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Dates	Title	Comments
31 (pm) May- 3 June	Working Party on Pollution and Energy <i>Focal point:</i> Romain Hubert <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2402 <i>E-mail:</i> romain.hubert@unece.org	As a subsidiary body of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, GRPE will resume, during its 50th session, the consideration of a range of items proposed to improve regulatory provisions concerning the emissions of wheeled vehicle engines, particularly regarding the development of worldwide harmonized test cycles for motorcycles and for four wheeled vehicles. The status of the development of hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles and environmentally friendly vehicles will also be considered. Website: select GRPE in http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm
1-3 Brussels	Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution <i>Focal point:</i> Keith Bull <i>Phone:</i> +41 22 917 2354 <i>E-mail:</i> keith.bull@unece.org	The first meeting of the Task Force will bring together experts from Parties to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to discuss the current scientific understanding of the hemispheric movement of air pollution. The Task Force will report to the EMEP Steering Body in September. The Convention's Executive Body has requested the lead Parties, the United States and the European Community, to encourage participation by experts from countries outside the UNECE region. To this end the lead countries and the secretariat have worked to ensure experts from many countries outside the region, as well as those across UNECE, are able to participate. Website: http://www.unece.org/env/tfhtap
2 (10 a.m.)	Briefing by Executive Secretary to Missions <i>Focal point:</i> Susan Bartolo <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1469 <i>E-mail:</i> susan.bartolo@unece.org	Room IX.
2 Almaty	Trade Facilitation Workshop <i>Focal point:</i> Mario Apostolov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1134 <i>E-mail:</i> mario.apostolov@unece.org	
2-3	Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment <i>Focal point:</i> Mikhail Kokine <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 23 47 <i>E-mail:</i> mikhail.kokine@unece.org	The Meeting will discuss the preparations of the 4th pan-European environment assessment report for the 2007 Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference and it will update a work programme on strengthening environmental monitoring capacities in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. Website: http://www.unece.org/env/europe/monitoring/meeting.htm#fifth .

* Not an official record; for information only. Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

<p>6 Rome</p>	<p>Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues (EGTEI) (8th meeting) under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution <i>Focal point:</i> Brinda Wachs <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2452 <i>E-mail:</i> brinda.wachs@unece.org</p>	<p>The Expert Group will continue its work in the development of a database containing information on technologies to abate air pollution, their efficiencies and costs. The Expert Group will aim to increase the participation of Parties' experts to the Convention and its Protocols in its work, as well as to attract adequate representation from industry, in order to validate costs of techniques and their applicability, provided as default data and used by the Convention's Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling (CIAM). <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/tei/welcome.htm</p>
<p>7-8 Copenhagen</p>	<p>Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections (15th meeting) under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution <i>Focal point:</i> Brinda Wachs <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2452 <i>E-mail:</i> brinda.wachs@unece.org</p>	<p>The Task Force will meet to assess the results of the 2005 air emission reporting round under the Convention and to develop draft procedures for an emission inventory review and improvement programme, with an emphasis on data quality assurance. The second day will be devoted to planning the next meeting of the Task Force in October 2005 (Finland), which will include a capacity-building workshop on emission reporting and construction of emission inventories for countries with economies in transition/EECCA and a scientific workshop on heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants (POPs) emissions. <i>Website:</i> http://tfeip-secretariat.org/unece.htm</p>
<p>7-9</p>	<p>Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation <i>Focal point:</i> Viatcheslav Novikov <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2478 <i>E-mail:</i> viatcheslav.novikov@unece.org</p>	<p>Amendment of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN); updating Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels and the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI); elaboration of international standards for Notices to Skippers and Electronic Ship Reporting in the context of the River Information Services (RIS). Documentation available at: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp32005.html</p>
<p>8-9 Berlin</p>	<p>Workshop on the Prevention of Water Pollution due to Pipeline Accidents <i>Focal points:</i> Sergiusz Ludwiczak or Rainer Enderlein <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3174 or 2373 <i>E-mail:</i> sergiusz.ludwiczak@unece.org or rainer.enderlein@unece.org</p>	<p>This workshop is a joint activity between the Industrial Accidents Convention and the Water Convention. It is being organized as part of a process to draw up safety guidelines/good practices for pipelines.</p>
<p>8-10 St. Petersburg, Russian Federation</p>	<p>Workshop on Information Management and Public Participation in Transboundary Water Cooperation <i>Focal points:</i> Bo Libert & Francesca Bernardini <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2346 / 2463 <i>E-mail:</i> bo.libert@unece.org francesca.bernardini@unece.org</p>	<p>The workshop is the second in the project Capacity for Water Cooperation, a project aiming to facilitate the development of transboundary water cooperation in the EECCA countries. The project is organized in cooperation with IW:LEARN and the NGO Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation. It is funded by Global Environmental Facility through IW:LEARN, and by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/env/water/cwc.htm</p>
<p>8-10</p>	<p>Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6), 56th session <i>Focal point:</i> Miroslav Jovanovic <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2493 <i>E-mail:</i> miroslav.jovanovic@unece.org</p>	<p>Agenda available at: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/transstatwp6agenda.html</p>

13-14	Legal Board <i>Focal point:</i> Francesca Bernardini <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 24 63 <i>E-mail:</i> francesca.bernardini@unece.org	The third meeting of the Legal Board will finalize the compliance procedure and the rules of procedure under the Protocol on Water and Health which will enter into force in August 2005. It will also discuss model provisions on integrated flood management for States riparian to the same transboundary waters (see http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/legal_board/legal_board.htm)
13-15 Sunne, Värmland County, Sweden	Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Seminar on Forestry and Our Cultural Heritage <i>Focal point:</i> Helena Guarin <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3922 <i>E-mail:</i> helena.guarin@unece.org	The seminar is included in the work programme of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE) to support the implementation of Vienna Resolution 3: <i>Preserving and enhancing the Social and Cultural Dimensions of Sustainable Forest Management in Europe</i> . The objective is to raise the general knowledge by defining cultural heritage sites and promoting awareness on this important topic at both political and practical management levels by discussing practical country experiences. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/timber/website%20JEN/welcome.htm
13-16	CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS	
13-15 (am)	CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS <i>Focal point:</i> Lidia Bratanova <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1772 <i>E-mail:</i> lidia.bratanova@unece.org	The 53 rd annual plenary session of the CES (comprising the Heads of National Statistical Offices of the ECE region plus several other UN member countries and international statistical organizations) will focus on improved data reporting and measuring sustainable development. Issues and problems in migration statistics and the Guidelines for confidentiality and microdata will also be considered. The documentation for the meeting is available at: http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2005.06.ces.htm
15 (pm) -16	CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS / OECD Statistical Committee <i>Focal point:</i> Lidia Bratanova <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1772 <i>E-mail:</i> lidia.bratanova@unece.org	The meeting will discuss the follow-up to the world forum on "Statistics, Knowledge and Policy" (November 2004, Palermo), productivity measures and international comparisons of productivity levels, and developments in statistics on science & technology, information society and new economy.
13-17	Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce <i>Focal point:</i> Tom Heilandt <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2450 <i>E-mail:</i> tom.heilandt@unece.org	Topics on the agenda include the discussion of new draft standards for Peanuts, Macadamia Nuts, Dried Tomatoes, Pecan Nuts, Dried Peaches, and Blanched Almonds. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/agr/meetings/ge.02/a2005_52.htm
14-17	Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) (110th session) <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3258 <i>E-mail:</i> poul.hansen@unece.org	The Working Party will review the status of the 14 United Nations Conventions in the field of border crossing facilitation, which are administered by the Working Party. In particular, the Working Party will consider the status of the Conventions on Temporary Importation of Private and Commercial Road Vehicles, the International Harmonization Convention and the progress in the current revision of the TIR Convention as well as a large number of issues relating to the application of the TIR Customs transit procedure. Agenda: http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/wp30/documents/TRANS-WP30-219e.pdf <i>Website:</i> http://border.unece.org

15	<p>"START" Team meeting <i>Focal point:</i> Serguei Kouzmine <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2771 <i>E-mail:</i> serguei.kouzmine@unece.org</p>	<p>This Group of experts under the UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6) will revise the status of regulatory convergence projects (regional and sectoral) initiated by WP.6, as well as preparations for the Second UNECE International Forum on Market Surveillance to be held in Geneva on 24-25 October 2005. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trade/tips/wp6/wp6_h.htm</p>
16-17	<p>Administrative Committee for the "Harmonization" Convention (7th session) <i>Focal point:</i> Poul Hansen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3258 <i>E-mail:</i> poul.hansen@unece.org</p>	<p>The Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982, the highest administrative organ representing all 44 Contracting States and the European Community to the "Harmonization" Convention is serviced by the ECE secretariat. At its session in June 2005, the Committee will review and possibly adopt a new annex on efficient border crossing procedures for heavy goods vehicles, consider a new annex on rail transport and contemplate a new annex on security controls at border crossings as well as provide guidance for all work to be undertaken in relation to the Convention and adopt any amendment proposals and comments to the text of the Convention. Agenda: http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/ac3/documents/ac3-13e.pdf <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/trans/bcf/</p>
16-17	<p>Task Force on Heavy Metals (2nd session) under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution <i>Focal point:</i> Brinda Wachs <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2452 <i>E-mail:</i> brinda.wachs@unece.org</p>	<p>The Task Force will continue its work on reviewing the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals, in particular the sufficiency and effectiveness in achieving its objectives of reducing emissions of the heavy metals currently covered by the Protocol: cadmium, lead and mercury. The review will also examine the technical annexes in the Protocol covering emission limit values (ELVs) for heavy metals, and Best Available Techniques (BAT) for controlling emissions from heavy metals. Background information from the former Expert Group on Heavy Metals which preceded this group is available at: http://www.unece.org/env/hm/welcome.html</p>
20-24	<p>TRADE FACILITATION WEEK</p> <hr/> <p>20-21 Third International Forum on Trade Facilitation <i>Focal point:</i> Markus Pikart <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2016 <i>E-mail:</i> markus.pikart@unece.org</p> <hr/> <p>22-24 Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) <i>Focal point:</i> Mika Vepsäläinen <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3197 <i>E-mail:</i> mika.vepsalainen@unece.org</p>	<hr/> <p>The third International Forum on Trade Facilitation, "Paperless Trade: Building a Roadmap for Efficient and Secure International Trade", will be organized on 20 and 21 June 2005 in Room XIX in the Palais des Nations. The Forum will provide an opportunity for all countries in the UNECE region, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the enterprise sector to work together towards the provision of security as a global, public good in international supply chains. On Wednesday, 22 June, a parallel session for the United Nations regional commissions will be organized to discuss trade facilitation and related matters of joint interest to the five regions and the UN regional commissions. More information on the Forum's website at www.unece.org/forums/forum05/welcome.htm</p> <hr/> <p>The 11th plenary session of UN/CEFACT will be organized on 22-23 June 2005 and the Centre will approve the decisions of the eleventh session in the afternoon of Thursday, 23 June. More information on UN/CEFACT's website at www.unece.org/cefact</p>

<p>20-24 20</p>	<p>VEHICLE REGULATIONS (WP.29) Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2) <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 1998 E-mail: juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org</p>	<p>The 88th meeting of WP.29/AC.2 is scheduled to consider the programme of work of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary bodies and give its advice concerning work to be undertaken.</p>
<p>21-24</p>	<p>World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) <i>Focal point:</i> Juan Ramos García Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 1998 E-mail: juan.ramos.garcia@unece.org</p>	<p>Under the 1958 Agreement, the agenda of the 136th session lists 15 amendments to UNECE Regulations and proposals for 4 new UNECE Regulations. The global harmonization should continue to be considered in the framework of the 1998 Global Agreement with the consideration of a draft global technical regulation on motorcycle emission of pollutants. The status of the work on the 15 priorities as well as the inclusion in the Compendium of Candidates for global technical regulations of one national United States of America regulations should also be considered. In addition the Executive Committee will consider a draft Special Resolution concerning harmonized definitions of categories of vehicles, their masses and dimensions. Besides, WP.29 will receive reports of its six subsidiary bodies and consider their programme of work. Documents could be consulted in: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm</p>
<p>21-22 Luxembourg</p>	<p>ECE/Eurostat/OECD Seminar on Business Registers <i>Focal point:</i> Jan Karlsson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3285 <i>E-mail:</i> jan.karlsson@unece.org</p>	<p>The Seminar will deal with the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of the Eurostat's 2004 and UNECE's surveys on business registers 2. Development of a quality framework 3. Experiences in the implementation of ISIC rev.4 (NACE rev.2) 4. Multinational enterprise groups – implications for national statistical offices and international organizations (MNE project, matching issues in an international context, how to combine private and public sources to get consolidated data, exchange of data between national administrations to validate the data) 5. Use of business registers to support demand for statistics on small and medium sized enterprises. <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/stats</p>
<p>27-1 July</p>	<p>SUSTAINABLE ENERGY</p>	
<p>27(pm) & 30</p>	<p>COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY <i>Focal point:</i> Charlotte Griffiths <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1988 <i>E-mail:</i> charlotte.griffiths@unece.org</p>	<p>The 14th Annual Session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy will focus on the theme "Energy Security and Energy Efficiency in the Eurasian Space". The meeting will open on 27 June with a special session on the "Stabilization of the European Energy Market with Focus on South East Europe and Development of the South East European Regional Energy Market". This will then be followed by a High-Level Meeting of the Energy Security Forum on 28 June (see below) and a Special Session on "Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation" on 29 June (see below). The Committee will then continue its work on 30 June, including a review of its programme of work and oversight of projects and expert groups. <i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/welcome/jun05.html</p>

28	<p>Energy Security Forum <i>Focal point:</i> Alexandre Chachine <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 2451 <i>E-mail:</i> alexandre.chachine@unece.org</p>	<p>The High Level Meeting on Energy Security Risks and Risk Mitigation of the Caspian Sea Region in a Global Context will be held in conjunction with the annual session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy. The Meeting is intended to show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How countries of the Caspian Sea region can contribute to the mitigation of global energy security risks; - How the international energy community could help in the development of the oil and gas potential of the Caspian Sea region and how these resources can be brought to world markets; and - How international trade and cooperation through the UNECE can contribute to enhancing the stability of the global energy market and energy security risk mitigation. <p><i>Website:</i> http://www.unece.org/ie/se/pdfs/ensec/ensec1small.pdf</p>
29	<p>Committee on Sustainable Energy and Energy Efficiency 21 Project Steering Committee: Special Session on the Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation <i>Focal point:</i> Gianluca Sambucini <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1175 <i>E-mail:</i> gianluca.sambucini@unece.org</p>	<p>The Steering Committee of the EE21 Project will open its annual meeting with a special working session, jointly organized with the Committee on Sustainable Energy, on the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, with particular focus on issues related to energy efficiency and climate change mitigation. Keynote Speakers will provide an overview of the issue and how the Kyoto Protocol mechanisms will contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and therefore to the climate change mitigation effort through emissions trading, i.e. enabling the countries to sell and buy emission credits among themselves. <i>Website:</i> www.unece.org/ie or www.ee-21.net</p>
29-1 July	<p>Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project <i>Focal point:</i> Gianluca Sambucini <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 1175 <i>E-mail:</i> gianluca.sambucini@unece.org</p>	<p>Following the special working session, the Steering Committee will continue its session by reviewing progress of the EE21 Project, RENEUER and look ahead to coming activities on Thursday, 30 June and Friday, 1 July 2005. In particular, this session will provide further information on the developments with the United Nations Foundation, the Fond français pour l'environnement mondial (FFEM) and the Global Environment Facility. <i>Website:</i> www.unece.org/ie or www.ee-21.net</p>
29-1 July Rome	<p>ECE/Eurostat/OECD Meeting on Food and Agricultural Statistics <i>Focal point:</i> Jan Karlsson <i>Phone:</i> +41 (0) 22 917 3285 <i>E-mail:</i> jan.karlsson@unece.org</p>	<p>The Meeting will address the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statistics related to food safety and related quality control procedures 2. Introduction of the international Handbook on Rural Household, Livelihood and Well Being: Statistics on Rural development and Agriculture Household Income 3. Rural development statistics (part I of the Handbook) 4. Measurement of agricultural household income including the definition of the agricultural household (part II of the Handbook) 5. Agri-environmental, organic farming and sustainability statistics 6. The role of the agriculture, agri food and the agri industry in the economy <p><i>Website:</i> www.unece.org/stats</p>

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