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**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials  
“Environment for Europe”  
Executive Committee

Fifth meeting  
Geneva, 14-15 February 2007

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH MEETING**  
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 February 2007\*

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Overview of activities proposed by partners for the agenda of the Belgrade Conference
3. The provisional agenda of the Belgrade Conference
4. The budget required for the Conference and the preparatory process

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\* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/env/efe/wgso/Belgrade/WGSOMeetings.htm>), and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat no later than 2 weeks before the meeting either by fax (+41 22 917 0107) or by e-mail ([efe@unece.org](mailto:efe@unece.org)). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the UNECE website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>). In case of difficulty, please contact the “Environment for Europe” secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 6307.

5. The "Environment for Europe" communication plan
6. Ministerial Declaration
7. The status of preparations by the host country
8. The fourth meeting of the WGSO and the sixth meeting of the Executive Committee
9. Other business

## **II. ANNOTATIONS**

### **Wednesday, 14 February 2007**

#### **Item 1. Adoption of the agenda (10 a.m.-10. 10 a.m.)**

1. The Executive Committee is invited to adopt the provisional agenda of its fifth meeting (Working Paper No. WGSO/EXECOM-5/2007/1).

#### **Item 2. Overview of activities proposed by partners for the agenda of the Belgrade Conference (10.10 a.m.-1. 00 p.m.)**

2. As decided by the Executive Committee at its fourth meeting, the proposed category I documents in their draft final format would be submitted to the Committee for its consideration at its fifth meeting. The Executive Committee is invited to review these drafts and to make decisions on the selection of the category I documents for the Conference. To facilitate the discussion, the secretariat has updated the document on the overview of activities proposed by partners for the agenda of the Conference (Working Paper No. WGSO/EXECOM-5/2007/2) with input from EfE partners and prepared a list of the proposed category I and II documents. The Committee may also wish to consult the overview of other proposed activities (Information paper No 1), as necessary.

3. Following the discussions and decisions by the WGSO and its Executive Committee, the secretariat has prepared the draft outline of the synthesis report and the draft template for the executive summaries (Working Paper No. WGSO/EXECOM-5/2007/3). The Executive Committee is invited to consider the proposed composition of selected category I and II documents for the synthesis report and make final decisions in this regard, bearing in mind that the report should provide Ministers with a concise overview of major documents to facilitate their work at the Conference. The Executive Committee is also invited to comment on and approve, as appropriate, the proposed template for the executive summaries.

#### **Item 3. The provisional agenda for the Belgrade Conference (3.00 p.m.-5. 00 p.m.)**

4. Following the request of the Executive Committee, the secretariat has prepared the first draft of the provisional agenda for the Belgrade Conference (Working Paper No. WGSO/EXECOM-5/2007/4) in accordance with the agreed draft outline of the Conference agenda (annex 1, ECE/CEP/AC.11/2006/2) and taking into account the discussions at the third meeting of the WGSO and the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee. The outline of the provisional agenda (annex 1, Working Paper No. WGSO/EXECOM-5/2007/4) has been

updated to facilitate the discussion. The Executive Committee is invited to consider the draft provisional agenda of the Conference, both in terms of content, grouping of issues and format of discussion, and provide guidance for its further development. The revised provisional agenda of the Conference would be submitted to the fourth meeting of the WGSO for its consideration.

**Item 4. The budget required for the Conference and the preparatory process (5.00 p.m.-5.30 p.m.)**

5. The Executive Committee is invited to consider the updated document on the estimated budget for the Conference and the preparatory process (Working Paper No. WGSO/EXECOM-5/2007/5). This document has been revised on the basis of input from partners and the host country, taking into account internal UNECE budget-related rules and the decision of the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) (ECE/CEP/127, annex II) on the eligibility for financial support of countries with economies in transition. The host country and the secretariat will provide updated information on their respective budgetary status. The Executive Committee is invited to consider the budget requirement for the Conference and its preparatory process as well as possible mechanisms for fund-raising.

**Item 5. The “Environment for Europe” communication plan (5.30 p.m.-6. 00 p.m.)**

6. The secretariat will provide updated information on the implementation of the communication plan for the Belgrade Conference (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2006/13), which was reviewed and discussed by the WGSO at its third meeting. The Executive Committee is invited to provide further guidance on the communication activities with the aim to enhance the visibility of the Conference.

**Thursday, 15 February 2007**

**Item 6. Ministerial Declaration (10.00 a.m.-12. 00 p.m.)**

7. In pursuance of the request of the Executive Committee at its fourth meeting, the secretariat has prepared a first draft of possible elements of the Ministerial Declaration (Working Paper No. WGSO/EXECOM-5/2007/6) in light of the previous discussions at the WGSO and the Executive Committee. As agreed, the Declaration should focus on a limited number of issues to be identified in accordance with the Conference agenda. The Executive Committee is invited to consider the proposed possible elements and to provide guidance to the Drafting Group for the further development of the draft Declaration. The first meeting of the Drafting Group will be held back-to-back with the fifth meeting of the Executive Committee, on 15 (p.m.) and 16 February 2007.

**Item 7. The status of preparations by the host country (12.00 p.m.-12. 30 p.m.)**

8. The host country is invited to update the Executive Committee on the national preparatory process for the organization of the Conference. The Committee may wish to raise

questions as appropriate.

**Item 8. The fourth meeting of the WGSO and the sixth meeting of the Executive Committee (12.30 p.m.-12. 50 p.m.)**

9. The Committee will be informed of the proposed dates of the fourth meeting of the WGSO, the sixth meeting of the Executive Committee, as well as the second meeting of the Drafting Group. An updated schedule of preparatory meetings for the Belgrade Conference is annexed to the report of the third meeting of the WGSO (ECE/CEP/AC.11/2006/9). The Committee is also invited to provide guidance on the agenda of the fourth meeting of the WGSO and the sixth meeting of the Executive Committee.

**Item 9. Other business (12.50 p.m.-1. 00 p.m.)**

10. The Committee is invited to discuss any other business that may be brought to its attention.