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Thirty-fourth session

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Friday, 18 December 2015*

I. Provisional agenda

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* There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention website ([www.unece.org/index.php?id=38060#/#/](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38060#/)), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting. On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section at the Pregny gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). A map is available on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website (www.unece.org/meetings/UN_Map.pdf). For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no official documentation available in the meeting room. Before the meeting, documents may be obtained directly from the web page for the meeting on the ECE Environment Division website ([www.unece.org/index.php?id=38060#/#/](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=38060#/)) or from the public United Nations Official Document System (ODS) website (<http://documents.un.org/>).



7. Other business.
8. Adoption of decisions taken at the thirty-fourth session.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, morning

The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution is expected to adopt the agenda for its thirty-fourth session, as set out in the present document.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session (ECE/EB.AIR/132)

2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its thirty-third session

Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, morning

The Executive Body is expected to adopt the report of its thirty-third session.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Body on its thirty-third session (ECE/EB.AIR/127 and Add.1)

3. Report on credentials

Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, morning

Delegations will be invited to submit their credentials to the secretariat during the session. 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. Matters arising from meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, meetings of the Convention's subsidiary bodies and other related meetings

Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, morning

The secretariat will report on the status of the preparations for the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 8–10 June 2016), based on the outcomes of the twenty-first session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy (Geneva, 27–30 October 2015). The Parties will be invited to promote high-level participation of their delegations at the Conference. The Executive Body will also discuss the organization of a possible side event dedicated to the Convention.

The Chair of the Implementation Committee will present a progress report on the Committee's work (ECE/EB.AIR/2015/2), prepared based on the outcomes of the Committee's thirty-fifth session (Budapest, 27–29 May 2015).

To ensure the continuity of work of the Implementation Committee between the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth (Geneva, 2–4 May 2016) sessions of the Executive Body, the Executive Body may wish to consider postponing the election of Committee members until its thirty-fifth session.

The Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will report on the outcomes of the fifty-third session of the Working Group (Geneva, 15–17 December 2015). He will particularly draw attention to the exchange of information, experiences and good practices initiated to promote the implementation of the Convention's protocols, in line with Executive Body decision 2013/2. The Executive Body may wish to consider postponing the evaluation of the effectiveness of decision 2013/2 until its thirty-fifth session.

The Chairs of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) and the Working Group on Effects will report on the outcomes of the first joint session of those two bodies (Geneva, 14–18 September 2015), including with respect to the review by the Expert Review Team of applications for adjustments under the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them. They will also present an information document containing a draft executive summary of the Convention's 2016 assessment report. The Executive body is expected to discuss the finalization of the 2016 assessment report and to provide guidance in that regard.

Finally, the secretariat will report on the status of outreach activities, including updates on the cooperation opportunities with the Arctic Council, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition and other organizations. The Executive Body will exchange ideas on how to further promote the outreach activities and provide guidance on the next steps in that regard.

Documentation

Progress report on the work of the Implementation Committee (ECE/EB.AIR/2015/2)

5. Draft 2016–2017 workplan for the implementation of the Convention

Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, afternoon

The Executive Body is expected to discuss and agree on the 2016–2017 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2015/1–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2015/1), ensuring that it targets the Convention's priorities and appropriate outputs. It is also expected to discuss the calendar of meetings for the period 2016–2017 with a view to ensuring a smooth flow of information and results between the scientific and policy bodies, in order to facilitate informed policy discussions based on scientific outputs.

Documentation

2016–2017 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2015/1–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2015/1)

6. Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention

Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, afternoon

The secretariat will inform the Executive Body about the status of Parties' contributions to the trust funds for financing the implementation of the Convention and the expenditures in 2015.

Based on the recommendation of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects, the Executive Body is expected, inter alia, to approve (a) the detailed use of resources for EMEP in 2016, (b) the essential international coordination costs for financing the core activities of the Convention and its protocols, other than those covered by the EMEP Protocol, and (c) the respective scales of mandatory and recommended contributions.

Documentation

Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2015/3)

7. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, afternoon

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

8. Adoption of decisions taken at the thirty-fourth session

Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, afternoon

The Executive Body may wish to adopt its decisions taken during the session. The draft report of the session, reflecting the decisions adopted, will be finalized by the secretariat following the session. The report will be presented for adoption at the Executive Body's thirty-fifth session.
