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**PROGRESS IN CORE ACTIVITIES**

Note by the secretariat

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This note has been prepared to assist the Executive Body in its review and assessment of progress made in the following areas of cooperation within the scope of the Convention:

(a) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), encompassing the two core activities:

(i) atmospheric monitoring and modelling; and (ii) integrated assessment;

(b) Effects of major air pollutants on human health and the environment, the third core activity identified by the Executive Body.

2. Progress in cooperation should be evaluated in relation to the 2006 workplan for the implementation of the Convention, as adopted by the Executive Body at its twenty-third session (<http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/Workplan%202006.htm>).

3. At its twenty-third session, the Executive Body for the Convention took note of the updated workplan for the further development of the effects-oriented activities (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/4), as amended in the report on the twenty-fourth session of the Working Group on Effects (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/2, paras. 68–70), and invited the Working Group on Effects and the Steering Body of EMEP to continue their close cooperation in implementing the priority tasks of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/87, paras. 17(j) and 19(k)).

4. Pursuant to decisions of the Executive Body, the Extended Bureau of the Working Group on Effects and the Bureau of the Steering Body of EMEP held their fifth annual joint meeting in March 2006 to reconsider and update their medium-term workplans for 2006–2008.

5. A number of Parties have contributed significantly to the core activities by leading task forces, hosting coordinating centres, organizing workshops and seminars, and designating experts to assist the secretariat in the preparation of draft documents for submission to relevant bodies or meetings. The number of Parties playing an active role in these areas has increased.

## **I. COOPERATIVE PROGRAMME FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF AIR POLLUTANTS IN EUROPE (EMEP)**

6. The Steering Body held its thirtieth session in Geneva from 4 to 6 September 2006 (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/2).

7. The Steering Body reviewed the progress in the work of its centres and task forces. It expressed its satisfaction with the progress achieved in all areas of work and identified the directions for future work, in particular as follows:

(a) It noted the delays in the calculation of the source-receptor relationships for 2004 caused by the priority given to the preparations of input for the review of the Gothenburg

Protocol and invited the EMEP Meteorological Synthesizing Centre – West (MSC-W) to finalize those by 1 December 2006. It noted the use of emission estimates in the modelling work and observed that all conclusions made on the basis of such estimates should be used with caution. It also noted the consequences of the switch from the concentration-based (AOT) to the flux-based approach for ozone and invited MSC-W to make these changes transparent in the context of the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. It stressed the importance of modelling at both the regional and local scales, as well as the proper inclusion of the Central Asia region in the modelling activities, and invited MSC-W to explore ways to further develop hemispheric modelling, taking into account possible synergies with other modelling activities.

(b) It welcomed the outcome of the review of the EMEP Meteorological Synthesizing Centre – East (MSC-E) model of heavy metals in October 2005. It noted that there were still discrepancies between the model results and measured concentrations when using emission data reported by Parties. It urged Parties to carefully re-evaluate their emission estimates and invited MSC-E, in cooperation with the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections, to look further into this issue. It noted that the main priorities for future work would be lead, cadmium and mercury. It also noted the need to extend the modelling domain to the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA), including the entire territory of the Russian Federation, not only for mercury but also for other metals, and it invited MSC-E to explore ways to include these countries in its modelling activities.

(c) It noted that there were still considerable uncertainties regarding PM (particulate matter) emission inventories and urged Parties to enhance their efforts to improve the quality of their PM emission reporting. It also noted the gaps in PM monitoring and urged the EMEP Chemical Coordination Centre (CCC) to continue its efforts to develop an agreed standardized method for PM monitoring, including PM speciation, and to include it in the *EMEP Manual for Sampling and Chemical Analysis* soon as possible. The Steering Body took note of the progress achieved in PM modelling and invited MSC-W to work towards its further improvement, especially with regard to carbonaceous species. It also welcomed the cooperation with the Expert Group on Particulate Matter and encouraged the centres to continue to contribute to its work.

(d) The Steering Body welcomed the outcome of the Workshop on the Review of the MSC-E Model on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) held in Moscow in October

2005, and it invited MSC-E to take all the necessary steps to implement its recommendations. It noted the gaps in monitoring, in particular for dioxins and furans, as well as the considerable uncertainties in the emission data for POPs and urged Parties to make efforts to improve the quality of their reporting. The Steering Body agreed that, in terms of the supporting scientific information, the focus should be shifting from the substances included in annex I to the Protocol, most of which were banned, to those which were unintentionally released and the new substances proposed for addition to the Protocol. It took note of the report by the Netherlands research organization TNO on the estimated future emission reductions and cost of options for a possible revision of the Protocol on POPs and invited MSC-E to take the report into account in its work.

8. The Steering Body welcomed the progress achieved in the national implementation of the EMEP Monitoring Strategy and urged Parties to continue their efforts towards its full implementation.

9. It welcomed the proposed structure of the PM assessment report and invited Parties to provide national contributions on PM assessment and to collaborate as closely as possible with the Expert Group on Particulate Matter in order to identify the questions most relevant for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. It welcomed the proposal to hold a workshop on the PM assessment review and a joint workshop between the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling and the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling on urban fine-scale modelling in November 2006.

10. The Steering Body took note of the progress in integrated assessment modelling, in particular the preparation of the inputs for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. It acknowledged that the methodological changes in the RAINS model represented clear improvements and took note of the consequences of these changes for achieving the objectives of the Protocol. It encouraged the involvement of EECCA countries in integrated assessment modelling and invited the Executive Body to urge all Parties and relevant bodies under the Convention, and in particular the non-European Union (EU) countries in the EMEP domain, to provide the necessary data, including activity data, for integrated assessment modelling.

11. The Steering Body took note of the initial results of the GAINS model and the important interlinkages between climate change mitigation measures and air pollution abatement measures. While the GAINS model was not included in the review process, greenhouse gas emission control measures could be included in a possible revision process if there was a request to do so. It was agreed that the Executive Body should be asked for guidance on the possible application of the GAINS model in a possible revision of the Gothenburg Protocol.

12. The Steering Body welcomed the funding provided by the European Commission for integrated assessment modelling and invited MSC-W to contribute to the implementation of the EU/LIFE (Financial Instrument for the Environment) project “Consortium for the modelling of air pollution and climate strategies” (EC4MACS).

13. The Steering Body recognized the importance of the work on emission quality and invited its Bureau to explore further the issue of reorganizing emissions-related work within EMEP. It welcomed the trial in-depth stage 3 review of emission data and invited the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections to develop proposals on the scope, responsibilities, methods and procedures for work for consideration at its thirty-first session in 2007.

14. The Steering Body expressed interest in further work on capacity-building in air emission inventories in EECCA countries through the CAPACT<sup>1</sup> project and European Environment Agency (EEA)/Technical Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States (TACIS) initiatives. It noted that reliable and robust emission data were a prerequisite for including this region in atmospheric modelling activities within EMEP.

15. The Steering Body welcomed the progress in revising the *EMEP/CORINAIR Atmospheric Emission Inventory Guidebook* and stressed the importance of updating it to

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<sup>1</sup>Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia.

reflect changes in abatement technologies and to strengthen information on projections. It noted the updating of the chapter on PM and agreed that the chapter, published in a preliminary form, could be used by Parties to prepare PM inventories. The Steering Body took note of the EEA and EC proposals for restructuring and updating the *Guidebook*, but expressed concern that the proposal would not focus on heavy metals and POPs. It invited the Task Force to explore possibilities to facilitate the work on these substances.

16. With regard to the revision of the *2002 Emission Reporting Guidelines*, the Steering Body invited the Task Force to include reporting of projected emission and activity data in order to promote transparency, and it stressed that the revision should not increase Parties' reporting burden. EMEP would benefit from mandatory reporting of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> and a mandatory requirement to prepare Informative Inventory Reports (IIRs). Reporting on emissions from fuel sold and fuel used would provide valuable information.

17. The Steering Body discussed the results of the second meeting of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution, which had focused on POPs, mercury and methane as an ozone precursor, as well as the results of the Workshop on Intercontinental Transport Modelling Intercomparison held in January 2006. It approved the outline of the interim 2007 assessment report which was being prepared by the Task Force and was intended as an input to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

18. The Steering Body expressed approval of the draft annotated report outline for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol, as presented in document ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/14, and urged the EMEP task forces and centres to make their contributions in accordance with the timetable for the preparation of the final report on the review as presented in document ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/82.

19. The Steering Body amended and agreed upon its workplan for 2007 (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/10/Rev.1), prepared on the basis of the priorities of the Executive Body as reflected in recent workplans, with input from the Task Forces and centres, and took into account the results of the joint meeting between the Bureaux of the Steering Body and the

Working Group on Effects. It also took note of the draft Executive Body decision on data availability under the Convention and proposed amendments to it (see annex).

20. The Steering Body agreed to the proposed budget of the EMEP Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling (CIAM) for 2007, as set out in the report of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (EB.AIR/GE.1/2003/4, para. 59), and decided to keep the proposed budgets for 2008 and 2009 at the same level. It also considered the financial and budgetary matters of EMEP (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/11) that are reported in ECE/EB.AIR/2006/2.

21. The Executive Body may wish, *inter alia*, to:

(a) Take note of the report of the thirtieth session of the EMEP Steering Body (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/2);

(b) Take note of the progress achieved by the EMEP task forces and centres in preparing the inputs for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol;

(c) Note the progress made in the modelling and monitoring of heavy metals, POPs and PM;

(d) Welcome progress in the national implementation of the EMEP monitoring strategy and call upon Parties to continue their efforts towards its full implementation;

(e) Urge all Parties and relevant bodies under the Convention, and in particular non-EU countries in the EMEP domain, to provide the necessary data for integrated assessment modelling, including activity data;

(f) Welcome the efforts to improve the quality of emission data reporting and the steps taken to revise the 2002 Emission Reporting Guidelines and update the *EMEP/CORINAIR Emission Inventory Guidebook*;

(g) Stress the importance of including the EECCA region in the EMEP modelling activities and recognize the need for emission inventories and monitoring data for this region; welcome the capacity-building efforts undertaken through the CAPACT and EU/TACIS projects and call upon Parties to contribute to such capacity-building activities in the region;

(h) Welcome the output of the second meeting of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution and note the preparation of the interim 2007 assessment report as an input to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol;

(i) Invite the Steering Body of EMEP and the Working Group on Effects to continue close cooperation in implementing the priority tasks of the Convention;

(j) Welcome the continued and useful cooperation of EMEP with other international organizations;

(k) Take note with satisfaction of the work accomplished by CIAM that was partially funded by the Trust Fund for core activities not covered by the EMEP Protocol; approve the proposed budget of CIAM for 2007 as set out in the report of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (EB.AIR/GE.1/2003/4, para. 59); agree to keep the 2008 and 2009 provisional budgets at the same level; and call upon Parties to make every effort to provide the necessary funding for work on integrated assessment modelling to be conducted as foreseen in the workplan; and

(l) Welcome the funding provided by the European Commission for integrated assessment modelling.

## **II. EFFECTS OF MAJOR AIR POLLUTANTS ON HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

22. The Working Group on Effects held its twenty-fifth session in Geneva from 30 August to 1 September 2006 (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/2).

23. The Working Group reviewed the results of the effects-oriented activities, as presented in the 2006 Joint Report of the International Cooperative Programmes (ICPs) and the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/3 and ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/3/Add.1). It welcomed the growing participation of countries in the effects-oriented activities, noted the positive results of closer and more effective cooperation between ICPs, as well as with EMEP and other bodies under the Convention, and stressed the continuing need to communicate the results of the effects-oriented activities to policy and decision makers, to the professional community (including that outside the Convention) and to the general public, in order to maintain the necessary awareness and support.

24. The Working Group took note of the appointment of Mr. Tidblad as Co-Chair of the ICP on Effects of Air Pollution on Materials, Including Historic and Cultural Monuments (ICP Materials) and expressed its appreciation of the work of the previous Co-Chair, Mr. V. Kucera (Sweden).

25. The Working Group reviewed the work of the ICP on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests (ICP Forests), in particular on the responses of ground vegetation to sulphur and nitrogen deposition, and took note of the summary report on the results of monitoring forest conditions in Europe (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/5).

26. The Working Group congratulated the ICP on the Assessment and Monitoring of Acidification of Rivers and Lakes (ICP Waters) on its work, noted in particular the report on new calculations of critical and target loads at monitoring sites and the fact that nitrogen retention and losses in catchments continued to be major unknown factors (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/6).

27. The Working Group considered the recent results of ICP Materials and noted the report on observed corrosion, which in 1987–1997 generally decreased at the experimental sites and in 1997–2003 continued to decrease for carbon steel but not for zinc and limestone (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/7).

28. The Working Group expressed its satisfaction with the progress achieved in implementing the ICP on Effects of Air Pollution on Natural Vegetation and Crops (ICP Vegetation) and took note of the technical report on the impacts of ozone on vegetation in a changing climate (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/8). It also noted the work done on the trends for nitrogen and heavy metals in mosses.

29. The Working Group congratulated the ICP on Integrated Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Ecosystems (ICP Integrated Monitoring) on its work on trends in sulphur and nitrogen concentrations in deposition, soil and water. It took note of the fact that catchment budgets showed that deposition of heavy metals was often higher than leaching, indicating accumulation

in the catchment, and that critical loads were exceeded for lead and mercury but not for cadmium (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/9).

30. The Working Group expressed its satisfaction with the recent important results of the ICP on Modelling and Mapping of Critical Loads and Levels and Air Pollution Effects, Risks and Trends (ICP Modelling and Mapping) and the Coordination Centre for Effects (CCE) and took note of the new 2006 data from national focal centres on critical loads and dynamic models for acidification and eutrophication as well as on heavy metals (Pb, Cd and Hg) (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/10). The Working Group recommended that the 2006 data on critical loads, including dynamic modelling parameters for use in integrated assessment modelling, be used in work under the Convention, in particular in the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. It confirmed again that the underlying methodology for critical loads for heavy metals was scientifically sound and formed a satisfactory basis for the application of an effects-based approach as described in ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2006/2, paragraph 75, and it recommended that the results be used in work under the Convention, in particular in the review of the Protocol on Heavy Metals. It took note of the results of the sixteenth CCE workshop and approved the proposal of the nitrogen session of this workshop to issue a voluntary call for data for the nitrogen-related parameters (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/10) as preparation for a possible revision of the Gothenburg Protocol.

31. The Working Group reviewed the work of the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution and took note of the conclusions on the health risks of heavy metals from long-range transboundary air pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/12). It also took note of the report "Health risks of particulate matter from long-range transboundary air pollution". It welcomed the progress in assessing health impacts of ozone and PM in EECCA.

32. The Working Group took note of the conclusions of the report of the sixth meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/13), noting its work in assessing the applicability of dynamic models and target loads in the review of the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/14), in particular the major breakthrough in dynamic modelling as a result of the CCE call for data in 2004. It noted the proposals from the Joint

Expert Group to continue its work and the active participation of ICPs and national experts in its activities.

33. The Working Group took note of the results of the Workshop on Causal Relations of Nitrogen in the Cascade (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/15) and the Workshop on Nitrogen Processes and Dynamic Modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/14, annex), held in connection with the sixth meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling. It also endorsed the results of the Workshop on Critical Levels of Ozone: Further Applying and Developing the Flux-based Concept (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/11) and the work to further develop the flux-based parameterization for the receptor species.

34. The Working Group took note of the results of the joint meeting of its Extended Bureau and the Bureau of the EMEP Steering Body. It stressed the importance of continuing collaboration with the EMEP Steering Body, in particular with its Bureau and programme centres, to ensure that the Convention's priorities were addressed effectively.

35. The Working Group noted that the draft 2007 workplan for the further development of the effects-oriented activities (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/4) had followed the Executive Body's invitation to harmonize as much as possible the workplans of the Working Group and the EMEP Steering Body. It agreed that workplan could be used as a basis for setting up contracts under the Trust Fund. It noted the importance of continuing to report on annual workplan items and agreed to prepare a separate document for the input for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. It also noted the EU/LIFE project "Consortium for the modelling of air pollution and climate strategies" (EC4MACS), which would include effects-based work and deliverables of CCE in the period 2007–2011. It approved the updated 2007 workplan (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/4), as amended, for the further development of the effects-oriented activities.

36. The Working Group on Effects acknowledged the importance of the collaborative work on cross-cutting issues, in particular on the workplan items common to all programmes. It encouraged them to report interim results in 2006, in particular the input for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol, and to complete the work on these items as proposed in the 2007 workplan.

37. The Working Group discussed the draft data rules for the Convention and decided to submit them, as amended. It entrusted its Chair to present them to the EMEP Steering Body session as an informal document and asked the Bureau of the Working Group to prepare a document for presentation to the twenty-fourth session of the Executive Body. The Bureau agreed on amendments proposed by the EMEP Steering Body and prepared the final draft decision (see annex).

38. The Working Group considered the note on the financing of the effects-oriented activities (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/13), in particular the tables showing the 2007 international coordination costs of different effects-oriented activities. The Working Group approved the note as amended, including an agreed budget for effects-oriented programmes for 2007 of US\$ 2,152,700 and provisional annual budgets for 2008 and 2009 of US\$ 2,152,700, and decided to submit it to the Executive Body. It also decided to make the note available for information to the Working Group on Strategies and Review, noting that Parties might propose it as an item to be discussed at that Working Group's next session. The Working Group reiterated its appreciation for the essential support rendered by countries leading the programmes or hosting programme centres, and it reiterated its invitation to all Parties which had not yet done so to provide without undue delay the contributions outlined by the Executive Body in its decision 2002/1 to the Trust Fund. The Working Group took note with satisfaction of the work accomplished by ICPs and the Task Force on Health and partially funded by the Trust Fund (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/13). It considered Executive Body decision 2002/1 concerning funding of international coordination of core activities; agreed that it was not yet able to identify activities that could be offered to Parties for support outside of decision 2002/1, as invited by the Working Group of Strategies and Review (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/82, item 31 (b)); and asked its Bureau and the programmes to suggest such activities.

39. The Executive Body may wish, *inter alia*, to:

(a) Take note of the report of the twenty-fifth session of the Working Group on Effects (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/2);

- (b) Note the further progress in developing the effects-oriented activities and the important results achieved by the ICPs and the Task Force on Health in implementing the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/3 and ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/3/Add.1);
- (c) Express appreciation for the continued progress achieved in the application of dynamic modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/14) and the major breakthrough in results following the CCE call for data, and consider the use of the results in the review of the Gothenburg Protocol;
- (d) Confirm that the new 2006 European critical and target loads data and maps (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/10) may be used for work under the Convention, in particular in the review of the Gothenburg Protocol;
- (e) Welcome the progress achieved in cooperation between the bodies under the Convention and invite the Working Group on Effects and the Steering Body of EMEP to continue their close cooperation in implementing the priority tasks of the Convention;
- (f) Reiterate the importance of active participation by all Parties to the Convention, as well as of effective cooperation among the programmes, task forces and coordinating centres and their close collaboration with EMEP, and welcome the further development of close links with relevant institutions and organizations outside the Convention;
- (g) Reiterate its invitation to Parties to nominate national focal centres for those effects-oriented activities/programmes in which they do not yet actively participate;
- (h) Note the importance of continuing the communication of the results and findings of the effects-oriented activities to the scientific community, policy makers and the general public, both nationally and internationally;
- (i) Take note of the updated 2007 workplan for the further development of the effects-oriented activities (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/4/Rev.1);
- (j) Endorse the data rules for the Convention;
- (k) Note document ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/13, as amended, on the financing of the effects-oriented activities;
- (l) Note with satisfaction the work accomplished by ICPs and the Task Force on Health and partially funded by the Trust Fund (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/13); and
- (m) Note the need for an improved approach to securing sufficient and stable funding for effects-oriented and integrated assessment modelling activities and consider further action to

implement its decision 2002/1 to secure long-term funding for the core activities not covered by the EMEP Protocol.

Annex**Data availability under the Convention****I. BACKGROUND**

In response to wishes to improve the availability of data generated under the Convention, the Bureau of the Working Group on Effects in 2005 initiated preparations, in consultation with the Bureau of the EMEP Steering Body, to draft a revised set of data rules designed to be more generic and widely applicable than the existing sets previously agreed on by the Executive Body. The Bureau of the Executive Body was informed accordingly. The drafting results were reported to the joint meeting of the Extended Bureau of the Working Group on Effects and the Bureau of the Steering Body of EMEP in March 2006. The draft decision, amended at the sessions of the respective subsidiary bodies, was agreed for presentation to the twenty-fourth session of the Executive Body for approval.

**II. DRAFT EXECUTIVE BODY DECISION**

The Executive Body,

Intent on implementing article 7 (Research and development) and article 8 (Exchange of information) of the Convention, and mindful of article 5 (Public awareness) of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol,

Bearing in mind that sharing of scientific and technical knowledge has been essential for the agreement and implementation of protocols and believing that future development of the Convention will rely upon output from its scientific and technical bodies,

Acknowledging the important contributions made by the lead Parties and programme centres of the Convention to its scientific and technical programmes;

Stressing the need for Parties to submit their national data to the secretariat or programme centres and to contribute to the scientific and technical work of the Convention, and urging Parties to continue their efforts to this end,

Affirming that the Convention's use of scientific and technical data should be open and transparent to all,

Noting, however, that issues such as intellectual property rights and commercial in confidence may affect the availability of some national data,

1. Decides that scientific and technical data submitted by Parties or their national focal centres are publicly available at programme centres, unless:
  - (a) A Party or one of its national focal centres provides a reason why it is delayed; or
  - (b) The Executive Body or one of its main subsidiary bodies decides that it is not timely to release the data.
2. Invites any Party, national focal point or Convention body that indicates data release should be delayed, to indicate what it considers an appropriate time for the data's release.
3. Recognizes that when a programme centre is requested to provide certain data sets or data formats that are not readily available, it may need to charge the recipient for preparing the data.
4. Requests that programme centres make efforts to ensure that data users give due acknowledgement to the Convention and/or its bodies as well as, where appropriate, to providers of original data.