Institutions.

9. Draft work plan for the fourth year of project operations (2011).

10. Other business.

11. Conclusions and recommendations.

12. Dates of the next meeting.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item of the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/GE.1/2010/6).

Item 2: Election of officers

2. At its fourteenth session in October 2009, the Group of Experts elected the Bureau as follows: Mr. Sergey Surnin (Ukraine), Chairman; Mr. Zdravko Genchev (Bulgaria), and Ms. Tatyana Pospelova (Belarus), Vice-Chairpersons. The Group of Experts reconfirmed the current Bureau at the fifteenth session in June 2010 and may wish to reconfirm it at this session.

Item 3: Recent developments of the project "financing energy efficiency and renewable energy investments for climate change mitigation" (FEEI)

3. The secretariat will report on the progress in the implementation of the project "Financing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Investments for Climate Change Mitigation" (FEEI) since the 15th session of the Group of Experts held in June 2010.

Item 4: Outcome of the contract implementation by the investment fund designer project contractor

4. Conning Asset Management Limited will present the results of its work on the Investment Fund Designer contract. Particular emphasis will be on the status of preparations for the launch of the energy efficiency and renewable energy investment fund, outcome of the missions to the participating countries and preliminary assessment of the indicative project pipeline.

Item 5: Presentation of the work-in-progress by the development of a website and internet communications network of energy efficiency managers in Eastern Europe project contractor

5. The project contractor EnEffect (Development of a Website and Internet Communications Network of Energy Efficiency Managers in Eastern Europe) will make a presentation on the current status of implementation of its contract.

Item 6: Seminar on policy reforms to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy investments

6. The objectives of the seminar are to: a) present outcomes of the recent reforms to promote market-based energy systems, energy efficiency and renewable energy investments in the countries participating in the Financing Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation (FEEI) project; b) assess the current policies and legislation from the point of view of their facilitation of investment projects for the new energy efficiency and renewable energy investment fund; c) report on the plans for implementation of the recommendations developed in the Regional Analysis of Policy Reforms to Promote Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Investments; d) present main requirements for preparation of the project proposals for the investment fund and the role policy makers may play in promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; and e) present an overview of the measurement and verification of energy efficiency. Presentations will be made by policy makers from participating countries, representatives of Conning Asset Management Limited, companies specialized in consulting services for preparation of project proposals for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and a representative of the Efficiency Valuation Organization (EVO). Based on the presentations and a discussion, recommendations for promoting further relevant policy reforms and their implementation are expected to be developed.

Item 7: Outcome of the international energy efficiency forum and the workshop on investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects

7. The secretariat will report on the outcome of the International Energy Efficiency Forum and the Workshop on Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects in Astana, Kazakhstan, 28-30 September 2010.

Item 8: Review of progress in implementation of grants by the national participating institutions

8. National Participating Institutions will make presentations on the current status of implementation of their grants under Memoranda of Understanding with UNECE.

Item 9: Draft work plan for the fourth year of project operations (2011)

9. The secretariat will make a presentation of the draft work plan for the fourth year of project operations (2011), which the Group of Experts is invited to review and discuss. The Group of Experts is expected to approve the work plan for the fourth year of project operations (2011) with modifications resulting from the discussion.

Item 10: Other business

10. At the time the provisional agenda was prepared, there were no issues to be raised under this item.

Item 11: Conclusions and recommendations

11. The Chairman of the Group of Experts and the secretariat will summarize the conclusions and recommendations of the session. The report of the session will be circulated after the meeting.

Item 12: Dates of the next meeting

12. The seventeenth session of the Group of Experts will take place in Geneva from 19-20 April 2011.