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Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the first session *

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday 17 November 2014.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Options to improve energy efficiency: why energy efficiency is not improving fast enough.
4. Outcomes of the Fifth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development.
5. Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2014–2015:
 - (a) Best practices in energy efficiency in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region;

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the website of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/energy>), and transmit it to the ECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session, either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail to laurence.rotta@unece.org with a copy to feei@unece.org. Prior to the session, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix opposite the Red Cross Building (see the map on the Sustainable Energy Division's website) for the issuance of an identification badge at least one and a half hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (internal extension 75976 or 74140).



- (b) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe role in achieving objectives of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General;
 - (c) Smart Grids;
 - (d) Cross-cutting issues in energy efficiency and coordination of work with other United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Divisions and other international organizations;
 - (e) Coordination of work with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Group of Experts on Renewable Energy.
6. Promoting Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation.
 7. Other business.
 8. Report of the meeting.
 9. 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.

Item 2: Election of officers

2. The following member States nominated members of the Bureau of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency: Azerbaijan – Mr. Asaf Rzayev, Belarus – Mr. Andrei Miniankou, Bulgaria - Ms. Maria Raytcheva, Croatia – Mr. Zlatko Pavičić, Germany - Mr. Christian Noll, and Turkey – Mr. Yusuf Yazar. The Group of Experts is expected to elect its Bureau and its Chair for the period of two years.

Item 3: Options to improve energy efficiency: why energy efficiency is not improving fast enough

3. Improving energy efficiency has multiple benefits but is not happening at necessary scale, also because of the way markets are designed and structured, low-tariff policies, distorting subsidies, and lack of information and investment capital for end-users. What is the state of play, which measures have been successful and which barriers continue to persist? Delegates will be invited to share insights with a view to improving energy efficiency implementation based on practical examples.

Item 4: Outcomes of the Fifth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development

4. The Government of Tunisia and five Regional Commissions, (the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and

the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)) jointly organised the Fifth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development in Hammamet, Tunisia, on 4–6 November 2014 in order to discuss progress on achieving the goals of the Secretary General's Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative. The Forum shared experiences from all regions of the world to culminate in a joint statement that urges countries to implement practical action in a variety of sustainable energy related topics. Participants will report and discuss the outcomes with the objective to solicit recommendations about next steps.

Item 5: Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2014–2015

5. The secretariat will present the Draft Work Plan of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency for 2014–2015. The Group of Experts is expected to review and discuss the Draft Work Plan with a view to approve the document taking into account possible modifications resulting from this discussion.

Item 5 (a): Best practices in energy efficiency in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

6. After the presentation of a matrix of best practices comprising measures which can assist countries to significantly improve energy efficiency and identifies countries that have already successfully implemented such measures, delegates will be invited to share their experience. The objective of the discussion is to find mechanisms that could allow to track the adoption and implementation of such measures by ECE member States, to exchange experiences and to suggest actions that could help further adoption and implementation of such measures at the country level.

Item 5 (b): United Nations Economic Commission for Europe role in achieving objectives of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General

7. Delegates will be invited to discuss the ECE role in achieving the three main goals of the SE4All initiative: (1) to ensure universal access to modern energy services, (2) to double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency, and (3) to double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix. Particular emphasis will be on the goal of doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency and the concrete activities that ECE can undertake to help countries of the ECE region to achieve this goal.

Item 5 (c): Smart Grids

8. The proposed Draft Work Plan for the Group of Experts on Energy comprises intensive work on smart grids. Delegates will be invited to discuss the importance of smart grids in the context of energy efficiency with a view to shape the activities of the work programme.

Item 5 (d): Cross-cutting issues in energy efficiency and coordination of work with other United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Divisions and other international organizations

9. Energy efficiency is a cross-cutting theme, related to all sectors, namely sustainable housing and industry, to name but two. This session will allow the discussion of energy efficiency in the context of the Draft Work Plan and also focus on coordination of work with other ECE Divisions and other international organizations active in cross-cutting fields.

Item 5 (e): Coordination of work with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Group of Experts on Renewable Energy

10. The secretariat will report on existing and potential coordination of work with the ECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, in particular in line with achieving objectives of the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General and the Draft Work Plans of both Expert Groups.

Item 6: Promoting Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation

11 Progress will be presented of the implementation of the UN Development Account (UNDA) project “Promoting Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Development”. The project carried out jointly by all five Regional Commissions aims to develop skills in the private and public sectors at the local level to identify, formulate and present to financial institutions energy efficiency investment projects that are potentially bankable; introduce policy and institutional reforms needed to support energy efficiency investments; and create favourable conditions for banks and commercial companies to invest in energy efficiency projects.

Item 7: Other business

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

Item 8: Report of the meeting

13. The Chairperson of the Group of Experts and the secretariat will draft the report of the session, including conclusions and recommendations, for discussion and approval by the delegates.

Item 9: Dates of the next meeting

14. The second session of the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency is scheduled to take place in Geneva on 16–17 November 2015.
