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LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION

Twenty-second session  
(Geneva, 29 November – 3 December 2004)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29 November 2004

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the eleventh session of the Committee on Environmental Policy of concern to the Executive Body.

Documents prepared under the auspices or at the request of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution for GENERAL circulation should be considered provisional unless APPROVED by the Executive Body.

3. Proposed amendment to annex II to the 1994 Oslo Protocol.
4. Progress in core activities (EB.AIR/2004/2):
  - (a) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP);
  - (b) Effects of major air pollutants on human health and the environment.
5. Review of protocols and other strategy activities (EB.AIR/WG.5/78 and EB.AIR/2004/7).
6. The future direction of the Convention (EB.AIR/2004/4).
7. Twenty-fifth anniversary special session (annex and EB.AIR/2004/1).
8. Compliance with protocol obligations (EB.AIR/2004/6 and Add.1).
9. Strategies and policies of Parties and Signatories to the Convention for the abatement of air pollution (EB.AIR/2004/8).
10. Activities of ECE bodies and international organizations relevant to the Convention.
11. Work-plan (EB.AIR/2004/3).
12. Financial issues (EB.AIR/2004/5).
13. Other business.
14. Election of officers.
15. Adoption of the report of the twenty-second session.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Body is expected to adopt the agenda for its twenty-second session (ECE/EB.AIR/82).

### Item 2: Matters arising from the fifty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the eleventh session of the Committee on Environmental Policy of concern to the Executive Body

The secretariat will draw the attention of the Executive Body to relevant discussions held at the fifty-ninth session of the Commission (E/2004/37-E/ECE/1416) and at the eleventh session of the Committee on Environmental Policy. It will report on the status of the Convention and its protocols, in particular on the entry into force of the Protocol on Heavy Metals on 29 December 2003.

### Item 3: Proposed amendment to annex II to the 1994 Oslo Protocol

In order to enable its accession to the 1994 Oslo Protocol, Cyprus has proposed an amendment to annex II to the Protocol specifying sulphur emission ceilings. The secretariat has informed Parties, as required by the Protocol, of the proposed amendment at least 90 days in advance of the session.

### Item 4: Progress in core activities

To facilitate discussions under this agenda item, the secretariat will circulate document EB.AIR/2004/2, containing a summary of the main issues and results, and highlighting conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the Executive Body. The document is based on the following information:

(a) The results of the twenty-eighth session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) (EB.AIR/GE.1/2004/2);

(b) The results of the twenty-third session of the Working Group on Effects (EB.AIR/WG.1/2004/2).

The Executive Body is expected to take note of these reports and of the relevant conclusions and recommendations.

### Item 5: Review of protocols and other strategy activities

The Chairman of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will introduce this agenda item by referring to the discussions and decisions of the Working Group on Strategies

and Review at its thirty-sixth session (EB.AIR/WG.5/78).

The Executive Body is expected to take note of the report and consider the relevant conclusions and recommendations.

In view of the entry into force of the Protocol on Heavy Metals on 29 December 2003, it is expected that Parties to the Protocol will express their views on the review processes. To facilitate the required reviews, the Executive Body and the Parties to the Protocol will consider the draft decision, discussed and proposed by the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its thirty-sixth session, on methods and procedures for reviewing the Protocol, evaluating certain limit values and considering proposals for additional heavy metals (EB.AIR/2004/7, EB.AIR/WG.5/2004/4).

In view of the decisions taken at the twenty-first session, due consideration should be given to the progress made in the work on reviewing the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), to reassessing/re-evaluating certain POPs and to the procedures for adding new substances to the Protocol. In addition, the Parties to the Protocol and the Executive Body will need to respond to the proposal by Norway to add pentabromodiphenyl ether (pentaBDE) and to the proposal by Sweden to add perfluorooctane sulphonate (PFOS) as new substances to the Protocol.

In relation to the Gothenburg Protocol, the Executive Body may consider the progress on particulate matter and decide upon any additional action required. It may also decide upon action to address the expected imminent entry into force of the Protocol.

Item 6: The future direction of the Convention

With all protocols to the Convention either in force or expected to enter into force very soon, the Executive Body may wish to consider the future direction of the Convention and its priorities for future work. For this it may consider the state of ratification of the Convention and its protocols (EB.AIR/2004/4), the outcome of the Gothenburg workshop on review and assessment of European air pollution policies and the discussions at the Working Group on Strategies and Review related to the implementation of the Convention and its protocols in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) (EB.AIR/WG.5/78, EB.AIR/WG.5/2004/6).

The secretariat will draw attention to the guidelines for reports drafted and/or compiled in the secretariat that have been circulated by the Secretary-General. Their implications for the production of future reports will be summarized. The Executive Body may wish to consider its strategy for communicating the outcome of its meetings.

Item 7: Twenty-fifth anniversary special session

To celebrate twenty-five years of successful activities under the Convention, the Executive Body will hold a special event with invited speakers and extended participation.

Statements of congratulations by ministers will be made available together with a summary of their contents (EB.AIR/2004/1). A draft agenda for the event is provided in the annex below.

Item 8: Compliance with protocol obligations

The Chairman of the Implementation Committee will present its seventh report (EB.AIR/2004/6 and Add.1) on compliance by individual Parties with their protocol obligations. The Executive Body is inter alia expected to consider the Committee's recommendations.

At its twenty-first session, the Executive Body elected one new member to the Committee for a term of two years and re-elected six of its members for a further period of two years. At its twentieth session, the Executive Body had elected one member to the Committee for a period of two years and re-elected one member to the Committee for a second term of two years. Those elected at the twentieth session have now completed their term of office and elections are necessary.

Item 9: Strategies and policies of Parties and Signatories to the Convention for the abatement of air pollution

The secretariat will inform the Executive Body of the publication of the results of the 2002 review of strategies and policies. It will also provide information on the responses by Parties to the questionnaire on strategies and policies made available by the secretariat on the Internet in January 2004 (EB.AIR/2004/8). It will note the discussions with the Implementation Committee regarding the thorough legal review of the questionnaire and inform the Executive Body of outline proposals for a revised questionnaire for January 2006.

Item 10: Activities of ECE bodies and international organizations relevant to the Convention

The secretariat will report on relevant activities of ECE bodies. Representatives of international organizations (e.g. World Meteorological Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, World Health Organization) will be invited to provide information on their activities of particular relevance to the Convention. The Executive Body may wish to take this information into account when considering its work-plan.

The European Commission will be invited to provide information on the work of the European Community's Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) programme, especially in relation to collaboration between CAFE and the Convention's technical bodies and programme centres, and with respect to future cooperation with the Convention.

Item 11: Work-plan

The Executive Body will be called upon to agree a work-plan for the implementation of the Convention in 2005, also taking into account its medium-term requirements. To assist the Executive Body in accomplishing this task, the secretariat will circulate a draft work-plan

(EB.AIR/2004/3), taking into consideration recommendations from the subsidiary bodies and results of ongoing activities. Delegations may wish to provide additional information for the work-plan.

Item 12: Financial issues

The Executive Body is expected to consider the status of the Convention and take the necessary steps to meet the costs of implementing the work-plan.

In particular, the budgets for EMEP, and for the core activities not covered by the EMEP Protocol, for 2005 and provisional budgeted amounts for the future (EB.AIR/2004/5) will be adopted under this agenda item.

Item 13: Other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

Item 14: Election of officers

The Bureau of the Executive Body currently comprises one chairperson and seven vice-chairpersons, including the chairpersons of the four major subsidiary bodies. The Executive Body is expected to elect these officers. They constitute the Bureau and will remain in office over the next session. The Executive Body is also expected to elect the chairperson for the Working Group on Strategies and Review.

Item 15: Adoption of the report of the twenty-second session

The Executive Body is expected to conclude its work by adopting the report of the twenty-second session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

### TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Monday, 29 November 2004

a.m. - Items 1, 2, 3, 4  
p.m. - Item 5

Tuesday, 30 November 2004

a.m. - Items 5 (continued), 6  
p.m. - Item 8

Wednesday, 1 December 2004

a.m. - Item 7  
p.m. - Item 7 (continued)

Thursday, 18 December 2003

a.m. - Items 9, 10  
p.m. - Item 11, 12, 13, 14

Friday, 2 December 2004

a.m. - Free  
p.m. - Item 15

Annex

PAST SUCCESSES AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

Provisional agenda for the special event to mark  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
1979 GENEVA CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION

Wednesday, 1 December 2004, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Welcoming statements

- 10.00          Introductory statement by the Chairman of the Executive Body, Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway)
- 10.05          Welcome address by the UNECE Executive Secretary, Mrs. Brigita Schmögnerová, drawing attention to the statements received from Ministers (EB.AIR/2004/1)
- 10.15          Welcome on behalf of Switzerland - Mr. Phillipe Roch (Switzerland), Secretary for the Environment

Policy past and present

- 10.25          Keynote speaker - to be announced
- 10.40          A North American policy perspective - Mr. John Beale (United States), former Vice-Chair of the Executive Body
- 10.50          The European Community policy - Mr. Peter Gammeltoft (European Commission)
- 11.00          Coffee break
- 11.40          A policy perspective for the East European, Caucasian and Central Asian region - Mr. Valentin Sokolovsky (Russian Federation), first Chair and long-time delegate to the Executive Body, former Chair of the Working Group on Abatement Strategies

- 11.50 An NGO perspective - Mr. Christer Ågren (The Swedish NGO Secretariat on Acid Rain)
- 12.00 A view from industry - Mr. William S. Kyte (Chairman of Environment and Sustainable Development, Union of the Electricity Industry (EURELECTRIC))
- 12.10 Complying with protocol obligations - Mr. Patrick Széll (United Kingdom), Chair of the Implementation Committee
- 12.20 A vision of the future - Mr. Richard Ballaman (Switzerland), Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review
- 12.30 Questions to speakers and remarks from the floor
- 12.50 25 years of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution - a book on the history of the Convention – Mr. Johan Sliggers (Netherlands), Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review
- 13.00 – 15.00 LUNCH BREAK

#### Scientific and technical issues

- 15.00 Introduction by the Chairman
- 15.10 Introduction to the “EMEP assessment report” - Mr. Anton Eliassen (Norway), Director, Norwegian Meteorological Institute
- 15.25 Introduction to the “Review and Assessment of Air Pollution Effects and their Recorded Trends” - Mr. Heinz-Detlef Gregor (Germany), Chair of the Working Group on Effects
- 15.40 The role of the World Health Organization (WHO) - Mr. Michal Krzyzanowski (WHO European Centre for Environment and Health), Chair of the Joint WHO/ Executive Body Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution
- 15.50 Techno-economic issues - Mr. Lars Lindau (Sweden), Vice-Chair of the Executive Body and former Chair of the Working Group on Abatement Techniques
- 16.00 Integrated assessment modelling - Mr. Leen Hordijk (Director, International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)), former Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling

16.10 – 16.40 Coffee break

16.40 The links to global problems - Mr. Henning Wuester (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, secretariat)

16.50 POPs and global issues - Mr. David Stone (Canada), Co-Chair of the Task Force on Persistent Organic Pollutants

17.00 Hemispheric issues - Mr. Bill Harnett (United States), former Vice-Chair of the Executive Body

17.10 Questions to speakers and remarks from the floor

18.00 Close

18.10 Reception hosted by Norway and Switzerland