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LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Effects

(Twenty-fourth session, Geneva, 31 August–2 September 2005)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 31 August 2005

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-third session (EB.AIR/WG.1/2004/2)
3. Matters arising from the twenty-second session of the Executive Body for the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/83 and Add.1 and 2), the thirty-sixth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (EB.AIR/WG.5/78) and the twenty-eighth session of the Steering Body of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) (EB.AIR/GE.1/2004/2)

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4. Recent achievements of the effect-oriented activities

The Working Group will have before it the annual 2005 Joint Report of the International Cooperative Programmes (ICPs) and the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution on the achievements (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/3) and progress in the effect-oriented activities (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/3/Add.1). Lead countries will draw attention to recent activities, and outputs in relation to the 2005 workplan (ECE/EB.AIR/83/Add.2), in particular:

- (a) ICP on assessment and monitoring of air pollution effects on forests will report on its twenty-first meeting held in Rome;
- (b) ICP on assessment and monitoring of acidification of rivers and lakes will report on its twentieth meeting held in Falun (Sweden);
- (c) ICP on effects of air pollution on materials, including historic and cultural monuments, will report on its twenty-first meeting held in Krakow (Poland);
- (d) ICP on effects of air pollution on natural vegetation and crops will report on its eighteenth meeting held in Almería (Spain);
- (e) ICP on integrated monitoring of air pollution effects on ecosystems will report on its thirteenth meeting held in Reykjavik;
- (f) ICP on modelling and mapping of critical levels and loads and air pollution effects, risks and trends will report on its twentieth meeting held in Berlin;
- (g) Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution: WHO/ECEH, Bonn Office, leading the Task Force, will report on its eighth meeting held in Bonn (Germany);
- (h) Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling will report on its fifth meeting held in Sitges (Spain).

The Working Group is expected to take note of the completion of workplan items. It may wish to provide guidance for future goals.

5. Review of recent results and updating of scientific/technical knowledge

The review follows the outline and contents of the annual 2005 Joint Report (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/3), divided in pollution-specific themes:

- (a) Acidification;
- (b) Nutrient nitrogen;
- (c) Ozone;
- (d) Particulate matter;
- (e) Heavy metals;
- (f) Persistent organic pollutants (POPs);
- (g) Cross-cutting items.

Each theme will have contributions of relevant work carried out in all the programmes. The presentations will also include issues from the technical reports of ICPs:

- (i) 2004 results of monitoring forest condition in Europe (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/5);
- (ii) POPs in freshwater environment: effects of long-range transboundary air pollution (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/6);
- (iii) Final results from the multi-pollutant programme including dose-response functions on effects on materials (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/7);
- (iv) An overview of the impacts of ambient ozone on white clover at ICP Vegetation sites (1996–2003) (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/8);
- (v) First results from site-specific dynamic modelling on climate change impacts on acidification recovery (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/9);
- (vi) Call for data from national focal centres on critical loads for acidification and eutrophication, dynamic models and target loads (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/10) and on critical loads for heavy metals (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/10/Add.1);
- (vii) Health risks of particulate matter from long-range transboundary air pollution (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/11);
- (viii) Conclusions and recommendations of the Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/13);
- (ix) Report of the workshop on European air pollution policies (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/14);
- (x) Other documents and publications made available by the programme centres.

The Working Group is expected to take note of the technical reports and of the progress made. It may wish to provide guidance for future activities.

6. Further development of the effect-oriented activities and their contribution to the future review of protocols

The Working Group will have before it for consideration documents prepared by its Bureau in consultation with the Extended Bureau of the Working Group, taking into account the recent relevant decisions of the Executive Body, as well as available information on the Clear Air for Europe (CAFE) programme of the European Commission:

- (a) The 2006 work plan (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/4);
- (b) The draft long-term strategy (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/15).

The Working Group is expected to take note of the work plan and the long-term strategy and to approve their submission to the Executive Body at its twenty-third session

7. Financing of effect-oriented activities

The Working Group will have before it a note, prepared by the secretariat, on the financing of effect-oriented activities, summarizing the voluntary contributions received in 2004 and 2005, reviewing the use of the contributions in 2005 and presenting plans for their use in 2006 (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/12). The Working Group is expected to consider the note and approve its submission to the Executive Body at its twenty-third session.

8. Election of officers

The Working Group is expected to elect a chair and five vice-chairpersons. The elected officers constitute the Bureau and will remain in office over the next session.

9. Other business

The Working Group on Effects will have before it for consideration a provisional list of meetings for 2005/2006 compiled by the secretariat on the basis of information provided by the delegations and programmes.

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