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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 3 p.m.
on Monday, 12 December 2011***

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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 (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>), 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 UNECE website (http://www.unece.org/meetings/UN_Map.pdf).

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 December, afternoon

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session (ECE/EB.AIR/108)

The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution is expected to adopt the agenda for its 2011 (twenty-ninth) session as set out in the present document.

2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its 2010 (twenty-eighth) session

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 December, afternoon

Documentation: Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/106 and Add.1 and 2)

The Executive Body is expected to adopt the report of its 2010 (twenty-eighth) session.

3. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 December, afternoon

In accordance with Executive Body decision 2006/11 on the accreditation of non-governmental organizations, the Bureau will make recommendations for applications for accreditation, if any. The Executive Body is expected to decide upon accreditation.

4. Matters arising from meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and other related meetings

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 December, afternoon

The secretariat will draw attention to the outcome of the sixty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Europe, the seventh “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference (Astana, 21–23 September 2011) and recent sessions of the Committee on Environmental Policy.

5. Progress in core activities and implementation of the 2011 workplan

Tentative timing: Monday, 12 December, afternoon

Documentation: Report of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) on its thirty-fifth session (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/2); Report of the Working Group on Effects on its thirtieth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2011/2); Activities of the Bureau (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/3); European Nitrogen Assessment: Summary for Policymakers (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/4)

The Chairs of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects will present a summary of the main issues discussed at and the results of both the thirty-fifth session of the EMEP Steering Body and the thirtieth session of the Working Group on Effects, and highlight conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the Executive Body.

The Chair of the Executive Body will present a summary of the activities of the Executive Body Bureau.

The Executive Body is expected to take note of the latest scientific results under EMEP and the Working Group on Effects.

The Executive Body is also expected to discuss the European Nitrogen Assessment Summary for Policymakers and its implications for future work under the Convention.

6. Review and revision of protocols

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 13 December, morning and afternoon

Documentation: Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/104); Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-ninth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/106); Options for revising the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/8); Draft revised annex I (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/8/rev.1); Draft revised annex IV (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/9/rev.1); Draft revised annex V (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/10/rev.1); Draft revised annex VI (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/11/rev.1); Draft revised annex VII (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/12/rev.1); Draft revised annex VIII (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/13/rev.1) Draft revised annex X (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/14/rev.1); Draft revised annex XI (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2011/15/rev.1);

The Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will introduce this agenda item by referring to the discussions and decisions of the Working Group at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions. The Executive Body is expected to take note of the reports and to consider relevant conclusions and recommendations for the following:

(a) *Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol)*. At its twenty-eighth session the Executive Body requested the Working Group on Strategies and review to continue negotiations with a view to concluding the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol, and presenting proposed

amendments for adoption at the twenty-ninth session of the Executive Body. The Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will present such amendments;

(b) *Protocol on Heavy Metals*. At its twenty-eighth session the Executive Body requested the Working Group on Strategies and Review to continue negotiations with a view to presenting proposed amendments to the Protocol on Heavy Metals to the Executive Body in 2012. It also requested that in 2011 the negotiations focus on those proposed amendments aimed at increasing ratifications and that addressed issues raised also in the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol. The Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will report on progress;

(c) *Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs)*. At its twenty-eighth session, the Executive Body requested the Working Group on Strategies and Review to consider any new scientific information related to pentachlorophenol (PCP)/pentachloroanisole (PCA) and trifluralin and to revise its recommendations as appropriate. The Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will present any revised recommendations of the Working Group in the light of a submission by Canada on trifluralin. The Executive Body, and in particular Parties to the Protocol on POPs, are expected to reconsider the report of the Task Force on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2010/8) with a view to making a decision regarding endosulfan, dicofol, hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD), PCP/PCA and trifluralin.

7. Compliance with protocol obligations

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 13 December, afternoon

Documentation: Report of the Implementation Committee on compliance with protocol obligations (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/2); Draft recommendations for the Executive Body (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/7)

The Chair of the Implementation Committee will present the Committee's fourteenth report on compliance by individual Parties with their protocol obligations. The Executive Body is expected to consider the Committee's recommendations.

At its twenty-eighth session, the Executive Body re-elected two members to the Implementation Committee for a term of two years. At its twenty-seventh session, the Executive Body elected four new members to the Committee for a period of two years and re-elected three members for a second term of two years. Those elected at the twenty-seventh session have now completed their terms of office, and elections are necessary.

8. Action plan for the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and capacity-building activities in countries with economies in transition

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 13 December, afternoon

The Chair of the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia will present progress in the work of the Coordinating Group and proposed activities aimed at implementation of the action plan considered by the Group in 2011. Delegations will be invited to provide information on their efforts to implement and ratify the most recent protocols under the Convention and any needs for capacity-building and assistance. The Executive Body is expected to note this information and to include any new planned activities and necessary

actions for further implementation of the Group's action plan in the 2012–2012 workplan for the implementation of the Convention.

9. Action plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 14 December, morning

Documentation: Action plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/6)

The Executive Body is expected to discuss and adopt the action plan for the implementation of the long-term strategy, proposed by the Bureau.

10. 2012–2013 workplan for the implementation of the Convention

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 14 December, afternoon

Documentation: Draft 2012–2013 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/5)

The Executive Body is expected to discuss and agree on a workplan for the implementation of the Convention in 2012–2013. Comments and suggestions made by the Working Group on Effects, the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Strategies and Review on the workplan are contained in the reports of their sessions. The Executive Body is expected to take these into account, as well as the discussions under items 5–9 above, and to provide guidance to the secretariat for the finalization of the 2012–2013 workplan.

11. Review of strategies and policies of Parties and Signatories to the Convention for the abatement of air pollution

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 December, morning

Documentation: 2012 Strategies and Policies Review (ECE/EB.AIR/2009/12)

At its twentieth session in 2002, the Executive Body decided to separate the review process (and questionnaire) into two parts: the first consisting of protocol-related questions for compliance review to be carried out every two years, and the second of questions pertaining to a general policy review to be undertaken every four years. The 2012 questionnaire covers only protocol-related questions (ECE/EB.AIR/2009/12). The Executive Body is expected to decide whether it wishes to amend and/or proceed with the questionnaire and the review in 2012.

12. Activities of bodies of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and international organizations relevant to the Convention

Tentative timing: Thursday, 15 December, afternoon

Documentation: Activities of the Bureau (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/3)

The Chair will report on relevant activities by the Bureau in relation to cooperation with organizations. The secretariat will report on relevant activities of bodies of the United

Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Representatives of international organizations (e.g., the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization) will be invited to provide information on their activities of particular relevance to the Convention. Representatives of organizations and networks from outside the region are also invited to give information on existing and potential areas of collaboration with the Convention. The European Union will be invited to provide additional relevant information on the revision of the National Emission Ceilings Directive, collaboration with the Convention's technical bodies and programme centres, and future cooperation with the Convention. The Executive Body is expected to take note of this information and provide guidance for further work.

13. Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 December, morning

Documentation: Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/1)

The Executive Body is expected to consider the status of the Convention and take the necessary steps to meet the costs of implementing the workplan. In particular, the budgets for 2012 and 2013 for EMEP, and for the core activities not covered by the EMEP Protocol,¹ as well as provisional budgeted amounts for the future will be adopted under this agenda item.

14. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 December, morning

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

15. Adoption of decisions taken at the twenty-ninth session

Tentative timing: Friday, 16 December, afternoon

The Executive Body 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 secretariat following the session. The report will be presented for adoption at the Executive Body's thirtieth session.

¹ 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.