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Working Party on Gas

Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas

Tenth session

Geneva, 22 January 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TENTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 22 January 2009*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Decisions of the nineteenth session of the Working Party on Gas of concern to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

* 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 UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/ie/>), and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, if possible, at least two weeks prior to the session – namely, by **6 January 2009** – either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (catherine.pierre@unece.org). Delegates are requested to present themselves at least one and a half hours prior to the start of the meeting 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 Energy Division's web site), for the issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (internal extension 74140 or 75721).

3. Gas networks balancing
4. Technological standards and norms required for the design and operation of natural gas vehicle (NGV) filling stations
5. Diagnostics of gas transportation lines and risk management
6. Methods for the detection of gas leakages during gas industry operations
7. Impact of natural gas liberalization on gas prices and demand - Gas saving to reduce natural gas demand and enhance energy security
8. UNECE Energy Security study
9. Programme of work.
10. Date of next session
11. Other business
12. Adoption of the report.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2009/1)

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2: Decisions of the nineteenth session of the Working Party on Gas of concern to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

2. The secretariat will provide information on this issue.

Item 3: Gas networks balancing

- 3.. The secretariat together with interested delegations will report on the progress achieved in the collection of data on this topic (ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2004/4) and will invite the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to decide on the future of this work.

Item 4: Technological standards and norms required for the design and operation of natural gas vehicle (NGV) filling stations

4. The secretariat together with interested delegations will report on the progress achieved concerning the overview of technological standards and norms required for the design and

operation of NGV filling stations (ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2003/6) and will invite the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to decide on the future of this work.

Item 5: Diagnostics of gas transportation lines and risk management

5. The Group of Experts will consider a progress report, prepared by Mr. J. Filippi, rapporteur from the Czech Republic in cooperation with Marcogaz, Brussels, Belgium (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2006/5). The secretariat will invite the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to decide on the future of this work.

Item 6: Methods for the detection of gas leakages during gas industry operations

6. Mr. I. Ponomarenko, rapporteur from Ukraine, will report on the progress achieved in the collection of data on this topic (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2008/3). The secretariat will invite the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to decide on the future of this work.

Item 7: Impact of natural gas liberalization on gas prices and demand - Gas Saving to Reduce Natural Gas Demand and Enhance Energy Security

7. Mr. A. Karasevich, rapporteur from the Russian Federation, and a representative of Eurogas will report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the project. The secretariat will invite the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to decide on the future of this work.

Item 8: UNECE Energy Security study

8. The secretariat will report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the UNECE Energy Security Study and will invite the Ad Hoc Group of Experts to contribute to its work.

Item 9: Programme of work

9. The Group of Experts will consider existing and new projects for the programme of work as presented in ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2009/6.

Item 10: Date of next session

10. The Group of Experts will decide on the proposed date of its next meeting, as reflected in document ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2009/5.

Item 11: Other business

Item 12: Adoption of the report

11. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
