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### Committee on Sustainable Energy

#### Working Party on Gas

##### Twenty-Second session

Geneva, 24-25 January 2012

### Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-second session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 24 January 2012\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Matters arising from the twentieth session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy related to the Working Party on Gas.
4. Impact of the liberalization of the natural gas markets on gas demand and prices.
5. Use of gas in transport.
6. Current state and prospects of liquefied natural gas in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe.
7. Underground gas storage in Europe and Central Asia.

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\* 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, before 9 January 2012 – either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail ([liliane.mauranne@unece.org](mailto:liliane.mauranne@unece.org)). Delegates are requested to present themselves at least one hour 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 72446 or 74140).

8. Review of the activities of other subsidiary bodies of the Committee on Sustainable Energy.
9. Current developments and medium- and long-term prospects and policies in the gas industry, including trade of gas:
  - (a) Review of the gas situation and prospects in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe;
  - (b) New developments in the European and world market of natural gas vehicles (NGVs) - Blue Corridor and other projects.
10. Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the supply and use of gas.
11. Overview of the activities of other international organizations in the field of gas.
12. Future activities of the Working Party:
  - (a) Programme of work for 2012-2015;
  - (b) Provisional calendar of meetings for 2012.
13. Other business.
14. Dates of next meeting.
15. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

Note: Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Russian will be provided during the 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 on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2012/1).

### **Item 2: Election of officers**

2. The Working Party should elect or confirm/re-elect the existing Bureau. The officers of the twenty-first session were as follows: Mr. Alexander Karasevich (Russian Federation), Chairman; Mr. Francisco de la Flor Garcia (Spain), Mr. Tamas Korosi (Hungary), Mr. Gheorghe Radu (Romania) and Mr. Gilles-Henri Joffre (France), Vice-Chairmen.

### **Item 3: Matters arising from the twenties session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy related to the Working Party on Gas**

3. The secretariat will report on the discussions and decisions of the Committee at its twentieth session (16 - 18 November 2011). In particular, it will present a plan for consolidation of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies, including proposal for the Working Party on Gas to integrate the relevant activities of its subsidiary Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the supply and use of gas, and to abolish the Ad Hoc Group of Experts as a distinct body.

**Item 4: Impact of the liberalization of the natural gas markets on gas demand and prices**

4. Following the decision of the twenty-first session of the Working Party, the secretariat has edited the draft of the study. A revised/edited version of the report will be presented to the delegates for their review and approval.

**Item 5: Use of gas in transport**

5. A representative from Gazprom, one of the leaders of the study will present a draft final report. A Round Table gathering leading experts from other institutions which contributed to the NGV study will be organized to present findings of the study.

**Item 6: Current state and prospects of liquefied natural gas in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe**

6. The UNECE expert group on the LNG study will report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the study at a Round Table with participation of reputed experts from the LNG industry.

**Item 7: Underground Gas Storage in Europe and central Asia**

7. To review progress made in the implementation of the UGS study, an expert group will make presentations on the status of various Chapters and the study as a whole at a Round Table.

**Item 8: Review of the activities of other subsidiary bodies of the Committee on Sustainable Energy**

8. As customary, the secretariat of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Division will make a series of presentations informing delegates about the other activities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy. In particular, presentations will be made on the activities of the Gas Centre, Energy Efficiency 21 programme, clean electricity production, fossil energy and mineral resources classification, Global energy efficiency and coalmine methane.

**Item 9: Current developments and medium- and long-term prospects and policies in the gas industry, including trade of gas**

9. Representatives of ECE Governments, gas companies and organizations will be invited to make statements and present preliminary results of the gas industry and gas market operations in 2011 in their countries, addressing topics such as production, reserves, availability of domestic production, environmental policies, safety issues and other issues which have an impact on gas industry operations and practices. Delegations are requested to make available copies of their statements in one of the ECE working languages (English, French and Russian) for distribution to other delegations, and also to send in advance electronic versions of their presentations to the secretariat.

10. Representatives of Gazprom (Russian Federation) and other companies are invited to report on developments with regard to progress on the Blue Corridor project, aimed at

using natural gas instead of diesel as fuel in international freight and passenger traffic. Other presentations on NGV European and world markets are invited.

**Item 10: Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the supply and use of gas**

11. The Bureau of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts will report on the status of projects currently underway the Group. Delegations will be invited to consider proposal of the Committee on Sustainable Energy to integrate the activities of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts into the work programme of the Working Party on Gas and to abolish the Ad Hoc Group of Experts as a distinct body.

**Item 11: Overview of the activities of other international organizations in the field of gas**

12. International governmental and non-governmental organizations, public and private institutions and organizations will make presentations on their activities in the field of natural gas.

**Item 12: Future activities of the Working Party**

13. The Working Party will consider its programme of work for 2012-2015 (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2012/4) and its calendar of meetings for 2013 (ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2012/3). In particular, it will consider a proposal by the delegation of Egypt to include into programme of work a new topic on the Use of Gas in Electricity Generation, and a proposal by the delegation of Romania to consider possible launch of a new study on Carbon Capture and Storage for the Gas Industry in the UNECE Region. It is expected that both delegations will make presentations on the topics for in-depth consideration and decisions on the future work.

**Item 13: Other business**

14. Delegations may wish to raise any other points relevant to the meeting. At the time the provisional agenda was prepared, there were no issues to be raised under this item.

**Item 14: Dates of next meeting**

15. The twenty-third session of the Working Party on Gas will be held from 22 to 24 January 2013.

**Item 15: Adoption of the report**

16. The Working Party will adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.