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First expert meeting on the UNECE Study on “Use of Gas in Transport in the ECE Region”

Moscow, 31 March 2010

REPORT OF THE MEETING

I. INTRODUCTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The third meeting of the Moscow group of experts took place on 31 March 2010 in the Gazprom-VNIIGAZ offices, in Moscow, Russia.
2. The Meeting was attended by 20 representatives from the following UNECE member-states: Bulgaria, France, Germany, Latvia, Netherland, Norway, Russian Federation, Turkey, and Ukraine.
3. The representatives of Egypt participated under Article 11 of the UNECE Term of Reference.
4. The following inter-governmental, non-governmental and other international institutes, companies and organizations took part in the Meeting: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and European Business Congress.
5. Mr. Evgeniy Pronin (Russian Federation) was elected Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Adam Sek, the UNECE Regional Adviser on Energy, Ms. Carlotta Segre, the UNECE secretariat and Ms V. Ducroit, the UNECE Gas Centre, were in attendance.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The provisional agenda was adopted.

III. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON GAS RELATED TO ACTIVITIES RELATED TO USE OF GAS IN TRANSPORT IN THE UNECE REGION” (Agenda item 3)

7. The UNECE secretariat reported on the outcome of the twentieth session of the Working Party on Gas, which was held on 19 and 20 January 2010 and attended by 111 representatives from 27 UNECE member-states as well as representatives of Egypt, Iran and Japan who participated under Article 11 of the Commission’s Terms of Reference, who took the following decision, among others, regarding the agenda item Current Developments and Medium and Long-Term Prospects and Policies in the Gas Industry, Including Trade of Gas (Agenda item 7):

- (b) The member-states agreed to undertake the study on Use of Gas in Transport within the UNECE Working Party on Gas.

IV. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE UNECE STUDY ON “USE OF GAS IN TRANSPORT IN THE UNECE REGION” (Agenda item 4)

8. The Moscow meeting participants debated the most effective ways to launch the UNECE Study on Use of Gas in Transport in the UNECE Region. To facilitate the discussion, the meeting Chairman presented the ‘Blue Corridor’ project and its achievements. It was noted that the successful implementation of the ‘Blue Corridor’ project established a solid basis for carrying out the new UNECE study on “Use of Gas in Transport in the ECE Region”.

9. Chairman of the meeting presented a proposal for the structure of the study to the participants. It included introduction to the study, executive summary, current market trends, technological background, competitiveness, regulation and policy issues, introduction to the market of the vehicles and other means of transport on gas as well as scenarios for the future. The provisional structure of the study is given in the annex to this report.

10. Based on this proposal, the meeting mainly focused on the following key issues: the target beneficiaries and scope of the study. While the study in principle should benefit the UNECE member-states and concerned industry, participants were looking to define the key beneficiaries more closely as well as to identify the barriers and obstacles for the use of gas in transport. Noting the considerable progress in use of gas in road vehicles, which is a positive driver for a wider use of gas in transport in the ECE region, the participants decided to focus in the study on the use of gas in road vehicles.

11. Delegates took the decision that the definitive format of study including its terms of reference would be decided during the next meeting of the expert group. The delegates agreed to send proposals on the structure of the study to the UNECE secretariat and Gazprom after which the UNECE secretariat would circulate the provisional structure of the study for further comments and refinement.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE STUDY (Agenda item 5)

12. The decisions on the election of the bureau of the study including its Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and heads of chapters, structure of the study, timetable, method of work and resources required were delayed for the next meeting on the UNECE study on use of gas in transport. Bearing in mind that the bureau would need to include experts from different countries and with complementary insights into this important part of the industry, a representative of the Russian Federation proposed for the consideration at the next meeting that Mr. O. Aksyutin (Russian Federation) be elected for the Chairman, while Mr. W. Auli (Austria) and Mr E. Pronin should be, in addition to other candidates, considered for Vice-Chairman and Bureau member respectively.

VI. ADOPTION OF CALENDAR (Agenda item 6)

13. Participants agreed to hold the next meeting on the UNECE study either in Geneva or Moscow preferably in June 2010 where its timetable will be addressed as well.

VII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT (Agenda item 7)

14. The expert group adopted the report of its first meeting session on 31 March 2010.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda item 9)

15. There was no other business to be considered.

ANNEX 1.

Provisional structure of the study on “Use of Gas in Transport in the ECE Region”

Introduction to the study

Executive summary

Chapter I: Current market trends

Chapter II: Technological background

Chapter III: Competitiveness

Chapter IV: Regulation and policy issues

Chapter V: Introduction to the market of the vehicles and other means of transport on gas

Chapter VI: Scenarios for the future
