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### Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

#### Fortieth session

Geneva, 18 December 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fortieth session

**To be held as a hybrid session at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 18 December 2020\***

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its thirty-ninth session.
3. Report on credentials.
4. Review of the implementation of the 2020–2021 workplan:
  - (a) Science;
  - (b) Policy;
  - (c) Compliance;
  - (d) Capacity-building and awareness-raising to promote ratification and implementation;
  - (e) Communication, outreach and cooperation.

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5. Review of sufficiency and effectiveness of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.
6. Financial requirements for implementation of the Convention.
7. Election of officers.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of decisions taken at the fortieth session.

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

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

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 2.30–2.35 p.m.*

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

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the fortieth session (ECE/EB.AIR/145)

### **2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its thirty-ninth session**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 2.35–2.40 p.m.*

The Executive Body is invited to adopt the report on its thirty-ninth session (Geneva, 9–13 December 2019).

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Body on its thirty-ninth session (ECE/EB.AIR/144, Add.1 and Add.2)

### **3. Report on credentials**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 2.40–2.45 p.m.*

Delegations will be invited to submit their credentials to the secretariat in advance of the session. The officers of the session will examine the credentials and report on them to the Executive Body. The Executive Body is invited to take note of the report on credentials.

### **4. Review of the implementation of the 2020–2021 workplan**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 2.45–3.25 p.m.*

The Executive Body will be invited to review the implementation of the 2020–2021 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/144/Add.2).

#### **(a) Science**

Considering the main outcomes, conclusions and recommendations of the sixth joint session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects (Geneva, 14–17 September 2020), as contained in the report of the session (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2020/2–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2020/2, forthcoming), the Executive Body will be invited to take note of the progress in the implementation of section I of the workplan (science).

**Documentation**

Report of the sixth joint session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2020/2–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2020/2, forthcoming)

**(b) Policy**

The Executive Body will be invited to take note of the progress in the implementation of section II of the workplan (policy) and of the outcomes of the fifty-eighth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (Geneva, 14, 15 and 17 December 2020).

The Executive Body will be invited to adopt the draft guidance document on integrated sustainable nitrogen management, forwarded to it by the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its fifty-eighth session.

**Documentation**

Draft guidance document on integrated sustainable nitrogen management (ECE/EB.AIR/2020/6–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2020/5)

Draft decision of the Executive Body (ECE/EB.AIR/2020/4)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (informal document No. 1)

**(c) Compliance**

The Executive Body will be invited to take note of progress in the implementation of section III of the workplan (compliance), and in particular the twenty-third report of the Implementation Committee prepared based on the outcomes of the forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions of the Committee (Geneva (online), 13 and 14 May 2020, and 15–17 September 2020, respectively).

At its thirty-eighth session (Geneva, 10–14 December 2018), the Executive Body re-elected three members of the Implementation Committee for a fourth term, and six members for a second term (see ECE/EB.AIR/142, para. 35 (d)). The Executive Body is therefore invited to elect nine members of the Implementation Committee.

**Documentation**

Twenty-third report of the Implementation Committee (ECE/EB.AIR/2020/2)

Compliance with reporting obligations (informal document No. 2)

**(d) Capacity-building and awareness-raising to promote ratification and implementation**

The Executive Body will be invited to take note of the information on the implementation of section IV of the workplan (capacity-building and awareness-raising to promote ratification and implementation), as contained in the reports of the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and the secretariat.

**Documentation**

Report of the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (informal document No. 3)

Report of the secretariat (informal document No. 4)

**(e) Communication, outreach and cooperation**

The Executive Body will be invited to take note of the information on the implementation of section V of the workplan (communication, outreach and cooperation), as contained in the

report of the secretariat. The Executive Body will be invited to take note of the information provided.

#### **Documentation**

Report on communication and outreach activities (informal document No. 5)

### **5. Review of sufficiency and effectiveness of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 3.25–3.35 p.m.*

At its thirty-ninth session, the Executive Body decided to initiate the review of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone as amended in 2012. The Executive Body will be invited to consider the plan for the review, the work schedule and related conclusions and recommendations forwarded to it by the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its fifty-eighth session in accordance with decision 2019/4 (see ECE/EB.AIR/144/Add.1).

#### **Documentation**

Preparations for the review of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone as amended in 2012 (ECE/EB.AIR/2020/3–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2020/3)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (informal document No. 1)

### **6. Financial requirements for implementation of the Convention**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 3.35–3.45 p.m.*

The secretariat will inform the Executive Body about the status of Parties' contributions to the trust funds for financing implementation of the Convention in 2019–2020 and the expenditures during that period.

On the recommendation 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, the Executive Body is invited, among other things, to approve: (a) the detailed use of resources for EMEP in 2021; and (b) the essential international coordination costs for financing the core activities of the Convention and its Protocols, other than those covered by the 1984 Geneva Protocol on Long-term Financing of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and a revised schedule of mandatory contributions for 2021–2022.

#### **Documentation**

Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2020/1)

### **7. Election of officers**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 3.45–3.50 p.m.*

At its thirty-eighth session, in accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure (ECE/EB.AIR/106/Add.1, decision 2010/19, as amended by decision 2013/1 (ECE/EB.AIR/122/Add.1)), the Executive Body re-elected its Chair and its three Vice-Chairs. In accordance with rule 21, it also re-elected the Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (ECE/EB.AIR/142, para. 76). At its thirty-ninth session, the Executive Body elected a replacement for a Vice-Chair of the Executive Body for the remainder of the term (ECE/EB.AIR/144, para. 58).

In accordance with rules 17 and 21, the Executive Body is invited to elect a Chair and three Vice-Chairs of the Executive Body and the Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review. Officers are eligible for re-election but may not serve more than two consecutive terms unless the Executive Body decides otherwise.

## **8. Other business**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 3.50–3.55 p.m.*

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no issues to raise under this agenda item. Parties wishing to propose any other business are invited to contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

## **9. Adoption of decisions taken at the fortieth session**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 18 December, 3.55–4.30 p.m.*

The Executive Body is invited to adopt the decisions taken during the session. The draft report on the session, reflecting the decisions adopted, will be finalized by the secretariat following the session. The report will be presented for adoption at the forty-first session of the Executive Body.

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