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**EXECUTIVE BODY FOR THE CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE  
TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Effects

Twenty-eighth session  
Geneva, 23–25 September 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 23 September 2009 <sup>1</sup>

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-seventh session
3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies

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<sup>1</sup> There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>), 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 Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>).

4. Long-term aims for the effects-oriented activities
5. Recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge
6. Review of air pollution effects
7. Further development of effects-oriented activities
8. Financing of effects-oriented activities
9. Election of officers
10. Other business
11. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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

***Tentative timing:*** Wednesday, 23 September, 10 a.m.

***Documentation:*** ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/1 (Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session)

### **Item 2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-seventh session**

***Tentative timing:*** Wednesday, 23 September, morning

***Documentation:*** ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2008/2 (Report of the Working Group on Effects on its twenty-seventh session)

### **Item 3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies**

***Tentative timing:*** Wednesday, 23 September, morning

***Documentation:*** ECE/EB.AIR/96 and Add.1 and 2 (Report of the Executive Body on its twenty-sixth session)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/92 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-second session)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/94 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-third session)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/96 (Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its forty-fourth session)  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2008/2 (Report of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) on its thirty-second session)

The Working Group on Effects is expected to take note of the matters arising from the twenty-sixth session of the Convention's Executive Body, from the forty-second, forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, and from the thirty-second session of the Steering Body to EMEP.

**Item 4. Long-term aims for the effects-oriented activities**

***Tentative timing:*** Wednesday, 23 September, morning

The Bureau and the Extended Bureau of the Working Group on Effects have decided to have a general discussion on the Working Group's strategic aims. Details are further elaborated under agenda item 7.

**Item 5. Recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge**

***Tentative timing:*** Wednesday, 23 September, afternoon –  
Thursday, 24 September, morning

***Documentation:*** ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/3 (2009 Joint report of the International Cooperative Programmes, the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution and the Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/6 (2009 results of monitoring forest condition in Europe)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/7 (Assessment of mercury in the aquatic environment related to long-range transboundary air pollution in Europe and North America)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/8 (Assessment of stock of materials at risk including cultural heritage)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/9 (Impacts of ozone and nitrogen on vegetation and trends in nitrogen and heavy metal concentrations in mosses)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/10 (Assessment of long-term trends of deposition and surface water quality)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/11 (Effects-based indicators for use in integrated assessment)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/12 (Health risks of air pollution from biomass combustion)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/13 (Dynamic modelling)

The Working Group will have before it the 2009 joint report, which covers effects-oriented activities based on the 2009 workplan, technical documents from the programmes, and other documents and publications made available by the programmes. Lead countries will draw attention to recent activities, in particular publications and task force meetings. The Working Group is expected to take note of the progress made. It may wish to provide guidance for future activities. The ongoing review of recent results is divided up into the following pollution-specific topics:

- (a) Cross-cutting items;
- (b) Acidification and nutrient nitrogen;
- (c) Ozone;
- (d) Particulate matter, heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants.

Each topic will have contributions from the relevant workplan items and the other work carried out in all programmes. The presentations will also include issues from the technical reports of the programmes and workshops. The Working Group is expected to take note of the technical reports and the completion of workplan items. It may wish to provide guidance for future goals.

#### **Item 6. Review of air pollution effects**

***Tentative timing:*** Thursday, 24 September, afternoon

***Documentation:*** ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/15 (Effects of airborne nitrogen)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/16 (Indicators and targets for air pollution effects)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/12 (Reactive nitrogen)  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2009/4 (Integrated assessment modelling)  
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2009/5 (Workshop on non-binding aspirational targets for air pollution for the year 2050)  
ECE/EB.AIR/2008/13 (Plan for the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol)

The Working Group will have before it for consideration documents describing the status report on airborne nitrogen effects, prepared in collaboration with the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling and the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen. The report on indicators and targets comprises the work carried out under three workplan items common to all programmes, including selected key monitored and modelled parameters, considerations for target-setting in 2020 and non-binding aspirational targets for the year 2050, and further quantification of policy-relevant effects indicators. The Working Group is expected to adopt the reports and to approve their submission to the Executive Body at the latter's twenty-seventh session.

#### **Item 7. Further development of effects-oriented activities**

***Tentative timing:*** Friday, 25 September, morning

***Documentation:*** ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/4 (Draft 2010 workplan)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/14 (Draft long-term strategy)

The Working Group will have before it for consideration documents taking into account the recent relevant decisions of the Executive Body and other subsidiary bodies of the Convention as well as available information on the air pollution policies of the European Commission. The Working Group is expected to approve the submission of the draft 2010 workplan to the Executive Body at the latter's twenty-seventh session. The Bureau has decided to propose to the

Working Group that it review the effects-oriented activities before the next session in 2010, with further details on the proposal to be made available in an informal document in the meeting room. The Working Group will also discuss possibilities for further collaboration with relevant international work.

**Item 8. Financing of effects-oriented activities**

***Tentative timing:*** Friday, 25 September, afternoon

***Documentation:*** ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2009/5 (Financing of effects-oriented activities)

The Working Group will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat detailing the financing of effects-oriented activities, summarizing the voluntary contributions received in 2008 and 2009, reviewing the use of contributions in 2009, and presenting plans for their use in 2010. The Working Group is expected to consider the note and to approve its submission to the Executive Body at the latter's twenty-seventh session.

**Item 9. Election of officers**

***Tentative timing:*** Friday, 25 September, afternoon

The Working Group is expected to elect its Chair and five Vice-Chairs. The elected officers will constitute the Bureau and will remain in office through the next session.

**Item 10. Other business**

***Tentative timing:*** Friday, 25 September, afternoon

The Working Group will have before it for consideration a provisional list of meetings for 2009/2010 compiled by the secretariat on the basis of information provided by the delegations and programmes.

**Item 11: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group**

***Tentative timing:*** Friday, 25 September, afternoon

The Working Group will adopt the decisions taken during the session. The draft report of the session, including the agreed decisions, will be finalized by the Chair in consultation with the secretariat following the session and then posted on the Convention's website. The report will be presented for adoption at the twenty-ninth session of the Working Group.

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