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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth session

to be held in Bangkok, starting at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, 7 October 2019

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.6/2019/1 – Annotated provisional agenda

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the first item of the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. Election of officers

At its fifth session in 2018, the Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency (Group of Experts) elected a representative of Macedonian Center for Energy Efficiency as Chair and representatives from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation, and Ukraine as Vice-Chairs for two years. The Group of Experts also invited representatives from the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC), the University of

Geneva, Mac Nulty Consulting, Institute for Energy Efficiency in Production (IEEP), Croatian Inventors Network, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency, and Services Industriels de Genève (SIG) to join the Bureau for two years. The Co-chairs of the Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency (the IEE Task Force) and the Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings of the ECE region serve as Vice-Chairs *ex officio*. At its fourth session in 2018, the Group of Experts elected representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia as Vice-Chairs for two years. The Group of Experts will be invited to elect members of the Bureau according to submitted nominations.

3. Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.6/2019/5 – Task Force on Industrial Energy Efficiency. Background paper on outcomes of workshops to promote energy efficiency in industry

Implementation of energy efficiency measures to achieve even the currently available and cost-effective potential remains sporadic and slow. One of the key reasons for this is communication gaps on understanding energy efficiency and how it can be practically implemented. Communication gaps, as well as asymmetry in the distribution of information exist within companies, between enterprises and policy makers, and between the numerous supporting organizations providing resources and programmes to companies.

Since 2017, problems associated with such communication gaps and means to address them have been discussed at several workshops. The demonstrated benefits of providing an opportunity for policy makers to engage directly with company representatives led to the establishment of the IEE Task Force in 2018. They also provided a foundation for the establishment of the Industry Working Group (IWG) in 2018 by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), which will work on cross-sectorial energy efficiency issues and develop industry as the key agent to achieve the full cost-effective potential offered by energy efficiency and other low-carbon solutions.

In May 2019, the activities of UNIDO IWG and ECE IEE Task Force were inaugurated: a first workshop of the UNIDO IWG (Vienna, 7-8 May 2019) and workshop Promoting Industrial Energy Efficiency in Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries by UNECE/UNIDO (Kyiv (Kiev), 27-28 May 2019). The workshops set in motion a process of engaging policy makers and industry in discussions on actions to accelerate industry-led energy efficiency implementation based on a business case approach, and the subsequent development of policy recommendations to support and drive these actions on a national level.

Delegates will be invited to discuss the outcomes of these workshops and other activities under the IEE Task Force and elaborate on further practical steps.

4. Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.6/2019/4 – Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings. Background paper on main findings of the study on mapping of existing technologies to enhance energy efficiency in buildings in the ECE region

The Committees on Sustainable Energy and on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management established Joint Task Force on Energy Efficiency Standards in Buildings (Joint Task Force) in 2015. Projects in support of the implementation of tasks by the Joint Task Force have been funded by the Governments of Denmark and the Russian Federation and by the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC). The Joint Task Force has completed studies on Mapping of energy efficiency standards and technologies in buildings in the UNECE region and on Mapping of existing technologies to enhance energy efficiency in buildings in the UNECE region and developed Compendium of best practices on standards and technologies for energy efficiency in buildings in the UNECE region. It has also conducted a training programme on high-performance energy efficiency standards in buildings for building sector practitioners, policy makers, and trainers. The parent Committees endorsed the Framework Guidelines on Energy Efficiency Standards in

Buildings in 2017. The guidelines have set in motion the process of setting up international centres of excellence and a consortium of educational and research institutions to promote and implement a high-performance buildings initiative.

Delegates will be invited to discuss the activities and review the accomplishments of the Joint Task Force and to recommend ways for further implementation of its tasks.

5. National sustainable energy action plans – from commitments to actions (workshop)

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.6/2019/3–ECE/ENERGY/GE.7/2019/3 – Workshop on the national sustainable energy action plans – from commitments to actions. Background paper on Sustainable Energy for All in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

The workshop is a joint session of the Groups of Experts on Energy Efficiency and on Renewable Energy organized in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

ECE, jointly with ESCAP, is implementing the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) project “Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia”. The goal of the project is to strengthen capacities of beneficiary countries (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan) for the preparation of National Action Plans to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to energy. Under the project, national reports that include a baseline review of sustainable energy data in each beneficiary country have been prepared to assess the existing gaps in data collection. National case studies have been developed, and a synthesis report has been prepared to provide an analysis of these case studies and give the assessment of existing policies and practices in sustainable energy, focusing on existing regulatory and institutional frameworks and pointing out gaps and challenges that governments face in implementing these policies.

Based on the reports and other activities under the project, consultants from the project countries are developing draft National Sustainable Energy Action Plans, to be presented by representatives of the project countries. Delegates will be invited to exchange experiences, good practices and discuss possible recommendations for policymakers that would assist them in reforming and adjusting policies aimed at achieving targets of SDG7 and at fostering favourable climate for investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

6. Other business

At the time the provisional agenda was prepared, there were no issues to be raised under this item.

7. Dates of the next meeting

The seventh session of the Group of Experts is scheduled to take place in Geneva on 22-23 September 2020.

8. Report of the meeting

The Chair of the Group of Experts and the secretariat will draft a report of the session, including conclusions and recommendations, for discussion and approval by delegates.