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**Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for
Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range
Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)**

Thirty-fifth session

Geneva, 5–7 September 2011

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Monday, 5 September 2011***

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5. In-depth discussion of activities relevant to both the Working Group on Effects and the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe.
6. Progress in activities in 2011 and future work:
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 - (b) Integrated assessment modelling;
 - (c) Emissions;
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7. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes.
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 5 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/1

The Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) will be invited to adopt the agenda set out in the present document.

2. Adoption of the report on the thirty-fourth session

Tentative timing: Monday, 5 September, 10.05 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2010/2 (Report of the Steering Body on its thirty-fourth session)

The EMEP Steering Body will be invited to adopt the report on its thirty-fourth session.

3. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Monday, 5 September, 10.15 a.m.

Background

At its thirty-fourth session in 2010, the EMEP Steering Body re-elected Ms. S. Vidič (Croatia) as Chair, and Mr. P. Grennfelt (Sweden), Mr. J. Macoun (Czech Republic), Mr. X. Querol (Spain) and Mr. Y. Viisanen (Finland) as Vice-Chairs. Two new

Vice-Chairs, Mr. Paul Ruysenaars (Netherlands) and Mr. Saavas Kleanthous (Cyprus), were also elected.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to elect its Chair and three or more Vice-Chairs for the first term of office following the rules of procedure adopted by the Executive Body to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution at its twenty-eighth session ((ECE/EB.AIR/106/Add.1, decision 2010/19). According to rule 17 and rule 21, paragraphs 4–6, the first term of office for the Chair is two years, while for Vice-Chairs it is three years. The Steering Body may also wish to decide on continuing to allow representation of the European Commission at Bureau meetings.

4. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body

Tentative timing: Monday, 5 September, 10.30 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body); ECE/EB.AIR/106 and Add.1–2 (Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-eighth session); ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/104 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-eighth session); ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/2 (Report of the Working Group on Effects on its twenty-ninth session); ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/6 (Reactive nitrogen)

Introduction

The secretariat and the Chairs of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and of the Working Group on Effects will inform the Steering Body about matters arising from the twenty-eighth session of the Executive Body, as well as relevant issues arising from the forty-seventh and the forty-eighth sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and the twenty-ninth session of the Working Group on Effects. The Chair of the Steering Body will present a summary of the work of the Bureau of the Steering Body between the Steering Body's thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth 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 cooperation with other bodies under the Convention and the future activities of the Bureau.

5. In-depth discussion of activities relevant to both the Working Group on Effects and the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe

Tentative timing: Monday, 5 September, 11.30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body); ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2010/2 (Report of the Working Group on Effects on its twenty-ninth session)

Introduction

The purpose of the session is to allow for an in-depth presentation and discussion of activities relevant to both the EMEP Steering body and the Working Group on Effects. The session is going to be held in the form of a technical workshop, with presentations provided by representatives of the two subsidiary bodies. The presentations will deal with issues of common interest, such as generation and exchange of data and their application, current and future needs and ways to meet them. The Steering Body is expected to discuss and assess points of common interest, with a focus on closer collaboration and integration of the future work of the two bodies.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to consider and outline a closer collaboration with the Working Group on Effects, which is to be reflected in the draft workplan for 2012–2013.

6. Progress in activities in 2011 and future work

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 6 September, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Introduction

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 2012–2013 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/5–ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/10).

(a) Measurements and modelling (acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants, heavy metals, particulate matter and persistent organic pollutants)

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 6 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/3 (Measurements and modelling); EMEP Status Report 1/11: Acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants; EMEP Status Report 2/11: Heavy metals pollution; EMEP Status Report 3/11: Persistent organic pollutants; EMEP Status Report 4/11: Particulate matter assessment report; ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/4 (Integrated assessment modelling)

Introduction

The four status reports listed above that are relevant for the evaluation of the progress in work in 2011 will be available on the EMEP website (www.emep.int). Under this sub-item, representatives of the EMEP task forces and centres will report on progress on measurements and modelling activities as outlined below:

(a) The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the twelfth meeting of the Task Force (Zurich, Switzerland, 11–13 May 2011);

(b) 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 by 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 2013;

(c) Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East (MSC-E) will present an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling of heavy metals, progress by CCC, its own work, discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for future work;

(d) CCC will present an overview of activities on atmospheric monitoring and modelling of particulate matter (PM), including 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 2013;

(e) MSC-E will present an overview of activities on monitoring and modelling of persistent organic pollutants, including 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: (a) to approve the executive summaries of the status reports and to decide to present them to the Executive Body; (b) to discuss the status of implementation of the monitoring strategy; (c) to discuss progress made with respect to cooperation with national experts and provide guidance on means for its improvement; (d) to discuss progress made in modelling and monitoring activities in 2011 in all the above areas of work and to provide guidance on the further development of that work; and (e) to provide guidance on the further development of the measurement and modelling work, taking into account the needs for the revision of the Protocols to the Convention, in particular the Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol).

(b) Integrated assessment modelling

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 6 September, 4 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/4 (Integrated assessment modelling)

Introduction

The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (TFIAM) will report on progress made, including the results of thirty-ninth meeting of TFIAM held in Stockholm (23–25 February 2011), the fortieth meeting held in Oslo (18–20 May 2011), the workshop on uncertainty treatment in Laxenburg, Austria (3–4 November 2010), and the meeting of the Network of Experts on Benefits and Economic Instruments in Oslo (18 May 2011). CIAM will report on progress made, including the status of scenarios considered by the Working Group on Strategies in the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to discuss progress made and to provide further guidance on the integrated assessment modelling work.

(c) **Emissions**

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 6 September, 4.30 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/5 (Emission inventories and projections); ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/6 (Present state of emission data); EMEP/Centre on Emission Inventories and Projections (CEIP) Data Report, emission data reported to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe(UNECE)/EMEP: status as of 2011

Introduction

The Chair of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections will report on progress made, including the results of the Task Force's twenty-fourth meeting and twelfth joint meeting with the European Environment Agency's (EEA) European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET) (Stockholm, Sweden, 2–3 May 2011).

At this year's meeting the Task Force concentrated on two issues: methodologies for estimation of black carbon emissions and preparations for the five-yearly reporting of gridded emissions due in 2012. The latter issue was discussed in detail during a workshop held in Stockholm back to back with the twenty-fourth Task Force meeting.

CEIP will inform the Steering Body about the status of emissions data reporting, its own work and the work of CIAM on data quality. It will report on progress in the inventory improvement programme, in particular as regards the stage 3 in-depth reviews of the emission inventories.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to discuss progress made and to provide guidance on the emissions work.

(d) **Hemispheric air pollution**

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 6 September, 5 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/7 (Hemispheric transport of air pollution)

Introduction: The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will report on: the results of its recent meeting (Arona, Italy, 6-8 June 2011).

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to discuss and approve the main findings of the Task Force and to provide guidance on the hemispheric transport of air pollution work.

7. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 7 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body)

Introduction

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

Expected outcome

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

8. Outreach and sharing information with other regions

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 7 September, 10.30 a.m.

Introduction

The secretariat will draw attention to the decision taken at the Executive Body's twenty-fifth session, 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 to suggest opportunities for developing further outreach links in the future.

9. Draft 2012–2013 workplan for implementation of the Convention

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 7 September, 11 a.m.–4.30 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/2011/5–ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/10 (Draft 2012–2013 workplan for implementation of the Convention)

Introduction

The Chair will introduce the draft workplan for 2012–2013.

Expected outcome

Taking into account the presentations and discussions under agenda items 4 to 8, the Steering Body is expected to agree upon the draft workplan for 2012–2013, which will be presented to the Executive Body for adoption at its twenty-ninth session.

10. Financial and budgetary matters

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 7 September, 4.30 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/9 (Financial and budgetary matters);
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body)

Introduction

The secretariat will introduce the note and report on any updates regarding the payment of mandatory contributions to EMEP in 2010 and the contracts for the EMEP Centres in 2011.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected, inter alia, to adopt the detailed budget for 2012 and the list of mandatory contributions for 2012, and to submit these to the Executive Body for approval.

11. Other business

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 7 September, 5 p.m.

Background

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

12. Closing of the thirty-fifth session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 7 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.
