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Transboundary Air Pollution

### Working Group on Strategies and Review

#### Fiftieth session

Geneva, 10–14 September 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fiftieth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 3 p.m.  
on Monday, 10 September 2012\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the forty-ninth session of the Working Group.
3. Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals.
4. Draft guidance document on best available techniques for controlling emissions of heavy metals and their compounds from the source categories listed in annex II.
5. Draft guidance documents to the revised 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.
6. Progress in the implementation of the 2012–2013 workplan.
7. Other business.
8. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group.

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## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 10 September, afternoon

*Documentation:* Annotated provisional agenda for the fiftieth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/107)<sup>1</sup>

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-ninth session of the Working Group**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 10 September, afternoon

*Documentation:* Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-ninth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/106)

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

### **3. Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 10 September, afternoon; Tuesday, 11 September, morning and afternoon; Wednesday, 12 September, morning

*Documentation:* Options for revising the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/19); draft amended text of the Protocol on Heavy Metals (informal document No. 1)

3. At its twenty-ninth session in December 2011, the Executive Body to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution requested the Working Group on Strategies and Review, in accordance with its revised mandate, to continue discussions on the Protocol on Heavy Metals at its fiftieth session in September 2012, after finalization of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) revision process. This should be done with a view to giving the highest priority to securing agreement on the text of an amended protocol before devoting time to any other substantive issues (ECE/EB.AIR/109, para. 28).

4. The Working Group will have before it a consolidated text of the draft amended Protocol prepared by the secretariat on the basis of document ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/19, which was presented to the Working Group at its forty-ninth session in September 2011.

5. Informal discussions with interpretation may 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.

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<sup>1</sup> All documentation for the fiftieth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, including a list of participants, can be found on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website at <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=29873>.

6. The Working Group is expected to agree on an amended text of the Protocol on Heavy Metals and to recommend to the Executive Body that it adopt the amendments.

#### **4. Draft guidance document on best available techniques for controlling emissions of heavy metals and their compounds from the source categories listed in annex II**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 12 September, afternoon, Thursday, 13 September, morning

*Documentation:* Draft guidance document, part one (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2012/1); draft guidance document, part two (ECE/EB.AIR/WGSR/2012/2); report by the Task Force on Heavy Metals (ECE/EB.AIR/WGSR/2012/6)

7. The Executive Body requested the Working Group to consider options for making the Protocol on Heavy Metals more adaptable to future developments by producing a guidance document on best available techniques extracted from annex III to the Protocol, and updated as appropriate. The Working Group is expected to consider the draft guidance documented prepared by the Task Force on Heavy Metals and to recommend it to the Executive Body for adoption.

#### **5. Draft guidance documents to the revised 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 13 September, afternoon

*Documentation:* Guidance document on best available techniques for stationary sources (informal document No. 2); Guidance document on economic instruments to reduce emissions of regional air pollutants (informal document No. 3); Guidance document on health and environmental improvements (informal document No. 4); Guidance document on national nitrogen budgets (informal document No. 5); Guidance document for preventing and abating ammonia emissions from agricultural sources (informal document No. 6)

8. The Working Group may wish to consider the latest versions of the guidance documents to the revised Gothenburg Protocol, as presented in informal documents Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and to recommend them to the Executive Body for adoption.

#### **6. Progress in the implementation of the 2012–2013 workplan**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 13 September, afternoon

*Documentation:* Report of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/3); report by the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/4); report by the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/5)

9. The Working Group may wish to take note of the reports from the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen, the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues and the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling, and their progress in implementing the workplan for 2012–2013 (ECE/EB.AIR/109/Add.2).

10. In addition to the tasks included in the workplan, the Working Group is expected to ensure that it undertakes any tasks identified for it in the period 2012–2013 in the Action Plan for the implementation of the Long-term Strategy for the Convention

(ECE/EB.AIR/109/Add.1, Decision 2011/4, annex, paras. 4 (b), 7 (a), (b) and (d) and 8).  
The Working Group may wish to consider its progress on these items.

## **7. Other business**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 13 September, afternoon

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

## **8. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group**

*Tentative timing:* Friday, 14 September, morning

12. 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 fifty-first session.

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