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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Monday, 12 September 2011*

I. Provisional agenda

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2. Adoption of the report of the forty-eighth session of the Working Group.
3. Options for revising the annexes to the Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone:
 - (a) Annex II;
 - (b) Technical annexes;
 - (c) Annex IX.
4. Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol.
5. Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals.

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6. Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants.
7. Exchange of information and technology
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9. Election of officers
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11. Adoption of the conclusions of the Working Group.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/105 (Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session)

1. The Working Group on Strategies and Review will be invited to adopt its agenda, as contained in the present document.

2. Adoption of the report of the forty-eighth session of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/104 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-eighth session)

2. The Working Group will be invited to adopt the report of its forty-eighth session.

3. Options for revising the annexes to the Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

3. The Working Group is expected to continue negotiations on options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) and its annexes, in line with the relevant decisions by the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution at its twenty-eighth session in 2010, and with a view to presenting amendment proposals to the Parties to the Protocol meeting at the twenty-ninth session of the Executive Body in 2011.

4. Informal discussions with interpretation will be held during the session, as necessary, to ensure progress in the negotiations on specific issues. Work in break-out groups may also take place, if needed.

(a) Annex II

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/18 (Progress report by the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling)

5. The Working Group is expected to discuss proposed scenarios for defining emission reductions in the revised Gothenburg Protocol.
6. The Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling will present recommendations for key measures and sectors it has further identified. It will also provide more information on the assumptions made in the road and off-road transport sections.
7. The co-Chairs of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will present the outcomes of the discussions at the Task Force's fortieth meeting.
8. Delegations may wish to present the outcomes of their analysis of the feasibility of the scenarios presented by the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling.

(b) Technical annexes

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 September afternoon; Tuesday 13 September, morning and afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/8 (Draft revised annex I);
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/9 (Draft revised annex IV);
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/10 (Draft revised annex V);
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/11 (Draft revised annex VI);
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/12 (Draft revised annex VII);
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/13 (Draft revised annex VIII);
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/14 (Draft annex X);
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/15 (Draft annex XI);
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/17 (Progress report by the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues)

9. For continuing the negotiations on the technical annexes to the Protocol, the Working Group will have before it negotiating documents prepared by the secretariat on the basis of documents ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/17–22, ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/2, ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/5, informal documents Nos. 15–20 presented at the Working Group's forty-eighth session and comments and revisions to these documents made at that session. In the context of negotiating these annexes, the Working Group may wish to consider the draft revised guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, non-methane volatile organic compounds and particulate matter from stationary sources, prepared by the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues and submitted to the Working Group as an informal document for its forty-fifth session in 2009; the guidance document on selected mobile sources and its possible updating; and the proposed guidance document on recovery of ecosystems and environmental and health improvements.

10. Delegations from non-Parties to the Protocol are invited to present their views on options for simplification that would facilitate their ratification and implementation of the Protocol.

(c) **Annex IX**

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 14 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/16 (Progress report by the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen)

11. The Working Group is expected to continue negotiations on amendment proposals for annex IX, including any proposals for including flexibility into the obligations and restructuring the annex accordingly. The Working Group might wish to consider this in conjunction with proposed amendments to article 3.8 of the Gothenburg Protocol.

12. The Working Group will have before it the progress report by the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen. The Task Force had been requested to continue assessing information from all Parties on the cost, effectiveness and applicability of the proposed measures for reducing ammonia emissions.

13. The Working Group is invited to consider a revised version of the draft guidance document on control techniques for preventing and abating emissions of ammonia (presented in an informal document), prepared by the Task Force.

14. The Working Group will also be informed about the outcomes of the European Nitrogen Assessment, as presented in a summary for policymakers, which will be available as an informal document.

4. Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Wednesday 14 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/7 (Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol)

15. The Working Group is invited to continue negotiations on options for revising the text of the Gothenburg Protocol on the basis of document ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/7, prepared by the secretariat at the request of the Working Group at its forty-eighth session. The Working Group is expected to discuss the remaining open issues as indicated in the document, including, inter alia, amendments related to black carbon, definitions, expedited amendment procedure and the introduction of flexibility mechanisms/simplification aimed at facilitating ratification and implementation by non-Parties to the current Protocol.

16. The Working Group will also have before it a draft revised Guidance document on economic instruments, prepared by the Network of Experts on Benefits and Economic Instruments and reflecting the comments submitted by delegations after the Working Group's forty-eighth session.

5. Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 September, morning

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/19 (Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals)

17. The Working Group is expected to continue negotiations for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals and its annexes, in accordance with the direction for negotiations in 2011 provided by the Executive Body at its twenty-eighth session in 2010, and with a view to

finalizing the discussions and presenting proposed amendments at the thirtieth session of the Executive Body in 2012 at the latest.

18. The Chair of the Task Force will present an updated draft guidance document on best available techniques extracted from annex III.

19. Delegations from non-Parties are invited to present their positions on the available options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals that would facilitate their implementation and ratification of the Protocol.

6. Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/2010/8 (Report of the Task Force on Persistent Organic Pollutants)

20. In accordance with the request by the Executive Body in December 2010, the Working Group is expected to consider any additional new scientific information on trifluralin related to significant adverse human health impacts and environmental effects as a result of long-range transport; on persistence in water or soil or sediments for pentachlorophenol (PCP)/pentachloroanisole (PCA); or information on international developments on the five substances previously proposed for inclusion in the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (endosulfan, dicofol, hexabromocyclododecane, PCP/PCA and trifluralin), submitted by Parties in advance of its forty-ninth session. If such additional information is submitted, the Working Group may wish to consider once again the report of the Task Force and to review and revise its recommendations to the Executive Body, contained in the report of its forty-seventh session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/102, para. 50), as appropriate.

7. Exchange of information and technology

21. The Working Group may wish to consider a proposal by the Coordinating Group for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia for updating the Action Plan for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, adopted by the Executive Body in 2007 (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2007/17).

8. 2012–2013 workplan

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 September, afternoon

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/2011/5 (Draft workplan for 2012–2013)

22. The Working Group may wish to consider the draft workplan for 2012–2013, which will be presented for consideration and adoption by the Executive Body at its twenty-ninth session in December 2011.

9. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 September, morning

23. The Working Group is expected to elect its Vice-Chairs for 2012–2013. At its forty-seventh session, the Working Group elected Ms. V. Galatone (Canada) and re-elected Mr. I

Angelov (Bulgaria), Ms. A. Turlikyan (Armenia) and Mr. J. Sliggers (Netherlands) as Vice-Chairs.

10. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 September, morning

24. The Working Group may wish to have an orientation discussion on the relationship between old and new protocols under the Convention, and the possibility of having fewer protocols in the future.

11. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 September, morning

25. The Working Group may wish to adopt its decisions taken during the session. The draft report of the session, reflecting the adopted decisions, will be finalized by the Chair in consultation with the secretariat following the session. It will then be posted on the Convention website. The report will be presented for adoption at the Working Group's fiftieth session.
