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**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials  
“Environment for Europe”  
(First session, Geneva, 12-13 October 2005)  
(Item 5 of the provisional agenda)

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE  
“ENVIRONMENT FOR EUROPE”**

**Proposed schedule of preparatory meetings for the Belgrade Conference**

1. Prior to the Kiev Conference, the Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials met seven times and the Executive Committee eight times, over a preparatory period of three years.
2. In the Kiev Declaration, Ministers decided that the open-ended Preparatory Group should convene not more than two years before the next conference. Ministers strongly called upon the Committee on Environmental Policy and the Working Group of Senior Officials to hold joint meetings with a coordinated agenda in order to avoid duplication and ensure more efficient decision-making, and to streamline their work.
3. Communication and interaction among the Executive Committee’s members could, between meetings, take place electronically with the support of the ECE secretariat.
4. The following is a proposed schedule of the Working Group and its Executive Committee from the current session until the convening of the Belgrade Conference.

**Proposed schedule of preparatory meetings for the Belgrade Conference**

<b>Committee on Environmental Policy</b>	<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>
Twelfth session, 10-12 October 2005	First session, Geneva, 12-13 October 2005	First meeting (organizational), Geneva, October 2005
Bureau Meeting, 27 February 2006		Second meeting, 28 February 2006
	Second session, May 2006 (or third Execom meeting)	Third meeting, May 2006
Bureau Meeting, 6 June 2006		
Thirteenth Session, Geneva, October 2006	Third session, Geneva, October 2006	Fourth meeting, October 2006
Bureau meeting, February 2007		Fifth meeting, February 2007
	Fourth session, April/early May 2007 (all documentation and organizational arrangements completed)	Sixth meeting, April/May 2007
Fourteenth Session, 2007	Fifth session, Belgrade, September/October 2007 (finalization of draft ministerial declaration, as needed)	
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“Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference, September or October 2007		