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TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Strategies and Review

Forty-fourth session

Geneva, 20–23 April 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 20 April 2009¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the forty-third session of the Working Group
3. Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol²

¹ There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, 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 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>)

² 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

4. Progress in the implementation of the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
5. Other business
6. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 20 April, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/95

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

Tentative timing: Monday, 20 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/94 (Report of the forty-third session)

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

Item 3: Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Monday, 20 April, afternoon - Wednesday, 22 April, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/2 (Techno-economic Issues)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/3 (Costs and benefits of the Gothenburg Protocol)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/4 (Options for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol)
ECE/EB.AIR/2008/13-ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2008/13/Rev.1 (Plan for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol)

The Working Group will continue its discussions on options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol. It will have before it the report on the fourteenth meeting of the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues (Sorrento, Italy, 13-14 October 2008), the report on the workshop on the cost-benefit analysis of the Protocol (Gothenburg, Sweden, 27 June 2008), as well as a document presenting the options for revision of the Protocol and the plan for the revision of the Protocol prepared by the secretariat.

The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on the results of the tutorial workshop on the GAINS model and the workshop on non-binding aspirational targets for emission reductions for the year 2050. The Parties are expected to provide information on progress with updating energy scenarios for the Protocol revision. The Working Group may also wish to discuss the most recent emission inventory data and modelling results presented by EMEP³, including the quality of the emission data for particulate matter (PM).

The Working Group on Effects will present recent information on the effects of air pollutants on the environment and human health, in particular due to PM. In addition, progress with regard to developing indicators such as on biodiversity, dynamic modelling and the implementation of the guidelines on reporting effects, will be described.

The Working Group will be informed about the preliminary results of the fifteenth meeting of the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues, scheduled for 6 and 7 April 2009. The Working Group may wish to discuss, in particular, preliminary results on technical data for major stationary sources and emission limit values. It may also wish to review progress in the updating of best available techniques in the guidance documents to the Protocol.

Item 4: Progress in the implementation of the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 22 April, afternoon

The Working Group may wish to proceed with discussions on options to increase the flexibility related to existing installations in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-Eastern Europe (SEE), in order to help facilitate those countries' ratification of protocols. Delegates from EECCA and SEE countries in particular will be invited to share their problems and needs. Delegations will also be invited to provide information on specific actions taken to implement the Action Plan.

Item 5: Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 23 April, morning

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

Item 6: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

³ The Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

Tentative timing: Thursday, 23 April, morning

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Body made at its twenty-fifth session, the Working Group will adopt the decisions taken during the session and will 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-fifth session of the Working Group.
