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**EXECUTIVE BODY FOR THE CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE  
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-second session  
Geneva, 8–10 September 2008

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 8 September 2008<sup>1</sup>

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report on the thirty-first session
3. Election of officers

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<sup>1</sup> 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>).

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## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1. Adoption of the agenda**

***Tentative timing:*** Monday, 8 September, 10 a.m.

***Documentation:*** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/1

### **Item 2. Adoption of the report on the thirty-first session**

***Tentative timing:*** Monday, 8 September, 10.05 a.m.

***Documentation:*** EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/2 (Report on the thirty-first session of the EMEP Steering Body)

### **Item 3. Election of officers**

***Tentative timing:*** Wednesday, 8 September, 10.15 a.m.

***Background:*** At its thirty-first session in 2007, the EMEP Steering Body re-elected Mr. J. Schneider (Austria) as Chair. It re-elected Mr. P. Grennfelt (Sweden), Mr. J. Rea (United Kingdom), Ms. S. Vidic (Croatia), Mr. K. Wieringa (Netherlands) and

Ms. M. Wichmann-Fiebig (Germany) as Vice-Chairs. The Steering Body also agreed that it should invite a representative from the European Commission to attend the meetings of its Bureau.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to elect its Chair and its Vice-Chairs for the coming year. It may also wish to decide on continuing to allow representation of the European Commission at Bureau meetings.

#### **Item 4. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the EMEP Bureau**

**Tentative timing:** Monday, 8 September, 10.30 a.m.

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/8 (Activities of the EMEP Bureau)  
ECE/EB.AIR/91 and Adds 1 and 2 (Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-fifth session)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/90 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-first session)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2007/2 (Report of the Working Group on Effects on its twenty-sixth session)

**Introduction:** The secretariat will inform the EMEP Steering Body about matters arising from the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Body as well as relevant issues arising from the forty-first and forty-second sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and the twenty-sixth session of the Working Group on Effects. The Chair of the Steering Body will present a summary of the work of the EMEP Bureau between the Steering Body's thirty-first and thirty-second 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: (a) the review and revision of the EMEP strategy; and (b) the future activities of the Bureau.

#### **Item 5. Progress in activities in 2008 and future work**

The Steering Body is expected to consider progress in the activities of EMEP and may wish to consider aspects of future work in relation to the draft workplan for 2009 (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/9). The four status reports listed below will be available on the EMEP website ([www.emep.int](http://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, 8 September, 11.15 a.m.

**Documentation:** EMEP Status Report 1/08: acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/3 (Measurements and modelling)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/10 (Reactive nitrogen)

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/13 (Plan for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol<sup>2</sup>)

**Introduction:** The Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West (MSC-W) will give an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling of acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants, including progress made with respect to work at the Chemical Coordinating Centre (CCC), the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling (CIAM), its own work, discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for work up to 2009. It will also provide information on the first meeting of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to discuss and provide guidance on the further development of the work taking into account the needs for work on revision of the Gothenburg Protocol.

**(b) Heavy metals**

**Tentative timing:** Monday, 8 September, 3 p.m.

**Documentation:** EMEP Status Report 2/08: Heavy metals pollution  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/3 (Measurements and modelling)

**Introduction:** The Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East (MSC-E) will present an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling heavy metals, including made with respect to implementing the recommendations of the workshop on the review of its model, progress in work at CCC, its own work, discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for future work.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to discuss and provide guidance on the further development of the work.

**(c) Particulate matter**

**Tentative timing:** Monday, 8 September, 4.30 p.m.

**Documentation:** EMEP Status Report 4/08: Particulate matter assessment report  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/3 (Measurements and modelling)

**Introduction:** CCC will present an overview of activities on atmospheric monitoring and modelling of particulate matter (PM), including made with respect to 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 reports and provide guidance for further work.

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<sup>2</sup> The 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

**(d) Persistent organic pollutants**

**Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 9 September, 9 a.m.

**Documentation:** EMEP Status Report 3/07: Persistent organic pollutants  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/3 (Measurements and modelling)

**Introduction:** MSC-E will present an overview of activities on monitoring and modelling persistent organic pollutants, including made with respect to work at CCC, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for future work.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to discuss and provide guidance on the further development of the work.

**(e) Measurements and modelling**

**Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 9 September, 10.30 a.m.

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/3 (Measurements and modelling)

**Introduction:** The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the eighth meeting of the Task Force, held from 23 to 25 April 2008 in Bordeaux, France. CCC will provide a draft revised monitoring strategy as an informal document.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to discuss: (a) the status of implementation of the monitoring strategy and further guidance for its revision; and (b) progress made with respect to cooperation with national experts and means for its improvement.

**(f) Integrated assessment modelling**

**Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 9 September, 2 p.m.

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/4 (Integrated assessment modelling)  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/5 (Workshop on integrated modelling of nitrogen)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/13 (Plan for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol)

**Introduction:** The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on progress made, including the results of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Task Force held on 8 and 9 May 2008 in Madrid, and the conclusions of the workshop on integrated modelling of nitrogen held from 28 to 30 November 2007 in Laxenburg, Austria. CIAM will report on progress made, including the status of baseline scenarios.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to discuss ways to acquire data updates for integrated assessment modelling, in particular for non-European Union Parties.

**(g) Emissions**

**Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 9 September, 3.30 p.m.

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/6 (Emission inventories and projections)

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/12 (Present state of emission data)  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/11 (Draft revised Emission Reporting Guidelines)  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2007/16 (Methods and procedures for stage 3 in-depth reviews)  
EMEP/CEIP Data Report, emission data reported to UNECE/EMEP: Status as of 2008

**Introduction:** The Chair of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections, or her representative, will report on progress made, including the results of the Task Force's nineteenth and twentieth meetings, held on 23 and 24 October 2007 in Dublin and on 26 and 27 May 2008 in Tallinn, and will present progress made with respect to the updating of the *EMEP/CORINAIR Emission Inventory Guidebook*<sup>3</sup>, the revision of the *Emission Reporting Guidelines*<sup>4</sup> and the inventory improvement programme, in particular regarding the in-depth reviews. The Centre for Emission Inventories and Projections will inform the Steering Body about the status of emissions data reporting, its own work and the work of CIAM on data quality.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected (a) to consider the information on the updating of the *Emission Inventory Guidebook* and approve, as appropriate, the revised chapters for future use in the reporting of emissions; (b) to consider and agree on proposals on the stage 3 in-depth reviews of the emission inventories and recommend these to the Executive Body for approval, as necessary; and (c) to take note of the revised *Emission Reporting Guidelines* prior to forwarding them to the twenty-sixth session of the Executive Body for adoption.

#### (h) Hemispheric air pollution

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

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/7 (Hemispheric transport of air pollution)  
ECE/EB.AIR/94 (Hemispheric transport of air pollution 2007. Air Pollution Studies No.16)

**Introduction:** The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will report on: (a) the results of its fourth meeting, held from 7 to 10 May 2008 in Rome; (b) the results of the Workshop on Global and Regional Modelling for Assessing Hemispheric Air Pollution, held from 17 to 19 October 2007 in Jeulich, Germany; (c) the Workshop on Atmospheric Chemistry, Climate and Transboundary Air Pollution, held from 9 to 13 June 2008 in Washington, D.C.; (d) the publication of the interim assessment report; and (e) plans for future work, including a timetable for preparation of a final report.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to discuss and approve the main findings of the Task Force and approve its plans for preparing a final report.

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<sup>3</sup> There is a proposal to change this name to *EMEP/EEA Air Pollutant Emission Inventory Guidebook*.

<sup>4</sup> *Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emission Data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution*.

**Item 6. EMEP Strategy for 2010–2019**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 10 September, 11 a.m.

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/13 (Revising the EMEP Strategy – A discussion paper)

**Introduction:** A member of the EMEP Bureau will present a discussion paper drafted to provide a basis for the revision of the EMEP Strategy (2010–2019), taking into account the achievements of the previous strategy as well as considering possible changes in goals, policy and scientific issues, driving forces and challenges for EMEP activities.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected: (a) to assess the achievements, successes and failures of the implementation of the previous EMEP Strategy's goals; (b) to consider the possible changes in policy and scientific issues, goals, driving forces and challenges and, as needed, agree on revising the Strategy accordingly; (c) to discuss and agree on the proposed new structure for the new strategy as well as on the procedure and time schedule for its revision. The Steering Body should take account of the possible needs of the Executive Body and the development of a long-term strategy by the Working Group on Effects.

**Item 7. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 10 September, 11 a.m.

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/8 (Activities of the EMEP Bureau)  
Informal documents from organizations and programmes

**Introduction:** The organizations and programmes represented at the session will be invited to present briefly their work and their cooperation with EMEP.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of the information and decide on further cooperation.

**Item 8. Outreach and sharing information with other regions**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 10 September, 12 noon

**Introduction:** The secretariat will draw attention to the decision taken at the twenty-fifth session of the Executive Body encouraging subsidiary bodies to share their experience and information with other regions.

**Expected outcome:** Centres and subsidiary bodies are expected to draw attention to relevant current activities and suggest opportunities for developing further outreach links in the future.

**Item 9. Draft workplan for 2009**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 10 September, 3 p.m.

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/9 (Draft workplan for 2009)

**Introduction:** The Chair will introduce the draft workplan for 2009.

**Expected outcome:** Taking into account the presentations and discussion under agenda items 4 to 8, the Steering Body is expected to agree upon the draft workplan for 2009, which will be presented to the Executive Body for adoption.

#### **Item 10. Financial and budgetary matters**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 10 September, 4 p.m.

**Documentation:** ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/10 (Financial and budgetary matters of EMEP)  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/8 (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 2008.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected, inter alia, to adopt the detailed budget for 2009 and the list of mandatory contributions for 2009, and to submit these for approval by the Executive Body.

#### **Item 11. Other business**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 10 September, 5.15 p.m.

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

#### **Item 12. Closing of the thirty-second session**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 10 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.

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