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Working Party on Gas

Fourth expert meeting on the update of the
UNECE Study on Underground Gas Storage in
Europe and Central Asia

Geneva, 7 January 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

for the fourth meeting to be held in conference room AR, Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m.

Item 1: INTRODUCTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The Director of the UNECE Division on Sustainable Energy and the Secretary of the Working Party on Gas will open the meeting and ask participants to elect the officers of the meeting.

Item 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The provisional agenda will be proposed for adoption.

**Item 3: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAUNCH OF UPDATE OF THE UNECE
STUDY ON UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL
ASIA**

3. Following the third expert meeting held on 29 October 2008, and based on inputs provided by representatives of several member States after the meeting, the secretariat slightly modified the outline of the Terms of Reference for the Study. This outline, which addresses both substantive issues as well as organizational issues, has been made available to all UNECE member States and is posted on the UNECE website.

4. The Terms of Reference are almost completed in a detailed way. Some issues remain to be addressed such as nomination of few remaining members of the expert group and minor clarifications in several chapters.

5. Delegates will be invited to review carefully the Terms of Reference for the Study, which will be submitted for adoption to the nineteenth session of the Working Party on Gas on 20-21 January 2009.

Item 4: ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE STUDY

6. As a follow-up to the election of the Bureau of the Study during the first expert meeting, and the progress made during and after the second and the third expert meetings on identification of Heads of Chapters, the Bureau and the Heads of Chapters will be invited to make an additional effort to complete the expert group.

Item 5: ADOPTION OF THE CALENDAR OF WORK

7. In anticipation of the submission of the Terms of Reference to the forthcoming annual session of the Working Party on Gas in January 2009, meeting participants will be asked to review and update the current provisional calendar of work, including its phases and deadlines.

Item 6: OTHER BUSINESS

8. The UNECE secretariat will brief the meeting participants on the preparation of the annual session of the UNECE Working Party on Gas, 20-21 January 2009, and in particular on the status of the Round Table on Underground Gas Storage in the UNECE Region. Delegates will be invited to confirm their active participation in that event.

9. The UNECE secretariat will inform the meeting participants on the progress of the ongoing UNECE Study on Liquefied Natural Gas, including the 24 November 2008 meeting which was held in Madrid, Spain and which results could be of relevance for the work on underground gas storage.

Item 7: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

10. The expert group is expected to adopt the report of its fourth meeting on 7 January 2009
