Comments by Germany to the draft 2018 EMEP budget

As the proposal for the EMEP budget for 2018 prepared by the EMEP Steering Body Bureau had not been approved by the EMEP Steering Body, Parties are invited to send their views and comments to the Chair of the EMEP Steering Body and the UN/ECE secretariat by 15th of November 2017. So please find below the German point of view.

Germany supports the proposal for the 2018 EMEP budget as laid down in the table “Proposed 2018 EMEP budget covered by mandatory contributions” in the informal note prepared by the Chairs of the EMEP SB and the WGE ("Decisions, recommendations and key messages from the third joint session (Geneva, 11-15 September 2017)"). This includes the proposal to specifically support the following three “emerging issues” as priorities in 2018:

• Improvement and verification (against other emission inventories) of gridded emissions (US$ 20,000 to CEIP)

• Coordination of the upcoming field campaign on carbonaceous aerosols with a focus on potential twin sites (US$ 30,000 to CCC)

• Follow-up of the B[a]P study initiated in 2017: check the gaps in emissions in other countries of the ECE domain, investigate seasonality of such emissions (US$ 20,000 to MSC-E).

Especially, we support the proposal to perform an in-depth review of the other part of the EMEP budget covered by mandatory contributions, to underpin the allocated amounts by consolidated figures in order to provide transparency on the planned use of the EMEP budget and present this annotated budget at the fourth EMEP Steering Body – WGE joint session for approval.

Generally, we propose that such detailed information regarding the proposed allocation of the annual EMEP budget of the forthcoming year be made available to the Parties in advance i.e. in due time before the EMEP Steering Body – WGE joint session of the preceding year.

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