

**Outline and “Policy” part of a draft workplan 2014-2015 for the implementation
of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution**

Note by the secretariat

At its 31st session in December 2012, the Executive Body proposed that a draft 2014-2015 workplan be prepared by the Bureau of the Executive Body with the secretariat (ECE/EB.AIR/113, para. 47). In response to this request, the secretariat prepared a draft outline of the 2014-2015 workplan for the consideration by the Bureau at its meeting on 3 May 2013.

The draft structure along with the “policy” part of the draft 2014-2015 workplan is being made available for the consideration and further elaboration by the Working Group on Strategies and Review (WGSR) at its 51st session (provisional agenda item 3f). It has been prepared with input by the Expert-Group on Techno-Economic Issues (EGTEI) and the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen (TFRN) and due consideration to the recommendations by the ad-hoc group of experts on the action plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy of the Convention.

The outcome of the deliberations at WGSR on the “policy” part of the draft 2014-2015 workplan will be taken into account in the review of the workplan by the EB Bureau and the preparation of a subsequent version.

The long-term strategy and needs of the Convention and its Parties

The workplan translates the vision, objectives and strategic approaches as set in out in the Long-term Strategy for the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (Decision 2010/8, see ECE/EB.AIR/106/Add.1) into a biannual workplan for the period 2014-2015. Its structure builds on the primary needs of the Convention and its Parties, relating to four main areas: science, policy, compliance, and capacity building. For each of them, a description and objectives of the activities is included and the main intended outcome of the activities is highlighted along with the link to the long-term strategy, the activities planned and the main responsible body. This approach of structuring the workplan allows Parties to assess the work of the different subsidiary bodies and its deliverables in light of meeting the Convention’s needs to ensure progress in realizing the vision set out in the long-term strategy. This approach takes account of the recommendation by the ad hoc group of experts on the Action Plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention that “*The Executive Body and its Bureau should give more attention to developing and scrutinizing work plans to provide better focus for targeting the Convention’s priorities and ensuring appropriate outputs*” (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/15, para 7).

For each activity and corresponding output, information on the budget is provided along with the respective funding source and additional resource needs. This allows for a clear identification of the budgetary and fundraising needs during the workplan period and highlights activities which may not be undertaken in case no funding becomes available.

1. Science

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2. Policy

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: “There have been important [scientific and] policy developments regionally and globally over the past 10 years relating to air pollution issues of interest to the Convention, and the major issues of climate change and biodiversity have also grown in importance. The Parties to the Convention need to assess how they position themselves in relation to these wider developments — to examine critically its work, to formulate priorities and to confront potentially difficult decisions on its future work programme and organizational structure”. (Long-term Strategy, para 4). ... “Since the last protocol to the Convention was agreed in 1999 in Gothenburg, many significant policy developments have occurred at regional and global levels of which the Convention needs to take account”. (para 14). ... “In addressing issues related to its core air quality expertise, the Parties to the Convention recognize that the priorities for work and action will need to be regularly reviewed in the light of new priorities and progress already achieved, as well as wider policy developments on the regional and global scale” (LTS, para 16 d) ...”The close links between science and policy development are important. These links will be retained and, where possible, strengthened” (para 16 h)

2.1 Exchange of information and technology and review/development of strategies and policies

Description/objectives: The Working Group on Strategies and Review will review progress in the exchange of information and technology. On this basis, it will make recommendations to the Executive Body for further strengthening implementation and ratification of protocols to the Convention by countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. A review of strategies and policies will create an overview of air pollution abatement in the ECE region, giving a comprehensive description of national and international strategies and policies, including legislation in force, emission levels and future priorities. The Working Group will exchange information and best practices on policies, legislation and measures to foster the implementation of the Convention’s protocols. On this basis of the exchange of experiences, information and technology, the Working Group on Strategies and Review will assist the Executive Body in all policy-related issues.

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: To create favourable conditions for implementing technology-related obligations of the Convention and its protocols; to facilitate the implementation of existing protocols and the accession of non-Parties, particularly countries with economies in transition. An improved understanding of the status of air pollution abatement throughout the region and the exchange of information, good practices and technology has the potential to support efforts to “increase[d] ratification and implementation of, and compliance with the three [latest] Protocols” to “strengthen the relevance of the Convention as a leading regional agreement in addressing the remaining and emerging transboundary air pollution challenges” (para 17 (a) of the Long-term Strategy).

Main responsible body: Working Group on Strategies and Review

Main activities and deliverables/outputs: ...[to be reviewed and further developed by WGSR]

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Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resource expected in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs in thousands of US\$	Main responsible body
Review progress in the exchange of information and technology.	Item at WGSR session to review exchange of information and technology and techno-economic issues in 2014 and 2015	V, 17a				WGSR
To collect and exchange information and best practices on policies and strategies for air pollution abatement	Collection of information in 2014 by means of the revised questionnaire approved by the Executive Body in 2013	V, 17 a II,9				secretariat
	Draft review /analysis of questionnaire available for EB 2014		trust fund	15000		secretariat (consultancy)
	Final review published by time of EB 2015		trust fund	15000		secretariat (consultancy)
	Session on exchanging experiences and best practices on policies, strategies and measures to implement the Convention's Protocols and to address challenges related to ratification/accession in framework of WGSR in 2014 and 2015					WGSR

2.2 Techno-economic issues¹

Description/objectives: To explore further best available techniques (BAT) for emission abatement, including their efficiencies and costs. To promote awareness and build capacity to make use of Guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter (including PM10, PM2.5 and black carbon) from stationary sources adopted by the Executive Body in 2012 (ECE/EB.AIR/117). To continue to develop a techno-economic database (ECODAT) and methodologies for evaluating costs, as well as developing a Guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter (including PM10, PM2.5 and black carbon) from mobile sources.

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: Improved understanding and use by Parties to the Gothenburg Protocol of the application of BAT to stationary sources and of measures to encourage the development and introduction of low polluting processes and products, in line with Article 3, paragraph 6 and Article 6, paragraph 1 f of the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended, by means of applying the Guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter (including PM10, PM2.5 and black carbon) from stationary sources (ECE/EB.AIR/117). Improved understanding of the application of best available techniques to mobile sources in line with Article 3, paragraph 6 and Article 6, paragraph 1f of the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended, by means of developing a Guidance document. Improved knowledge of BAT for emission abatement, including their efficiencies and costs, enhanced availability and quality of techno-economic data by means of the techno-economic tool, developed as evolution of the existing ECODAT database and methodologies for evaluating costs, are the main expected outcome of this activity. These efforts should lead to facilitating the preparation of countries to implement the amended Gothenburg Protocol (para 17 (a) of the Long-term Strategy).

Main responsible body: Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues (EGTEI)

Main activities and deliverables/outputs:

¹ The following has been reviewed by the EGTEI Co-Chairs and secretariat for presentation to the WGSR as draft. A further consultation with the EGTEI group may lead to updates at a later stage. Resources and resource needs will be including following the review by WGSR.

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To explore further best available techniques (BAT) for emission abatement, including their efficiencies and costs;	Workshop/event to promote awareness and understanding of the Guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter (including PM10, PM2.5 and black carbon) from stationary sources, notably with EECCA countries in 2014	V, 17a				EGTEI

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<p>To continue to develop a techno-economic tool as evolution of the ECODAT database and methodologies for evaluating costs</p>	<p>Develop a techno economic tool as evolution of the existing ECODAT database, develop data and methodologies to estimate costs in different sectors. Large combustion plants are covered in 2013. Other sectors will be covered the following years depending on assessment expressed by the EGTEI experts, including the EECCA countries</p>	<p>V, 17a</p>				<p>EGTEI</p>
<p>Continue to explore further work on black carbon, in cooperation with other technical bodies of the Convention. To develop a guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and dust (including PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and black carbon) from mobile sources and present it to the Executive Body for adoption.</p>	<p>To develop a Guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and dust (including PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and black carbon) from mobile sources. Draft to be presented in 2014, final version in 2015</p>	<p>V, 17a</p>				<p>EGTEI</p>

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Continue the cooperation with the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (Coordinating Group for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia)	Potential implementation of pilot studies on emission abatement cost assessment for electricity generation and other sectors such as oil, non-ferrous metal industries in countries of the subregion (ongoing project in the Russian Federation on electricity generation and potential projects in other countries, 2014 and 2015)	V, 17a				EGTEI
	Joint session of the Coordinating Group for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and plenary session of EGTEI within the annual ATMOSPHERE Congress (tentatively June 2014 and June 2015)	V, 17a				EGTEI

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	Translating the guidance document on mobile sources into Russian, once developed, to be completed, tentatively, in 2015	V, 17a				EGTEI

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date (2014 and 2015)	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs	Main responsible body
	<p>Post processing analysis of the available Gothenburg GAINS scenarios developed by IIASA (runs by GAINS_Europe and ad hoc developed routines) to estimate the tech upgrade to be implemented by EECCA to comply with the provisions of Gothenburg Protocol Annexes (where meaningful like PM ELVs). Analyses delivered by end of 2013, in form of tables and Excel files. Verification with EECCA, in workshop, e.g. ATMOSPHERE annual Congress and/or on bilateral basis, in 2014.</p>	V, 17a	In kind contribution by the Italian Co-Chair			EGTEI

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date (2014 and 2015)	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs	Main responsible body
Cooperate with the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling (CIAM) to improve quality of the data concerning the electricity production and iron and steel production sectors in the Greenhouse Gas and Air Pollution Interactions and Synergies (GAINS) model	Provision of data to IIASA for inclusion in GAINS. Workshop with IIASA experts are convened, at necessity, when new information becomes available. The activity is carried out continuously.	V, 17a				EGTEI
Cooperate with the European Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Bureau, including updating cost data of BAT reference documents for some industry sectors	Update cost data for BAT reference documents for selected sectors (e.g. electricity generation) provided in 2014 and 2015. The activity is carried out continuously.	V, 17a				EGTEI

2.3 Specific priority policy areas

Description/objectives: The Working Group on Strategies and Review will exchange information on different priority policy areas during its session, on the basis of reports by its subsidiary organs and partner organizations. It will discuss and highlight key policy issues and address the linkages between different policy areas..... [to be further developed by WGSR]

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: Improve the understanding of the linkages between specific priority policy areas; take these into account when developing recommendations to the Executive Body and Parties; “Take the initiative in addressing the synergies and trade-offs between policies to address air pollution, climate change and biodiversity” (para 17 (b) LTS)

Main responsible body: Working Group on Strategies and Review

Main activities and deliverables/outputs [for further discussion by WGSR]:

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs	Main responsible body
Exchange of information on different priority policy areas during its session, discussion of key policy issues and addressing the linkages between different policy areas	Dedicated parts of WGSR session in 2014 and 2015 (tbc)	V, 17b				WGSR

2.3.1 Nitrogen²

Description/objectives: To develop an integrated approach towards controlling nitrogen pollution in the framework of the Convention, and to improve coordination between the work of various Convention bodies on nitrogen compounds. To build capacity to implement the Guidance documents developed in the framework of the Convention to implement the amended Gothenburg Protocol, namely the Guidance documents on national nitrogen budgets (ECE/EB.AIR/119) and on preventing and abating ammonia emissions from agricultural sources (ECE/EB.AIR/120). To address cross-sectoral considerations, notably the linkages between nitrogen and human diet, water ecosystems, and biodiversity. To establish and maintain cooperation with regional and global organizations, addressing pertinent cross-sectoral issues such as biodiversity, ecosystems, agriculture, food and climate change.

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: Improved understanding of approaches controlling nitrogen pollution in the environment, awareness and application of these by Parties. Improved awareness and understanding of the Guidance documents on national nitrogen budgets (ECE/EB.AIR/119) and on preventing and abating ammonia emissions from agricultural sources (ECE/EB.AIR/120). This should facilitate preparation for and implementation by Parties of the amended Gothenburg Protocol (article 7 para 3, article 3, paragraph 8 (b) and para 6 of annex IX; para 17 (a) of the Long-term Strategy). Furthermore, the work on reactive nitrogen should lead to improving the “understanding of the nitrogen effects on biodiversity in line with the strategic objective of “addressing the synergies and trade-offs between policies to address air pollution, climate change and biodiversity” (para 17 (b) LTS). It should also be conducive “to formulate ways of working with the [Convention on Biological Diversity]

² The following has been reviewed by the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen for presentation to the WGSR as draft. The main activities and deliverables take account of the workplan items listed in the TFRN report to WGSR (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2013/3), updated with the Task Force Co-Chairs and secretariat and agreed with the Task Force at its meeting on 25-26 April 2013 in Copenhagen for presentation to the WGSR. Further resources and resource needs will be including following the review by WGSR.

(...), as appropriate” (para 14 (c) LTS) and with other regional and global organizations and processes to dissemination information from the ECE region and promote knowledge and experience sharing.

Main responsible body: Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen

Main activities and deliverables/outputs:

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs	Main responsible body
Continue the work on nitrogen emission abatement from agricultural sources, develop technical and scientific information on an integrated approach to mitigation of agricultural nitrogen emissions with particular reference to the recent revision of the Gothenburg Protocol	Publish by 2014 and disseminate the Guidance Document on Preventing and Abating Ammonia Emissions from Agricultural Sources (ECE/EB.AIR/120)	V, 17a				TFRN
	Continue to liaise with the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling to examine the costs and benefits of ammonia emissions abatement measures to improve the understanding of health climate and environment related linkages for nitrogen: Provision of cost data on the effectiveness of ammonia emission abatement measures by 2015	V, 17a				TFRN
	Work on updating the ECE Framework Code for Good Agricultural Practice for Reducing Ammonia, including taking account of the relevant BREF documents: Executive Summary with key messages and update in 2014, extended version of publication in 2015	V, 17a				TFRN
	Continue exchange of information for effective measures to abate emissions in preparation of a future update of Annex IX to the amended Gothenburg and related policies by its Parties					
	Develop multi-pollutant approaches reflected in a draft report on integrated approaches for nitrogen emission abatement policy to be prepared by 2015	V, 17b				TFRN

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Continue providing technical information on making and using nitrogen budgets and estimating nitrogen emissions: (i) At the national scale and for various system boundaries; (ii) Looking specifically at the farm scale	Publish by 2015 and disseminate the new Guidance Document on national nitrogen budgets with its annexes (ECE/EB.AIR/119)	V, 17a				TFRN
	Development of draft indicators by 2015 through the use of nitrogen budget approaches and linkages between nitrogen and climate, in cooperation with other bodies such as the OECD and Eurostat	V, 17a				TFRN
	Provision of framework for establishing nitrogen budgets to EMEP to enable its provision to the Executive Body of nitrogen budgets, nitrogen compounds and nitrogen use efficiency (Article 7 of amended Gothenburg Protocol)	V, 17a				TFRN
	Organization of a workshop to improve awareness and understanding of the Guidance document on National Nitrogen Budgets and its annexes to be held by 2015	V, 17a				TFRN
Continue developing and providing technical and scientific information to the Executive Body and to the Working Group on Strategies and Review in the light of the implementation of the provisions of the recently revised Gothenburg Protocol in relation to the whole nitrogen cycle	Provision of information and presentations by the Chair of TFRN at meetings of WGSR in 2014 and 2015 and to the Executive Body, as appropriate	V, 17a				TFRN
Continue collecting and assessing information from the national focal points regarding their experiences, including any difficulties that they have in developing and implementing an integrated approach	Task Force meetings in 2014 and 2015, Workshop(s) to be organized to exchange experience on implementation of Gothenburg Protocol, in partnership with other regional nitrogen organizations, as needs arise	V, 17a				TFRN

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs	Main responsible body
Provide technical information on the effects of human diets on nitrogen use and emissions	Report on the relationship of human diet, the nitrogen cycle and environmental impacts in 2014 (European Nitrogen Assessment special report)	V, 17a V, 17b				TFRN
Outreach to other regions and cooperation with other organizations: - To engage with the CBD on the development and application of indicators of biodiversity targets; - To liaise with the UNEP Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA) and the Global Partnership on Nutrient Management in the development of nitrogen indicators and mitigation techniques (in the context of sustainable production) and understanding of the linkages of air, water, climate and biodiversity targets; - Provision of nitrogen-use indicators (e.g. nitrogen use efficiency) related to multiple indicators of environmental quality including water quality	Provision of nitrogen indicators in relation to biodiversity to the CBD for inclusion in Aichi target monitoring process, in collaboration with the International Nitrogen Initiative (timing tbc)	V, 14b				TFRN
	Implementation of a global research programme of the nutrient cycle, in cooperation with the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA), setting UNECE analysis into the global context	V, 17b	GEF		USD 6M	TFRN
	Provision of nitrogen use indicators for selected transboundary water basins, as a contribution to the study on the water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus prepared in framework of ECE Water Convention by 2015	V, 17b				TFRN

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs	Main responsible body
Liaise with countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in the development of approaches for managing reactive nitrogen in industry and agriculture in order to: (i) Investigate the barriers to implementation of the Gothenburg Protocol; (ii) Improve collaboration with the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, through the new Expert Panel of the Task Force	Workshop for the countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia planned by 2015 on application of low emission approaches in the context of conditions in the EECCA region; Ensure participation of countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in the meetings of TFRN	V, 17a				TFRN
With the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections, continue to ensure consistency between development of emission and abatement estimates	Continuous information collection and exchange as a basis for future updates of guidance documents on ammonia emission abatements and the EMEP/EEA Emission Inventory Guidebook	V, 17a				TFRN

2.3.2 Biodiversity

Description/objectives: To improve the understanding of policies and strategies addressing the effects of air pollution on biodiversity. To develop cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: Improved understanding and ability of Parties in their policy development and review to “address the synergies and trade-offs between policies to address air pollution, climate change and biodiversity” (para 17 (b) LTS). Formulation of “ways of working with the [Convention on Biological Diversity] (...), as appropriate” (para 14 (c) LTS)

Main responsible body: Working Group on Strategies and Review

Main activities and deliverables/outputs: [to be reviewed and further developed by WGSR

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs	Main responsible body
Exchange of information on policies and measures limiting the air pollution effect on biodiversity	Dedicated parts of WGSR sessions in 2014 and 2015 (tbc)	V, 17b				WGSR

2.3.3 Climate Change and Short-lived Climate Forcers

Description/objectives: Continue to explore further work on black carbon, in cooperation with other technical bodies of the Convention. To support Parties in the preparation for and implementation of the amended Gothenburg Protocol. To support their exchange of experiences with regard to the reduction of PM and ozone precursors (see also 2.2). To engage in cooperation with the Arctic Council, UNEP and UNFCCC.

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: “The Parties to the Convention recognize the importance of identifying the co-benefits in combating air pollution and climate change. It will give high priority now and in the longer term to establishing work on the links between climate change and air quality, including mercury and POPs. In the short term, attention will be focused on SLCFs where there is a strong argument that optimal control policies for these pollutants should be regional in nature.” ...” Links with the UNFCCC and UNEP more broadly will be strengthened by the secretariats in order to establish longer-term cooperation on a more strategic level.” (para 16i)

Main responsible body: Working Group on Strategies and Review

Main activities and deliverables/outputs:[to be developed by WGSR]

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources expected in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs in thousands of US\$	Main responsible body

2.3.4 Heavy Metals

Description/objectives: To support Parties in their preparation for accession to and implementation of the amended Protocol on Heavy Metals, notably by providing support in the application of the Guidance Document on best available techniques for controlling emissions of heavy metals and their compounds from the source categories listed in

annex II adopted by the Executive Body in 2012 (ECE/EB.AIR/116). To carry out work on mercury-containing products and emission limit values for heavy metals, so that a future review could update and build on that existing work.³

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: To build capacity of Parties to accede to/ratify the amended Protocol on Heavy Metals and implement emission limit values by implementing the Guidance document referred to in articles 3, paragraph 2 (a) and (c), of the Protocol on Heavy Metals, as amended, as well as in paragraphs 1 and 4 of annex III to the Protocol, as amended. To provide sufficient information to Parties to enable them “to reassess, after the [amendment to the Protocol on Heavy Metals] what added value the Convention can provide on [this issue] compared with the global instrument” on mercury.” (LTS, para 14 e).

Main responsible body: Task Force on Heavy Metals

Main activities and deliverables/outputs: ...[to be developed based on input by the Task Force on Heavy Metals]

Activity description	Deliverable(s) and planned completion date	Reference to LTS, Action Plan to LTS, EB decision	Funding source: trust fund, donation, in-kind contribution	Resources expected in thousands of US\$	Additional resource needs in thousands of US\$	Main responsible body

2.3.5 Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

Description/objectives: [In case of decision to maintain this item, to be developed by WGSR]⁴

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: “The main focus of global action on this issue will be taken through the Stockholm Convention under UNEP ... Options to better complement the measures and actions taken at the global level and to secure the added value of the Protocol on POPs will be explored. Policy work directed at a new or revised Protocol will therefore scale down, by shifting its focus to unintentionally released POPs and to areas and substances where the implementation of stricter measures in the UNECE region is still recommended. ... If new substances arise where action is needed, the first priority for Parties should be to nominate them in the Stockholm Convention, but incorporation into the Protocol on POPs would be an option should the former route fail.” (para 16 (f) LTS)

³ This description builds on the decision by the Executive Body at its 30th session that the work of the Task Force on Heavy Metals be maintained until the Executive Body will discuss in 2014 the issue of mercury-containing products and emission limit values for heavy metals, taking into account the global legally binding agreement on mercury. At the same time, there is recommendation by the ad hoc group of experts on the Action Plan for the implementation of the Long-term strategy for the Convention that the Task Force on Heavy Metals be discontinued following the completion of negotiations of amendments to the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ECE/EB.AIR/2015/12, para 13).

⁴ There is recommendation by the ad hoc group of experts on the Action Plan for the implementation of the Long-term strategy for the Convention that the Task Force on POPs be discontinued, that any further work should be organized under ad hoc groups when needs arise and that the Working Group on Strategies and Review keep a dialogue with the Convention’s scientific bodies regarding new scientific findings and setting priorities (ECE/EB.AIR/2015/12, para 13).

Main responsible body: Working Group on Strategies and Review

Main activities and deliverables/outputs:[In case of decision to maintain this item, to be developed by WGSR]

2.3.6 Outreach to other regions

Description/objectives: The Working Group will review and discuss opportunities to reach out to other regions and consider how to gain momentum with regard to cooperation in the policy field. This could include the establishment of partnerships, formal or informal, with respective organizations active in other or across regions. The policy relevant outcome of the scientific work undertaken by the Task Force on the Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will be considered.

Intended outcome of activities in relation with the long-term strategy: “Building on this reputation, the Convention has extended its outreach activities across the world, building on and cooperating in the work of UNEP and the Global Atmospheric Pollution Forum, among other activities. While such cooperation has been very effective in the scientific field, it should gain momentum in moving into the policy arena in the future. These outreach activities are likely to assume even greater importance for the Convention in the coming years. The Convention will identify appropriate ways and means to best build on this work and to develop it, and to continue to build on the reputation of the Convention as a global leader in regional air pollution management” (para 14d, LTS)

Main responsible body: Working Group on Strategies and Review

Main activities and deliverables/outputs:[to be reviewed and further developed by WGSR]

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Review and discuss opportunities to reach out to other regions and consider how to gain momentum with regard to cooperation in the policy field. This could include the establishment of partnerships, formal or informal, with respective organizations active in other or across regions.	Cooperation established with respective organizations	IV, 14d				WGSR
The policy relevant outcome of the scientific work undertaken by the Task Force on the Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will be considered.	Dedicated parts of WGSR sessions in 2014 and 2015 (tbc)	IV, 14d				WGSR

3. Compliance

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4. Capacity Building

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