

Decisions adopted by the Executive Body at its thirty-fifth session

Decision 2016/1

Establishment of an ad hoc policy review group of experts on the 2016 scientific assessment of the Convention

The Executive Body,

Welcoming the publication *Towards Cleaner Air: Scientific Assessment Report 2016* (2016 Assessment Report),¹ as well as the shorter summary for policymakers of the 2016 Assessment Report (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/3) adopted by the Extended Bureaux of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects in March 2016,

Recalling item 2.1.3 of the 2016–2017 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (see ECE/EB.AIR/133/Add.1), which tasks the Working Group on Strategies and Review to formulate a policy response to the 2016 Assessment Report, taking into account the long-term strategy for the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/106/Add.1, decision 2010/18, annex), the action plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/109/Add.1, decision 2011/14, annex), the report of the ad hoc expert group on the review of the International Cooperative Programmes of the Working Group on Effects (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/2) and the report of the ad hoc group of experts on the action plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/15),

Recognizing the importance of the long-term strategy for the Convention and the need to review priorities for work,

Taking into consideration the nominations for participants in the ad hoc group of experts forwarded by Parties to the secretariat by 15 February 2016, as reflected in the report of the Executive Body on its thirty-fifth session:

1. *Establishes* a time-limited ad hoc group of experts to develop a policy response to the 2016 Assessment Report;
2. *Requests* the ad hoc group of experts to report its progress and preliminary findings to the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its fifty-fourth session (Geneva, 13–14 December 2016) and to the Executive Body at its thirty-sixth session (Geneva, 15–16 December 2016) for their feedback;
3. *Also requests* the ad hoc group of experts to present its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its fifty-fifth session (Spring 2017), which will then submit its recommendations to the thirty-seventh session of the Executive Body (December 2017);
4. *Decides* that the ad hoc group of experts will:
 - (a) Make proposals for a policy response to the 2016 Assessment Report and recommendations as to whether and how the Convention should take action in the short and long term based on the findings in that report;
 - (b) Review the priorities for work and action in the long-term strategy in the light of the 2016 Assessment Report;
 - (c) Propose updates and revisions to the long-term strategy for the Convention based on findings in the 2016 Assessment Report, the policy

¹ Rob Maas and Peringe Grennfelt, eds. (Oslo, 2016). Available from <http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/conventions/envlrap/welcome/publications.html>.

recommendations developed further to subparagraph (a) above, and taking into account the report of the ad hoc group of experts on the action plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention.