

**Proposal by the delegation of Switzerland:**

**Elements for the workplan 2010 of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on a possible revision of the HMs protocol**

1. The Executive Body mandates the Working Group on Strategies and Review to start negotiations on proposals for amendments submitted by:
  - the European Commission, on behalf of the European Community, together with Member States of the European Union which are Parties to the Protocol;
  - Sweden, as President of the European Council, on behalf of Member States of the European Union which are Parties to the Protocol;
  - Switzerlandwith a view to finalizing discussions and adopt amendments to the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals (HMs) at the Executive Body's twenty-ninth session in 2011 at the latest.
  
2. The Working Group on Strategy and Review is also mandated:
  - (a) To consider at its forty-seventh session the work of the Task Force on HMs on track A and B reviews on mercury-containing products, and to recommend further action as required by the Executive Body in 2008;
  
  - (b) To consider the possibilities for increasing ratifications of the Protocol taking into consideration possible options put forward by the Task Force on HMs;
  
  - (c) To consider potential revisions to the annexes I–VII of the Protocol taking into consideration possible options put forward by the Task Force on HMs, as well as the proposed amendments to the POP Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/2009/9) and to the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/4-Rev);
  
  - (d) To consider possibilities to produce a guidance document on best available techniques (BAT), extracted from the updated recommendatory annex III of the Protocol;
  
  - (e) To consider the possible need to update the text of the Protocol as necessary to reflect the proposed amendments taking into consideration the proposed amendments to the POP Protocol and to the Gothenburg Protocol;
  
  - (f) To report to the twenty-eighth session of the Executive Body in 2010.
  
3. The Bureau of the WGSR, in cooperation with the secretariat, is requested to prepare a draft revised Protocol on HMs, to assist the Parties in their starting negotiations at the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the WGSR in April 2010.

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