

**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

**COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**

Working Party on Gas

Expert Group on the update of the ECE Study on  
Underground Gas Storage in Europe and Central Asia

Ninth meeting  
Geneva, 13 January 2010

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH MEETING**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.

**Item 1 Introduction and election of officers**

1. The Secretary of the Working Party on Gas will open the meeting and invite 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 Review of the questionnaires for the remaining individual chapters**

3. The meeting is expected to discuss and approve the outline and contents of all questionnaires for each chapter, which would allow the focus of all participants on carrying out the survey with as many as possible underground gas storage facilities included.

**Item 4 Cooperation with the International Energy Agency and the International Gas Union**

4. As a follow-up to the November 2009 meeting between the ECE Expert Group and a representative of the International Gas Union (IGU) and the expressed interest of the International Energy Agency (IEA) to join the ECE Study on underground gas storage, the meeting will be invited to take a decision on the modalities of that cooperation.

**Item 5 Information technology support for the Survey on underground gas storage**

5. The information technology support to the Survey should be reviewed in the framework of the completed questionnaires for each chapter, the expected cooperation with the IGU in particular and the time framework for conducting the first round of the study.

6. Delegations will be invited to approve the final version of the web-based questionnaire for the update of the ECE Study, based on the available ECE demonstration version. The complete information technology set-up should be sufficiently strong to support the additional required capacity if the cooperation with IGU is approved and the Group decides on a longer time-framework for the data storage.

**Item 6      Review of the draft contact list regarding the nomination of experts to provide the requested data**

7. The meeting is also expected to address the next steps regarding the joint effort of ECE, IGU and Gas Storage Europe as well as individual members of the Expert Group on completing and using the contact list for the Survey. The lists will be circulated during the meeting.

**Item 7      Adoption of the calendar of work**

8. The meeting will be invited to decide on the provisional calendar of work up to the end of 2010, including the date and place of the next meeting of the Expert Group.

**Item 8      Other business**

9. The preparation of the Round Table on UGS during the annual session of the Working Party on Gas to be held on 19 January 2010 will be addressed under this agenda item.

**Item 9      Adoption of the report**

10. The Expert Group is expected to adopt the report of its ninth meeting on 13 January 2010.

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