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### Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

#### Thirty-fifth session

Geneva, 2–4 May 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Monday, 2 May 2016\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its thirty-fourth session.
3. Report on credentials.
4. Matters arising from meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and other related meetings.
5. Review of implementation of the 2016–2017 workplan:
  - (a) Science;

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\* There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form that is available from the Convention website ([www.unece.org/index.php?id=39985#/?](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=39985#/)) and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting. On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section at the Pregny gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). A map is available on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website ([www.unece.org/meetings/UN\\_Map.pdf](http://www.unece.org/meetings/UN_Map.pdf)). For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no official documentation available in the meeting room. Before the meeting, documents may be obtained directly from the web page for the meeting on the ECE Environment Division website ([www.unece.org/index.php?id=39985#/?](http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=39985#/)) or from the public United Nations Official Document System (ODS) website (<http://documents.un.org/>).



- (b) Policy;
  - (c) Compliance;
  - (d) Capacity-building to promote ratification and implementation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia;
  - (e) Communication and outreach.
6. Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention.
  7. Activities of bodies of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and international organizations relevant to the Convention.
  8. Other business.
  9. Adoption of decisions taken at the thirty-fifth session.

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

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

*Tentative timing: Monday, 2 May, morning*

The Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution is expected to adopt the agenda for its thirty-fifth session, as set out in the present document.

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-fifth session (ECE/EB.AIR/134)

### **2. Adoption of the report of the Executive Body on its thirty-fourth session**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 2 May, morning*

The Executive Body is expected to adopt the report of its thirty-fourth session.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Executive Body on its thirty-fourth session (ECE/EB.AIR/133 and Add.1)

### **3. Report on credentials**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 2 May, morning*

Delegations will be invited to submit their credentials to the secretariat at the latest within 24 hours after the opening of the session. The officers of the session will examine the credentials and report on them to the Executive Body. The Executive Body is expected to adopt the report on credentials.

#### **4. Matters arising from meetings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and other related meetings**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 2 May, morning*

The secretariat will report on the status of the preparations for the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 8–10 June 2016), based on the outcomes of the special session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Committee on Environmental Policy (Geneva, 23–25 February 2016).

#### **5. Review of implementation of the 2016–2017 workplan**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 2 May, morning and afternoon; Tuesday, 3 May, morning and afternoon*

The Executive Body is expected to review and assess the implementation of the 2016–2017 workplan with respect to deliverables, timelines and the priority or relevance of the outcomes, as necessary.

##### **Documentation**

2016–2017 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/133/Add.1)

##### **(a) Science**

The Chairs of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects will report on the implementation of workplan item 1, dedicated to science. They will particularly highlight the outcomes of the joint meeting of the Extended Bureaux of the two bodies (Geneva, 14–17 March 2016).

The Chairs will present the details of the prioritization of the science-related items of the workplan, prepared upon request of the Executive Body at its thirty-fourth session (ECE/EB.AIR/133, para. 35).

Finally, the Chairs will present for the consideration of the Executive Body the summary for policymakers of the Convention's assessment report and an information document containing the main assessment report. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the finalization, launch and publication of the assessment report and to provide guidance in that regard.

The Chair of the Executive Body will report on the establishment of the ad hoc group of experts to carry out item 2.1.3 of the 2016–2017 workplan on the formulation of policy response to the assessment report.

##### **Documentation**

Assessment report: summary for policymakers (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/3)

##### **(b) Policy**

The Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will report on the implementation of workplan item 2, dedicated to policy. He will particularly draw attention to the relevant activities and workshops held by task forces operating under the Working Group since the thirty-fourth session of the Executive Body.

The Chair of the Working Group will present the draft Guidance Document on Emission Control Techniques for Mobile Sources for adoption by the Executive Body. Finally, the Working Group Chair will report on the status of preparation of the draft Guidelines for Estimation and Measurement of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds.

The Executive Body is expected to welcome the finalization of the note by the ad hoc group of legal experts on ratification of amended protocols that have not yet entered into force, and invite all Parties and other States to refer to this document in their consideration of possible accession to the amended protocols to the Convention.

#### **Documentation**

Draft Guidance Document on Emission Control Techniques for Mobile Sources (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/4)

Note by the ad hoc group of legal experts on ratification of amended protocols that have not yet entered into force (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/5)

#### **(c) Compliance**

The Chair of the Implementation Committee will report on the implementation of workplan item 3 on compliance.

He will present the Implementation Committee's eighteenth report to the Executive Body. The Executive Body is expected to consider the report.

At its thirty-second session in December 2013, the Executive Body re-elected three Committee members for new consecutive terms of two years and elected five Committee members for first terms of two years. At its thirty-third session in December 2014, the Executive Body re-elected one member to the Implementation Committee for a new consecutive term of two years. The Executive Body is therefore expected to elect eight members to the Committee.

#### **Documentation**

Eighteenth report of the Implementation Committee (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/1)

#### **(d) Capacity-building to promote ratification and implementation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia**

The Chair of the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, other bodies under the Convention and the secretariat will report on the implementation of workplan item 4 — capacity-building to promote ratification and implementation in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia — giving an overview of the actions taken to strengthen the ratification and implementation of the Convention and its protocols and to increase cooperation and exchange of information between the countries of the subregion, as well as to support their participation in the work of the Convention.

Delegations will be invited to provide information on their efforts to implement and ratify the most recent protocols under the Convention and any needs for capacity-building and assistance.

The Executive Body is expected to take note of the information provided.

#### **(e) Communication and outreach**

The Chair and the secretariat will report on the implementation of workplan item 5, dedicated to communication and outreach. The secretariat will present the report on outreach activities, prepared in accordance with the 2014–2015 workplan for the

implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/122/Add.2, item 5.4.2). The report contains a review of existing cooperation and outlines areas in which an interest in continued collaboration has been expressed by potential partners. The Executive Body is expected to discuss the findings and decide on next steps.

#### **Documentation**

Report on outreach activities (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/2)

### **6. Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 4 May, morning*

The secretariat will update the Executive Body about the status of Parties' contributions to the trust funds for financing the implementation of the Convention and the expenditures in 2015.

The Executive Body is expected to continue the general discussion on the financing of science- and effects-related activities, as well as the financing of the different task forces under the Convention, in line with the decision at its thirty-fourth session.

#### **Documentation**

Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/2015/3)

### **7. Activities of bodies of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and international organizations relevant to the Convention**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 4 May, morning*

The secretariat will report on relevant activities of ECE bodies. Representatives of international organizations (e.g., the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Health Organization and the World Meteorological Organization) will be invited to provide information on their activities of particular relevance to the Convention. Representatives of organizations and networks from outside the region will also be invited to inform the Executive Body about existing and potential areas of collaboration with the Convention. The Executive Body is expected to take note of this information.

### **8. Other business**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 4 May, afternoon*

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

### **9. Adoption of decisions taken at the thirty-fifth session**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 4 May, afternoon*

The Executive Body may wish to adopt its decisions taken during the session. The draft report of the session, reflecting the decisions adopted, will be finalized by the secretariat following the session. The report will be presented for adoption at the Executive Body's thirty-sixth session.