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TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Strategies and Review

Forty-second session
Geneva, 1–5 September 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 1 September 2008¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the forty-first session of the Working Group
3. Preparatory work for the negotiation of a revised Gothenburg Protocol
4. Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants
5. Follow-up on the review of the Protocol on Heavy Metals

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>).

6. Exchange of information and technology
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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 1 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/91

Item 2: Adoption of the report of the forty-first session of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Monday, 1 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/90 (Report of the forty-first session)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to adopt the report of its forty-first session and to deal with any other matters arising from it that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Item 3: Preparatory work for the negotiation of a revised Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Monday, 1 September, afternoon, Tuesday, 2 September, morning and afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/13 (Plan for the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol)

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/7 (Integrated assessment modelling)

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/10 (Reactive nitrogen)

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/6 (Techno-economic issues)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to continue its work in preparation for negotiating the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol¹. It will have before it a revised version of the Plan for the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol, reflecting the

¹ The 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

amendments agreed at its forty-first session. The Working Group will also have before it the report of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling, held from 7 to 9 May 2008 in Madrid, as well as the reports on the results of the thirteenth meeting of the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues, held on 28 and 29 April 2008 in Stockholm, and of the first meeting of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen, held from 20 to 22 May 2008 in Wageningen, the Netherlands. The Working Group will be informed about the results of the workshop on cost-benefit analysis of the Gothenburg Protocol held by the Network on Benefits and Economic Instruments on 27 June 2008 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Item 4: Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 September, afternoon; Wednesday, 3 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/8 (Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants),
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/90 (Report of the forty-first session)
Informal document by an ad hoc group of technical experts on annexes IV and V to the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

The Working Group is expected to continue considering options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), with a view to forwarding them to the Parties to the Protocol at the twenty-sixth session of the Executive Body to provide a basis for negotiating possible amendments to the Protocol.

The Working Group will have before it a working document which contains options for revising the Protocol, on which the Working Group could not yet reach a consensus at its forty-first session. The document also reflects proposals and positions of the delegations that were made during the session. The proposals that the Working Group already agreed on forwarding to the Parties to the Protocol are contained in the report of the Working Group on its forty-first session.

In parallel to the session, the ad hoc group of technical experts will continue its work to review and propose amendments to annexes IV and V to the Protocol. The informal document prepared by the Group during the forty-first session of the Working Group will provide the basis for further work.

Item 5: Follow-up on the review of the Protocol on Heavy Metals

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 3 September, afternoon

Documentation: Report of the Task Force on Heavy Metals (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/9)

The Working Group may wish to consider options and management approaches for further reducing emissions of heavy metals proposed by the Task Force on Heavy Metals. It is also expected to discuss problems encountered and possible solutions for increasing the ratifications of the Protocol on Heavy Metals by countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-Eastern Europe, on the basis of the outcomes of the Workshop on the promotion of the ratification of the Protocol held from 14 to 16 May 2008 in Yerevan.

Item 6: Exchange of information and technology

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/11 (Action Plan for EECCA)

The Executive Body, at its twenty-fifth session, adopted a revised version of the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, in line with the recommendations of the Saltsjöbaden-III workshop. The Working Group is expected to discuss progress in the implementation of the Action Plan. It will have before it the results of the questionnaire on obstacles to ratification of the EMEP Protocol, the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Gothenburg Protocol, circulated by the secretariat at the request of the Working Group at its fortieth session.

Item 7: Draft 2009 workplan

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/12 (Draft 2009 workplan)

The Working Group is expected to consider and agree on its workplan and to forward it for consideration by the Executive Body.

Item 8: Outreach activities

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 September, afternoon

At its twenty-fifth session, the Executive Body encouraged Convention bodies, in particular programmes, task forces and expert groups, to collaborate with relevant experts and organizations from outside the region to share the Convention's experiences and useful scientific and technical information. It invited the Bureaux of the Working Group on Effects, the Steering Body of EMEP² and the Working Group on Strategies and Review to consider this issue with the

² The Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe.

appropriate task forces, expert groups and programme centres, to review all current activities linked to outreach and to explore opportunities for including outreach items in their future workplans (ECE/EB.AIR/91, para. 94(f)). Delegations and lead countries of task forces and expert groups in particular will be invited to inform the Working Group about their current outreach activities and/or outreach opportunities for the future. The Working Group is expected to take note of this information and to report it to the twenty-sixth session of the Executive Body.

Item 9: Election of officers

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 September, afternoon

The Working Group is expected to elect its Vice-Chairs for 2008–2009. At its fortieth session, the Working Group elected Ms. K. Scavo (United States), and re-elected Mr. P. Jilek (Czech Republic), Ms. N. Karpova (Russian Federation) and Mr. Sliggers (Netherlands) as Vice-Chairs.

Item 10: Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 4 September, afternoon

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

Item 11: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Friday, 5 September, morning

The Working Group will adopt the decisions taken during the session, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Body at its twenty-fifth session, to continue with this practice for another period of two years (ECE/EB.AIR/91, para. 96 (a)). 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 website. The report will be presented for adoption at the forty-third session of the Working Group.
