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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirtieth session

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Monday, 30 April 2012***

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Report on credentials.
4. Revision of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

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5. Revision of the annexes to the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.
6. Adoption of decisions.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 30 April, morning

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the thirtieth session (ECE/EB.AIR/110)

The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution is expected to adopt the agenda for its 2012 (thirtieth) session as set out in the present document.

2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its 2011 (twenty-ninth) session

Tentative timing: Monday, 30 April, morning

Documentation: Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-ninth session (ECE/EB.AIR/109 and Add.1 and 2)

The Executive Body is expected to adopt the report of its 2011 (twenty-ninth) session.

3. Report on credentials

Tentative timing: Monday, 30 April, morning; Tuesday 1 May, afternoon

Delegations will be invited to submit their credentials to the secretariat at the latest within 24 hours after the opening of the session. In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure, where new protocols or amendments to the Convention or to one of its protocols are to be adopted, the credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. The officers of the session will examine the credentials and report on them to the Executive Body. The Executive Body is expected to adopt the report on credentials.

4. Revision of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

Tentative timing: Monday, 30 April, morning and afternoon

Documentation: Options for revising the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/1); Report of the ad hoc group of legal experts reviewing the consolidated negotiating documents setting out proposed amendments to the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/2)

The Chair will introduce this agenda item by referring to the discussions and decisions of the Executive Body at its twenty-ninth session. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/1 contains a clean version of the revised Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) text as negotiated during the twenty-ninth session. The Executive Body is expected to discuss and finalize pending issues indicated in square brackets. In doing so, it may wish to take into consideration the report of the ad hoc group of legal experts reviewing the consolidated negotiating documents setting out proposed amendments to the Gothenburg Protocol.

Parties are also invited to be prepared to discuss the draft updated guidance documents referred to in the Protocol text, although these need not be adopted at the current session. The draft revised Protocol text currently contains references to the following guidance documents: Guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, non-methane volatile organic compounds and particulate matter from stationary sources;¹ Guidance document on control techniques for selected mobile sources;² Guidance document on control techniques for preventing and abating emissions of ammonia;³ Guidance document on economic instruments to reduce emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, non-methane volatile organic compounds, ammonia and particulate matter;⁴ Guidance document on recovery of ecosystems and environmental and health improvement;⁵ and Guidance document on nitrogen budgets.⁶

¹ Available as an informal document presented to the forty-fifth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review in 2009; the document is available in English and Russian from <http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/workinggroups/wgs/docs45thsession.html>.

² Contained in document ECE/EB.AIR/1999/2, available in English, French and Russian from <http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/executivebody/welcome.17.html>.

³ Available as informal document presented to the forty-ninth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (English only) from http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2011/eb/wg5/WGSR49/Informal%20docs/21_Ammonia_Guidance_Document_Version_20_August_2011.pdf.

⁴ Available as informal document presented to the forty-eighth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review in 2011 (English only) from http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2011/eb/wg5/WGSR48/Informal%20docs/Info.doc.25_EB_AIR_1999_2_e_Gothenburg_ch%20VI_Updated_2011%20Final.pdf.

⁵ Available as an informal document presented to the forty-eighth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review in 2011 (English only) from http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2011/eb/wg5/WGSR48/Informal%20docs/Info.doc.2_Draft_Guidance_document_on_recovery_of_ecosystems_by_WGE.pdf.

⁶ Available as an informal document submitted to the forty-ninth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review in 2011 (English only) from http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2011/eb/wg5/WGSR49/Informal%20docs/20_N_budget_guidelines_wgsr-49.pdf.

5. Revision of the annexes to the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 1 May, morning and afternoon; Wednesday, 2 May, morning and afternoon; Thursday, 3 May, morning and afternoon

Documentation: Draft revised annex I (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/3); Draft revised annex II (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/4); Draft revised annex III (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/5); Draft revised annex IV (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/6); Draft revised annex V (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/7); Draft revised annex VI (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/8); Draft revised annex VII (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/9); Draft revised annex VIII (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/10); Draft revised annex IX (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/11); Draft annex X (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/12); Draft annex XI (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/13)

The Executive Body is expected to consider each of the draft revised annexes and new draft annexes to the Protocol, and to decide on pending issues, as follows:

(a) *Draft revised annex I.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body revised a text previously discussed by the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its sessions in 2010. Document ECE/EB/AIR/2012/3 presents a clean version of the text reflecting the revisions made at the twenty-ninth session of the Executive Body;

(b) *Draft revised annex II.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body requested the secretariat to present a draft revised annex II as an official document for consideration at its thirtieth session;

(c) *Draft revised annex III.* At its forty-ninth session, the Working Group on Strategies and Review welcomed a proposal by the Russian Federation to modify the pollutant emission management area (PEMA) identified in annex III so that the obligations in a revised Protocol would refer to all of the European territory of the Russian Federation (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/106, para. 25 (b)). Document ECE/EB/AIR/2012/5 presents a proposal to that effect;

(d) *Draft revised annex IV.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body discussed a draft revised text previously presented to the Working Group on Strategies and Review and made a number of deletions and modifications. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/6 presents a clean version of the annex as revised by the Executive Body and includes further modifications to section C proposed by the United States of America. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the document and finalize pending issues indicated in square brackets;

(e) *Draft revised annex V.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body discussed a draft revised text previously discussed by the Working Group on Strategies and Review and made a number of deletions and modifications. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/7 presents a clean version of the annex as revised by the Executive Body and includes further modifications to section C proposed by the United States. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the document and finalize pending issues indicated in square brackets;

(f) *Draft revised annex VI.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body discussed a draft revised text previously presented to the Working Group on Strategies and Review and made a number of deletions and modifications. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/8 presents a clean version of the annex as revised by the Executive Body and includes further modifications to section C proposed by the United States. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the document and finalize pending issues indicated in square brackets;

(g) *Draft revised annex VII.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body discussed a draft revised text previously discussed by the Working Group on Strategies and Review. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/9 presents a clean version of the annex as revised by the Executive Body. The Executive Body is expected to discuss and agree on timescales for the application of the emission limit values in annexes IX and XI;

(h) *Draft revised annex VIII.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body discussed a draft revised text previously presented to the Working Group on Strategies and Review and made a number of deletions and modifications. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/10 presents a clean version of the annex as revised by the Executive Body and includes further modifications to section C proposed by the United States. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the document and finalize pending issues indicated in square brackets;

(i) *Draft revised annex IX.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body, during an informal session, discussed a draft revised text presented by the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen at the forty-ninth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review in September 2011. The draft text was considered by the Working Group but no consensus was achieved on a revised text to submit to the Executive Body. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/11 contains a draft revised text based on an informal paper by the European Union that encapsulates the discussions at the twenty-ninth session of the Executive Body in December 2011;

(j) *Draft annex X.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body discussed a draft revised text previously presented to the Working Group on Strategies and Review and made a number of deletions and modifications. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/12 presents a clean version of the annex as revised by the Executive Body and includes further modifications to section C proposed by the United States. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the document and finalize pending issues indicated in square brackets;

(k) *Draft annex XI.* At its twenty-ninth session, the Executive Body discussed a draft revised text previously presented to the Working Group on Strategies and Review and made a number of deletions and modifications. Document ECE/EB.AIR/2012/13 presents a clean version of the annex as revised by the Executive Body and includes further modifications to section C proposed by the United States. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the document and finalize pending issues indicated in square brackets.

6. Adoption of decisions

Tentative timing: Friday, 4 May, morning and afternoon

Documentation: Draft decision on amending annex I to the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/L.1); Draft decision on amending the main text of the Gothenburg Protocol and annexes other than annex I (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/L.2)

The Executive Body may wish to adopt decisions on amendments to the Gothenburg Protocol and its annexes and request the secretariat to forward the adopted amendments to the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. Additionally, Parties may adopt other decisions that may be deemed urgent and directly related to the adoption and implementation of the amendments to the Gothenburg Protocol.