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**EXECUTIVE BODY FOR THE CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE
TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Effects

Twenty-seventh session
Geneva, 24–26 September 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 24 September 2008 ¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-sixth session
3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies
4. Recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge
5. Review of air pollution effects
6. Further development of effects-oriented activities

¹ There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting. On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section's new location at the Pregny gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). A map is available on the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>).

7. Financing of effects-oriented activities
8. Election of officers
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10. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 24 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/1 (Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh session)

Item 2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-sixth session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 24 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/2 (Report of the Working Group on Effects on the twenty-sixth session)

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

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 24 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/91, Corr.1, Adds 1 and 2 (Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-fifth session)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/88 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on the fortieth session)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/90 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-first session)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/2 (Report of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) on the thirty-first session)

The Working Group on Effects is expected to take note of the matters arising from the twenty-fifth session of the Convention's Executive Body, the fortieth and forty-first sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, and the thirty-first session of the Steering Body to EMEP.

Item 4. Recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 24 September, afternoon –

Thursday, 25 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/3 (2008 Joint report of the International Cooperative Programmes (ICPs), the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution and the Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/6 (2008 results of monitoring forest condition in Europe)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/7 (Monitoring effects of long-range transboundary air pollution on surface waters in Europe and North America since 1985)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/8 (Combined effects of climate change and air pollution on materials including cultural heritage)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/9 (Evidence of widespread ozone damage to vegetation in Europe (1990–2006))
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/10 (Links between climate change and air pollution effects using site-specific data)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/11 (Modelling nitrogen effects in terrestrial ecosystems, including biodiversity)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/12 (Health risks of ozone in Europe)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/13 (Dynamic modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/14 (Workshop on critical loads for heavy metals)
Other documents and publications made available by the programmes

The Working Group will have before it the 2008 joint report, which covers achievements of effects-oriented activities. Lead countries will draw attention to recent activities, in particular publications and Task Force meetings. The Working Group is expected to take note of the progress made. It may wish to provide guidance for future activities. The pursuing review of recent results is organized according to the following pollution-specific topics:

- (a) Acidification;
- (b) Nutrient nitrogen;
- (c) Ozone;
- (d) Particulate matter;
- (e) Heavy metals;
- (f) Persistent organic pollutants;
- (g) Cross-cutting items.

Each topic will have contributions from the relevant workplan items, in particular the common workplan items and the other work carried out in all programmes. The presentations will also include issues from the technical reports of the programmes and workshops. The Working Group

is expected to take note of the technical reports and the completion of workplan items. It may wish to provide guidance for future goals.

Item 5. Review of air pollution effects

Tentative timing: Friday, 26 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/15 (Consolidated report on air pollution effects and the full report (in English only))

The Working Group will have before it for consideration a document describing the dose-response relationships of air pollution, stock at risk and links between observations and critical loads. The Working Group is expected to adopt the report and to approve its submission to the Executive Body at the latter's twenty-sixth session.

Item 6. Further development of effects-oriented activities

Tentative timing: Friday, 26 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/4 (Draft 2009 workplan)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/16 (Draft guidelines for reporting on the monitoring and modelling of air pollution effects)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/10 (Reactive nitrogen)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/3 - ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/5 (Workshop on integrated modelling of nitrogen)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/4 (Integrated assessment modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/13 (Plan for the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol)

The Working Group will have before it for consideration documents prepared by its Bureau in consultation with the Extended Bureau, taking into account the recent relevant decisions of the Executive Body and other subsidiary bodies of the Convention as well as available information on the air pollution policies of the European Commission. The Working Group is expected to approve the submission of the draft 2009 workplan and the draft guidelines for reporting effects to the Executive Body at the latter's twenty-sixth session. The Working Group will also review its current outreach activities on air pollution and discuss possibilities for further collaboration with relevant international work.

Item 7. Financing of effects-oriented activities

Tentative timing: Friday, 26 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/5 (Financing of effects-oriented activities)

The Working Group will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat detailing the financing of effects-oriented activities, summarizing the voluntary contributions received in 2007 and 2008, reviewing the use of the contributions in 2008 and presenting plans for their use in 2009. The Working Group is expected to consider the note and approve its submission to the Executive Body at the latter's twenty-sixth session.

Item 8. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Friday, 26 September, afternoon

The Working Group is expected to elect its Chair and five Vice-Chairs. The elected officers will constitute the Bureau and will remain in office through the next session.

Item 9. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 26 September, afternoon

The Working Group will have before it for consideration a provisional list of meetings for 2008/2009 compiled by the secretariat on the basis of information provided by the delegations and programmes.

Item 10: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Friday, 26 September, afternoon

The Working Group will adopt the decisions taken during the session. The draft report of the session, including the agreed decisions, will be finalized by the Chair in consultation with the secretariat following the session, and will be posted on the Convention's website. The report will be presented for adoption at the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group.
