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Working Group on Effects

Twenty-ninth session

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Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
22 September 2010*

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* 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 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 UNECE website (http://www.unece.org/meetings/UN_Map.pdf).

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 22 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/1 (Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session)

2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-eighth session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 22 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/2 (Report of the Working Group on Effects on its twenty-eighth session)

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

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 22 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/99 and Adds.1 and 2 (Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-seventh session)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/98 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-fifth session)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/100 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-sixth session)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2009/2 (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 its thirty-third session)

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

4. Recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 22 September, afternoon–Thursday, 23 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/3 (2010 Joint report of the International Cooperative Programmes, the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution and the Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/5 (Effects of air pollution on forests)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/6 (Effects of air pollution on rivers and lakes)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/7 (Effects of air pollution on materials)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/8 (Effects of air pollution on natural vegetation and crops)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/9 (Integrated monitoring)

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/10 (Modelling and mapping)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/11 (Effects of air pollution on health)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/12 (Dynamic modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/13 (Flux-based assessment of ozone effects for air pollution policy)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/14 (Empirical critical loads and dose-response relationships)

The Working Group will have before it the 2010 joint report and technical documents from the programmes, which cover effects-oriented activities based on the 2010 workplan, and other documents and publications made available by the programmes. 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 review of recent results is divided up into the following pollution-specific topics: (a) cross-cutting items; (b) acidification and nutrient nitrogen; (c) ozone; and (d) particulate matter, heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants. Each topic will have contributions from the relevant 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.

5. Further development of effects-oriented activities

Tentative timing: Friday, 24 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/16 (Draft 2011 workplan for the implementation of the Convention)
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/17 (Draft long-term strategy)

The Working Group will have before it for consideration documents 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 2011 workplan to the Executive Body at the latter's twenty-eighth session. The Working Group will also discuss the draft long-term strategy of the Convention and possibilities for further collaboration with relevant international work.

6. Financing of effects-oriented activities

Tentative timing: Friday, 24 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/4 (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 2009 and 2010, reviewing the use of contributions in 2010 and presenting plans for their use in 2011. The Working Group is expected to consider the note and to approve its submission to the Executive Body at the latter's twenty-eighth session.

7. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Friday, 24 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.

8. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 24 September, afternoon

The Working Group will have before it for consideration a provisional list of meetings for 2010–2011 compiled by the secretariat on the basis of information provided by the delegations and programmes.

9. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Friday, 24 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 then posted on the Convention website. The report will be presented for adoption at the thirtieth session of the Working Group.
