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**Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for
Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range
Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)**

Thirty-sixth session

Geneva, 17–19 September 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session*

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.
on Monday, 17 September 2012****

I. Provisional agenda***

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2. Adoption of the report on the thirty-fifth session.

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 - (a) Measurements and modelling (acidification, eutrophication, photo-oxidants, heavy metals, particulate matter and persistent organic pollutants);
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 - (d) Hemispheric air pollution.
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/1

The Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) will be invited to adopt the agenda set out in the present document.

2. Adoption of the report on the thirty-fifth session

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, 10.05 a.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2011/2 (Report of the Steering Body on its thirty- fifth session)

The EMEP Steering Body will be invited to adopt the report on its thirty-fifth session.

3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, 10.30 a.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body);

ECE/EB.AIR/109 and Add.1–2 (Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-ninth session);

ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/106 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-ninth session); ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2011/2 (Report of the Working Group on Effects on its thirtieth session)

Introduction

The secretariat and the Chairs of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and of the Working Group on Effects will inform the Steering Body about matters arising from the twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions of the Executive Body, as well as relevant issues arising from the forty-ninth and the fiftieth sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and the twenty-ninth session of the Working Group on Effects. The Chair of the Steering Body will present a summary of the work of the Bureau of the Steering Body between the Steering Body's thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions, including cooperation with the Working Group on Effects.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to discuss and provide guidance for further work on cooperation with other bodies under the Convention and the future activities of the Bureau.

4. In-depth discussion emission inventories: from science to policy

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, 11.00 a.m.–1 p.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/5 (Emission inventories– report by the chairs of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections report);

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/6 (Present state of emission data–report by the Centre on Emission Inventories and Projections);

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body)

Introduction

The purpose of the session is to allow for an in-depth presentation and discussion of activities related to emission inventories of air pollutants. The session is going to be held in the form of a technical workshop, with presentations provided by representatives of TFEIP, CEIP and other EMEP groups and centres. The presentations will deal with issues of such as inventory latest methodological developments, spatial and temporal resolution, uncertainties, completeness, current and future needs and policy relevance.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to discuss emission issues and come up with recommendations for future emission related work.

5. Spatial resolution of the EMEP domain. Implications for emission and effects related work

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, 3 p.m.–5 p.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body)

Introduction

The representatives of the MSC-W in collaboration with MSC-E, CCC, CEIP, CIAM, Working Group on Effects, TFEIP, Task Force on Measurement and Modelling (TFMM) and Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (TFIAM), will present the proposal for changing the EMEP domain and its spatial resolution. A draft paper outlining the proposal was presented at the recent meetings of the Bureau of the Steering Body and TFMM. The purpose of the session is to allow for an in-depth presentation and discussion of various aspects of the EMEP domain and its spatial resolution.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to consider the issue and approve respective recommendations to be adopted by the Executive Body at its thirty-first session.

6. Adjustments under the Gothenburg Protocol to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them.

Tentative timing: Monday, 17 September, 5 p.m.–6 p.m.

Documentation:

Executive Body Decision 2012/3 Adjustments under the Gothenburg Protocol to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them

Introduction

The representatives of the CEIP and TFEIP will present the proposal for a provisional guidance for consideration by the Executive Body at its thirty-first session, related to the application of the adjustment procedures provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Decision 2012/3.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to consider and approve the provisional guidance for consideration by the Executive Body at its thirty-first session.

7. Progress in activities in 2012 and future work

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 18 September, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Introduction

The Steering Body is expected to consider progress in the activities of EMEP and may wish to consider aspects of future work in relation to the 2012-2013 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR.109/Add.2 (2012–2013))

(a) Measurements and modelling (acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants, heavy metals, particulate matter and persistent organic pollutants)

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 18 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/3 (Measurements and modelling); EMEP Status Report 1/12: Acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants; EMEP Status Report 2/12: Heavy metals pollution; EMEP Status Report 3/12: Persistent organic pollutants; EMEP Status Report 4/12: Particulate matter assessment report; ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/4 (Integrated assessment modelling)

Introduction

The four status reports listed above that are relevant for the evaluation of the progress in work in 2012 will be available on the EMEP website (www.emep.int). Under this sub-item, representatives of the EMEP task forces and centres will report on progress on measurements and modelling activities as outlined below:

(a) The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the thirteenth meeting of the Task Force (Gozo, Malta, 17–19 April 2012);

(b) Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West (MSC-W) will give an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling of acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants, including progress made by the Chemical Coordinating Centre (CCC), the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling (CIAM), its own work, discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for future work;

(c) Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East (MSC-E) will present an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling of heavy metals, progress by CCC, its own work, discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for future work;

(d) CCC will present an overview of activities on atmospheric monitoring and modelling of particulate matter (PM), including with respect to work at MSC-W and CIAM, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for work up to 2013;

(e) MSC-E will present an overview of activities on monitoring and modelling of persistent organic pollutants, including with respect to work at CCC, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for future work.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected: (a) to approve the executive summaries of the status reports and to decide to present them to the Executive Body; (b) to discuss the status of

implementation of the monitoring strategy; (c) to discuss progress made with respect to cooperation with national experts and provide guidance on means for its improvement; (d) to discuss progress made in modelling and monitoring activities in 2012 in all the above areas of work and to provide guidance on the further development of that work; and (e) to provide guidance on the further development of the measurement and modelling work.

(b) Integrated assessment modelling

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 18 September, 4 p.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/4 (Integrated assessment modelling–report by the co-Chairs of TFIAM)

Introduction

The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (TFIAM) will report on progress made, including the results of the forty-first meeting held in Bilthoven, the Netherlands (7-9 May 2012). CIAM will report on progress made, including the status of the GAINS model and the impacts of the revised Gothenburg Protocol.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to discuss progress made and to provide further guidance on the integrated assessment modelling work.

(c) Emissions

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 18 September, 4.30 p.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/5 (Emission inventories and projections);

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/6 (Present state of emission data); EMEP Centre on Emission Inventories and Projections (CEIP) Data Report, emission data reported to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/EMEP: status as of 2012

Introduction

The Chair of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections will report on progress made, including the results of the Task Force's twenty-fifth meeting and thirteenth joint meeting with the European Environment Agency's (EEA) European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET) (Bern, Switzerland, 14-15 May 2012).

At this year's meeting the Task Force concentrated on the following four issues: quality of recently reported national data, technical support for those follow-up actions which are required following the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol, the proposal to change the EMEP grid, discussions on the European Union-funded project to update the EMEP/EEA Air Pollutant Emissions Inventory Guidebook. The TFEIP meeting was held back-to-back with a technical workshop on persistent organic pollutants (POPs).

CEIP will inform the Steering Body about the status of emissions data reporting, its own work and the work of CIAM on data quality. It will report on progress in the inventory improvement programme, in particular as regards the stage 3 in-depth reviews of the emission inventories.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to discuss progress made and to provide guidance on the emissions work.

(d) Hemispheric air pollution

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 18 September, 5 p.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/7 (Hemispheric transport of air pollution)

Introduction:

The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will report on: the results of its recent meeting (Pasadena, California, the US, 1-3 February 2012). The TF meeting was held in conjunction with a workshop of the Atmospheric Chemistry & Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP), at the same place on 30 January - 1 February 2012.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to discuss and approve the main findings of the Task Force and to provide guidance on the hemispheric transport of air pollution work.

8. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body)

Introduction

The organizations and programmes represented at the session will be invited to briefly present their work and their cooperation with EMEP.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to take note of the information and to decide on further cooperation.

9. Outreach and sharing information with other regions

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, 10.30 a.m.

Introduction

The secretariat will draw attention to the decision taken at the Executive Body's twenty-fifth session, encouraging subsidiary bodies to share their experience and information with other regions. The secretariat will inform about the status of the Russian led project "Review of existing and required capacities for addressing adverse environmental impact of transboundary air pollution in North-East Asia" and possibility for

cooperation on air pollution issues with UNESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia (SRO-ENEA).

Expected outcome

Centres and subsidiary bodies are expected to draw attention to relevant current activities and to suggest opportunities for developing further outreach links in the future.

10. Status of the review of the Convention. Possible modifications to 2012–2013 workplan for the implementation of the Convention

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, 11 a.m.–4.30 p.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR.109/Add.2 (2012–2013 workplan for the implementation of the Convention)

ECE/EB.AIR.109/Add.1 (Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-ninth session. Addendum: Decisions adopted at the twenty-ninth session, decision 2011/14: Action Plan for the Implementation of the Long-term Strategy for the Convention)

Introduction

The Chair will update the Steering Body on the status of the review of the Convention. The Chair will concentrate on the matters related to the Steering Body.

Expected outcome

Taking into account the presentations and discussions under agenda items 4 to 8, the Steering Body is expected to discuss and possibly introduce some modifications to the workplan for 2012–2013, which will be presented to the Executive Body for adoption at its thirty-first session.

11. Financial and budgetary matters

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, 4.30 p.m.

Documentation:

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/9 (Financial and budgetary matters);

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body)

Introduction

The secretariat will introduce the note and report on any updates regarding the payment of mandatory contributions to EMEP in 2011 and the contracts for the EMEP Centres in 2012.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected, inter alia, to adopt the detailed budget for 2013 and the list of mandatory contributions for 2013, and to submit these to the Executive Body for approval.

12. Other business

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, 5 p.m.

Background

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

13. Closing of the thirty-sixth session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 19 September, 5.30 p.m.

Documentation:

Informal outline of the report of the session

Introduction

The secretariat will present an outline of the report with the main decisions.

Expected outcome

The Steering Body is expected to give directions to the secretariat for finalizing the report.
