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Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project

Twentieth session
Geneva, 3 - 5 June 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTIETH SESSION *

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
opening on Wednesday 3 June 2009, at 3 p.m.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Increasing energy efficiency for secure energy supplies.
3. Development of the renewable energy sector in the Russian Federation and in countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS): prospects for interregional cooperation.
4. Global Energy Efficiency 21 (GEE21).

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5. Recent developments of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project.
6. Current status of subregional and country-oriented projects under the umbrella of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project:
 - (a) Financing Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation;
 - (b) Energy efficiency market formation in South-Eastern Europe;
 - (c) Removing barriers to energy efficiency improvements in the state sector in Belarus;
 - (d) The Regional Network for Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Southeast Europe (RENEUER);
 - (e) Green labels purchase – making a greener procurement with energy labels;
 - (f) Energy efficiency in housing;
 - (g) Wood energy;
 - (h) Development of coal mine methane projects in Central and Eastern Europe and CIS.
7. Project Plan 2009-2012 for the Energy Efficiency 21 Project.
8. Election of officers.
9. Other business.
10. Conclusions and recommendations.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item of the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2: Increasing energy efficiency for secure energy supplies

2. The objective of this project is to promote the development of energy efficiency investments projects designed to reduce the domestic consumption of hydrocarbons in the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan and other energy exporting countries, in order to increase volumes of natural gas and oil available for export and/or other uses. The meeting will discuss modalities of the project implementation on Wednesday, 3 June, starting at 3 p.m.

Item 3: Development of the renewable energy sector in the Russian Federation and in countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States: prospects for interregional cooperation

3. The objective of this project is to promote interregional cooperation to overcome policy, regulatory, institutional and financial barriers to the development of renewable energy resources

in the Russian Federation and CIS countries. The meeting will discuss modalities of the project implementation on Thursday, 4 June, starting at 10 a.m.

Item 4: Global Energy Efficiency 21 (GEE21)

4. The objective of this project is to develop a more systematic exchange of experience on capacity building, policy reforms and investment project finance among countries of the other regions of the world through their United Nations regional commissions in order to promote self-financing energy efficiency improvements that raise economic productivity, diminish fuel poverty and reduce environment air pollution such as greenhouse gas emissions. The first meeting of the GEE21 project will be held on Thursday, 4 June, starting at 3 p.m. and will consider, among other issues, a proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Global Energy Efficiency 21, operating under the umbrella of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project.

Item 5: Recent developments of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project

5. The secretariat will make a presentation on the recent developments of the EE21 Project, starting at 10 a.m. on Friday, 5 June.

Item 6: Current status of subregional and country-oriented projects under the umbrella of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project

6. The meeting will review current status and progress achieved in the implementation of various subregional and country-oriented projects, in particular: Financing Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation; Energy efficiency market formation in South-Eastern Europe; Removing barriers to energy efficiency improvements in the state sector in Belarus; the Regional Network for Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Southeast Europe (RENEUER); Green labels purchase – making a greener procurement with energy labels; Energy efficiency in housing; Wood energy; Development of coal mine methane projects in Central and Eastern Europe and CIS.

Item 7: Project Plan 2009-2012 for the Energy Efficiency 21 Project

7. The secretariat will make a presentation of the draft Project Plan 2009-2012 for the Energy Efficiency 21 Project which the Steering Committee is invited to review and discuss. The Steering Committee is expected to approve the Project Plan 2009-2012 for the Energy Efficiency 21 Project with modifications resulting from the discussion.

Item 8: Election of officers

8. The Steering Committee is expected to elect a Chairman and a number of Vice-Chairmen. At its nineteenth session in May 2008, the Steering Committee elected its Bureau as follows: Mr. Zdravko Genchev (Bulgaria), Chairman; Mr. Thierry Méraud (France) Ms. Milena Presutto (Italy), Mr. Trond Dahlsveen (Norway) and Mr. Sergey Koblov (Russian Federation), Vice-Chairpersons.

Item 9: Other business

9. At the time the provisional agenda was prepared, there were no issues to be raised under this item.

Item 10: Conclusions and recommendations

10. The Chairman of the Steering Committee and the secretariat will summarize the conclusions and recommendations of the session. The report of the meeting will be circulated after the meeting.
