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TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation
of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)

Thirty-first session
Geneva, 3–5 September 2007

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3 September 2007¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/1

Item 2. Adoption of the report on the thirtieth session

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 10.05 a.m.

Documentation: EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/2 (Report on the thirtieth session of the EMEP Steering Body)

Item 3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the EMEP Bureau

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 10.15 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/9 (Activities of the EMEP Bureau)
ECE/EB.AIR/89 and Add.1 (Report of the Executive Body)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/5 (Workshop on air pollution and its relations to climate change and sustainable development – linking immediate needs with long-term challenges)

Introduction: The secretariat will inform the Steering Body about matters arising from the twenty-fourth session of the Executive Body for the Convention. The Chair of the Steering Body will present a summary of the work of the EMEP Bureau between the Steering Body's thirtieth and thirty-first sessions, including cooperation with the Working Group on Effects.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss and provide guidance for further work on: (i) the future organization of the emissions work; (ii) the extension of the spatial scales to include the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia region; and (iii) the streamlining of the modelling work between Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East (MSC-E) and Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West (MSC-W), and the potential for further synergies.

Item 4. Progress in activities in 2007 and future work

The four status reports listed below will be available on the EMEP website (www.emep.int). The Steering Body may wish to approve the executive summaries of the four reports and decide to present them to the Executive Body.

(a) Acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 11 a.m.

Documentation: EMEP Status Report 1/07: acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/3 (Measurements and modelling)

Introduction: MSC-W will give an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling of acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants, including progress in work at the Chemical Coordinating Centre (CCC), progress in work at the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling (CIAM), its own work, the discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2009.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss and provide guidance on the further development of the unified EMEP global model, as well as for further work on the unresolved issues and biases in modelling and monitoring.

(b) Heavy metals

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: EMEP Status Report 2/07: Heavy metals pollution
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/3 (Measurements and modelling)

Introduction: MSC-E will present an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling heavy metals, including progress in implementing the recommendations of the workshop on the review of its model, progress in work at CCC, its own work, the discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2009.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss and provide guidance on: (i) the use of officially submitted emission data versus expert estimates; and (ii) further steps to resolve the issues of the discrepancies between the modelled data and observations, as well as the role of the different task forces and the centres in this process.

(c) Particulate matter

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 4.30 p.m.

Documentation: EMEP Status Report 4/07: Particulate matter assessment report
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/3 (Measurements and modelling)

Introduction: CCC will present an overview of activities on atmospheric monitoring and modelling of particulate matter (PM), including progress in work at MSC-W and CIAM, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2009.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss the PM assessment report and provide guidance for further work on: (i) PM measurements (rural vs. urban, PM₁₀ vs. PM_{2.5}) and

chemical composition; (ii) the model performance for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} in terms of chemical composition and confidence in mass closure; and (iii) unresolved modelling issues.

(d) Persistent organic pollutants

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: EMEP Status Report 3/07: Persistent organic pollutants
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/3 (Measurements and modelling)

Introduction: MSC-E will present an overview of activities on monitoring and modelling persistent organic pollutants, including progress in implementing the recommendations of the workshop on the review of its model, progress in work at CCC, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2009.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss the issue of whether available measurements are sufficient to evaluate/validate the model performance, as well as the status of the emission data and the proportion of expert estimates compared to data inventories made by countries, and to make suggestions for further steps.

(e) Measurements and modelling

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 11.30 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/3 (Measurements and modelling)

Introduction: The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the seventh meeting of the Task Force, held in Dessau, Germany, from 25 to 27 April 2007.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss: (i) the status of implementation of the monitoring strategy and the guiding principles for its revision; (ii) progress in cooperation with national experts and ways for its improvement; and (iii) how to account for the link with climate change (in relation with the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution) and to provide guidance for further work on these issues.

(f) Integrated assessment modelling

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/4 (Integrated assessment modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/14 (Workshop on cost-effective control of urban air pollution)

Introduction: The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on progress made, including the results of the thirty-third meeting of the Task Force held in Prague, Czech Republic, on 2 and 4 May 2007, as well as the conclusions of the work on the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. CIAM will report on progress made, including the development of baseline scenarios and the results of the workshop on Cost-effective control of urban air pollution held on 16 and 17 November 2006 in Laxenburg, Austria.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss: (i) ways to improve the quality of the input data for integrated assessment modelling for non-European Union Parties; and (ii) whether the CITY-DELTA approach is satisfactory in the treatment of the urban scale, and steps for further improvement.

(g) Emissions

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 4.30 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/7 (Emission inventories and projections)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/8 (Present state of emission data)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/16 (Methods and procedures for stage 3 in-depth reviews)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/15 (Emission reporting guidelines)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/9 (Activities of the EMEP Bureau)
EMEP/MS-CW Data Report, emission data reported to UNECE/EMEP: Status as of 2007

Introduction: The Chair of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections will report on progress made, including the results of the Task Force's seventeenth and eighteenth meetings, held in Thessaloniki, Greece, from 31 October to 2 November 2006 and in Dessau, Germany, on 23 and 24 May 2007, and will present progress in the revision of the *Emission Reporting Guidelines*² and the inventory improvement programme, as well as in the updating of the *EMEP/CORINAIR Emission Inventory Guidebook*. MSC-W will inform the Steering Body about the status of emissions data reporting, its own work and the work of CIAM on data quality. The Chair will further present the proposals by the Bureau on the reorganization of the emissions work under EMEP and the establishment of a new centre.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to: (i) discuss and approve the proposal for the in-depth reviews and suggest possible ways to strengthen the process; and (ii) provide guidance on the open issues concerning the revision of the Emission Reporting Guidelines.

(h) Hemispheric air pollution

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/12 (Hemispheric transport of air pollution)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/13 (Interim report of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution)

Introduction: The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will report on: (i) the results of its third meeting, held in London from 30 May to 1 June 2007; (ii) the results of the Workshop on Emission Inventories and Projections, held in Beijing in October 2006; (iii) the Workshop on Integrated observation for assessing hemispheric transport of air pollution, held in Geneva in January 2007; (iv) the conclusions of the interim assessment report; and (v) plans for future work.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss and approve the main findings of the interim assessment report and to consider how synergies between MSC-E and MSC-W can be used in an optimal way in their efforts to extend the modelling to a global domain.

² *Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emission Data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution.*

Item 5. Review of the Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 11 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/6 (Review of the Gothenburg Protocol)

Introduction: The secretariat will introduce the main review document for the Gothenburg Protocol review.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss and provide any comments and recommendations for finalizing the document. A final version of the document will be submitted to the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Body in December 2007.

Item 6. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 12 noon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/9 (Activities of the EMEP Bureau)
Organizations and programmes are invited to make available informal documentation on their work.

Introduction: The organizations and programmes represented at the session will be invited to present briefly their work and their cooperation with EMEP. The secretariat will inform the Steering Body of the invitation for the Convention's formal participation in the Group for Earth Observations (GEO).

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of the information and decide on further cooperation. In particular, the Steering Body is expected to discuss the proposal by the EMEP Bureau for formal cooperation with GEO and recommend to the Executive Body to accept the invitation.

Item 7. Workplan for 2008

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/10 (Draft workplan for 2008)

Introduction: The Chair will introduce the draft workplan for 2008.

Expected outcome: Taking into account the presentations and discussion under agenda items 3, 4 and 5, the Steering Body is expected to agree upon the draft workplan for 2008, which will be presented to the Executive Body for adoption.

Item 8. Financial and budgetary matters

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 4 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/11 (Financial and budgetary matters of EMEP)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/9 (Activities of the EMEP Bureau)

Introduction: The secretariat will introduce the note and report on any updates regarding the payment of mandatory contributions to EMEP in 2007. The Chair will introduce the proposal by the EMEP Bureau for an increase of the EMEP budget.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is, inter alia, expected to adopt the detailed budget for 2008 and the list of mandatory contributions for 2008, and to submit these for approval by the Executive Body.

Item 9. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 5 p.m.

Background: At its thirtieth session in 2006, the Steering Body re-elected Mr. J. Schneider (Austria) as Chair. It re-elected Mr. P. Grennfelt (Sweden), Mr. J. Rea (United Kingdom), Ms. L. Rouil (France), Ms. S. Vidic (Croatia), Mr. K. Wieringa (Netherlands) and Ms. M. Wichmann-Fiebig (Germany) as Vice-Chairs.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to elect its Chair and its Vice-Chairs for the coming year.

Item 10. Other business

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 5.15 p.m.

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

Item 11. Closing of the thirty-first session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 5.30 p.m.

Documentation: Informal outline of the report of the session

Introduction: The secretariat will present an outline of the report with the main decisions.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to give directions to the secretariat for finalizing the report.
