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Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range  
Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)**

**Thirty-seventh session**

Geneva, 9–11 September 2013

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda**

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session\***

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Monday, 9 September 2013\*\***

#### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report on the thirty-sixth session.
3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body.
4. Update of the Guidelines for reporting of emission data under the Convention.

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5. Adjustments under the Gothenburg Protocol to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them.
6. Progress in activities in 2013 and future work:
  - (a) Measurements and modelling (acidification, eutrophication, photo-oxidants, heavy metals, particulate matter and persistent organic pollutants);
  - (b) Integrated assessment modelling;
  - (c) Emissions;
  - (d) Hemispheric air pollution.
7. Information sharing from Parties on the implementation of the EMEP Programme.
8. Draft 2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention.
9. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes.
10. Outreach and sharing information with other regions.
11. Financial and budgetary matters.
12. Common issues for the Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects.
13. Other business.
14. Closing of the thirty-seventh session.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 9 September, 10 a.m.

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/1

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-sixth session**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 9 September, 10.05 a.m.

*Documentation:*

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2012/2 (Report of the Steering Body on its thirty-sixth session).

The EMEP Steering Body will be invited to adopt the report on its thirty-sixth 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, 9 September, 10.10 a.m.

*Documentation:*

ECE/EB.AIR/113 and Add.1 (Report of the Executive Body on its thirty-first session); ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/110 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its fifty-first session); ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2012/2 (Report of the Working Group on Effects on its thirty-first session); ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/8 (Activities of the Bureau of the Steering Body).

#### 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 thirty-first session of the Executive Body, as well as relevant issues arising from the fifty-first session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and the thirty-first 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-sixth and thirty-seventh 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. Update of the Guidelines for reporting of emission data under the Convention

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 9 September, 10.30 –11.30 a.m.

*Documentation:*

ECE/EB.AIR/97 (Guidelines for reporting emission data under the Convention on the Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution), informal documents 2-3; Executive Body Decisions: 2002/10, 2005/1 and 2008/16; ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/5 (Emission inventories – report by the chairs of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections); ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/6 (Present state of emission data–report by the Centre on Emission Inventories and Projections).

#### Introduction

The co-Chairs of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections (TFEIP) will present a proposal for an update to the Guidelines for reporting of emission data under the Convention. The proposed updated Guidelines include changes introduced to reflect recent amendments of the Gothenburg Protocol<sup>1</sup>, Protocol on Heavy Metals and Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, as well as introduction of the new EMEP grid projection and spatial resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> The 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol).

**Expected outcome**

The Steering Body is expected to discuss the proposed updated Guidelines and forward the document for adoption by the Executive Body at its thirty-second session in December 2013.

**5. 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, 9 September, 11.30–12.00

*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; Executive Body Decision 2012/4 Provisional application of amendment to the Gothenburg Protocol; Executive Body Decision 2012/12 Guidance for adjustments under the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them; informal documents 4 and 5.

**Introduction**

The representatives of TFEIP will present the proposal for a template to be used by Parties when submitting a request for application of the adjustment procedure following the Executive Body Decisions 2012/, 2012/4 and 2012/12.

**Expected outcome**

The Steering Body is expected to consider and approve the proposed template, and the procedure on how to formally apply it.

**6. Progress in activities in 2013 and future work**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 9 September, 12.00 – 1 p.m. 3 – 5 p.m.,  
Tuesday 10 September 10 a.m. – 1 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 draft 2014-2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (informal document 1). Centres and Task Forces will present the highlights, main achievements and difficulties in the implementation of the 2013-2013 workplan, and their relevance in connection with the goals of the long-term strategy of the Convention (EB Decision 2010/18). Centres should also present new ideas on how reporting might change in the future.

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

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/3 (Measurements and modelling); EMEP Status Report 1/13: Transboundary acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone in Europe on 2011;

EMEP Status Report 2/13: Long-term Changes of Heavy Metal Transboundary Pollution of the Environment; EMEP Status Report 3/13: Long-Term Changes of Persistent Organic Pollutant Transboundary Pollution of the Environment; EMEP Status Report 4/12: Transboundary Particulate Matter in Europe; ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/4 (Integrated assessment modelling).

### **Introduction**

The four status reports listed above that are relevant for the evaluation of the progress in work in 2013 will be available on the EMEP website ([www.emep.int](http://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 fourteenth meeting of the Task Force (Zagreb, Croatia, 6-7 May 2013);

(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 until the end of 2015;

(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 until the end of 2015;

(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 future work until the end of 2015;

(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 until the end of 2015.

### **Expected outcome**

The Steering Body is expected: (a) to approve the executive summaries of the 2013 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 2013 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**

#### *Documentation:*

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/4 (Integrated assessment modelling–report by the co-Chairs of TFIAM), informal document 6.

**Introduction**

The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (TFIAM) will report on progress made, including the results of the forty-second meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 22-23 April 2013. CIAM will report on progress made, including the status of the Assessment Report of the Amended Gothenburg Protocol (informal document 6).

**Expected outcome**

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

**(c) Emissions***Documentation:*

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/5 (Emission inventories and projections); ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/6 (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 2013.

**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-sixth meeting and fourteenth joint meeting with the European Environment Agency's (EEA) European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET) (Istanbul, Turkey, 14-15 May 2013).

At this year's meeting the Task Force concentrated on the following four issues: revision of the guidelines for reporting emissions under the Convention, adjustment procedure under the Gothenburg Protocol and recent updates to EMEP/EEA Emissions Inventory Guidebook<sup>2</sup>. The TFEIP meeting was held back-to-back with a technical workshop on emission projections and scenarios and strengths and weaknesses of emission inventories.

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***Documentation:*

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/7 (Hemispheric transport of air pollution).

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2012/air/EMEP\\_EEA\\_air\\_pollutant\\_emission\\_inventory\\_guidebook\\_2009.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2012/air/EMEP_EEA_air_pollutant_emission_inventory_guidebook_2009.pdf).

**Introduction:**

The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will report on: the results of its recent meeting (Geneva, Switzerland, 20-22 March 2013). The TF meeting was held in conjunction with the Global Atmospheric Watch 2013 Symposium organized by World Meteorological Organization, at the same place on 18-20 March 2013.

**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.

**7. Information sharing from Parties on implementation of the EMEP Programme**

*Tentative timing:* Tuesday, 10 September, 3 – 5 p.m.

**Introduction**

Parties' representatives are invited to prepare and present their national experiences in implementing monitoring and modelling activities under the EMEP Programme. Parties are requested to present both successes in the implementation as well as obstacles to it.

**Expected outcome**

The Steering Body is expected to consider the national experiences presented at the session and to recommend that similar exchanges of information are continued in the future sessions of the Steering Body.

**8. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes**

*Tentative timing:* Tuesday, 10 September, 5 – 5.30 p.m.

*Documentation:*

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/8 (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:* Tuesday, 10 September, 5.30 – 6 p.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 current and planned outreach activities carried under the convention.

**Expected outcome**

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

**10. Draft 2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 11 September, 10 – 12.30

*Documentation:*

Informal document 1; 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 introduce the draft 2014–2015 workplan for the implementation of the Convention. The Steering Body will discuss the layout and content of workplan in relation to EMEP. Parties, EMEP Task Forces and Centres will present their views and comments on the respective parts of the workplan.

**Expected outcome**

Following the discussions under agenda items 4 to 10, the Steering Body is expected to discuss and possibly introduce some modifications to the draft workplan for 2014–2015, which will be presented to the Executive Body for adoption at its thirty-second session.

**11. Financial and budgetary matters**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 11 September, 12.30 - 1 p.m.

*Documentation:*

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/9 (Financial and budgetary matters); ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2013/8 (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 2012 and the contracts for the EMEP Centres in 2013.

**Expected outcome**

The Steering Body is expected, inter alia, to adopt the detailed budget for 2014 and the list of mandatory contributions for 2014, and to submit these to the Executive Body for approval.



## **12. Common issues for the Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 11 September, 3 – 5 p.m.

### **Introduction**

Representatives of the EMEP Steering Body and the Working Group on Effects communities will present and discuss issues relevant for both subsidiary bodies. It is expected that the discussion will focus on Assessment Report for the Amended Gothenburg Protocol (informal document 6.), a joint EMEP-WGE assessment report planned for completion in 2015, country reports, issues of common relevance for the review of the Convention work, issues emerged from the Salsjöbaden V workshop (Gothenburg, Sweden, 24-26 June 2013), common websites and other issues of common interest.

### **Expected outcome**

The Steering Body is expected to consider the information presented under this agenda item and to give recommendations for joint future activities by EMEP and WGE communities.

## **13. Other business**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 11 September, 5 p.m.

### **Introduction**

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

## **14. Closing of the thirty-seventh session**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 11 September, 5 – 6 p.m.

### *Documentation:*

Informal outline of the report of the session with the decisions taken during the session.

### **Introduction**

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

### **Expected outcome**

The Steering Body is expected to adopt its decisions taken during the session and give directions to the secretariat for finalizing the report.

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