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COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY  
Ninth session, 9-11 November 1999

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting on Tuesday, 9 November 1999, at 3 p.m

**Main issues to be discussed**

- Development of regional Sustainable Energy Strategy for the Twenty-first Century (SES 21) for input to the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-9).
- Review of operational and technical assistance activities in the field of energy: EE 2000 Project, Gas Centre, Regional Advisory Services, SECI, and SPECA.
- Consideration of issues related to the opening and liberalization of energy markets.
- Review of study on energy efficiency and energy security in the CIS countries.

**A Round Table on "Financing Energy Investments" will be organized on Wednesday morning, 10 November.**

The **Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power** and the **Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnections** will be held in conjunction with the Committee, from 8 to 9 (morning) November and on 12 November 1999 respectively (ENERGY/GE.1/1999/2; ENERGY/GE.2/1999/1).

1. Adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/40)
2. Election of officers
3. Matters arising from the fifty-fourth session of the Commission related to energy activities (E/1999/37; E/ECE/1374; ENERGY/1999/1)
4. Normative activities in the context of the sustainability of energy development, including labelling, classification systems and related legal and policy framework:
  - (a) United Nations International Framework Classification for Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities (ENERGY/1999/5; ENERGY/1999/8)
  - (b) Development of mining legislation and regulations (ENERGY/1999/3)
  - (c) Development of energy efficiency standards and labelling systems (ENERGY/WP.4/AC.2/1999/R.2)
  - (d) Development of an international codification system for low-grade coal utilization (ENERGY/1999/9)
  - (e) Energy Conservation Legislation in Russian Federation and Central Asian States (ENERGY/1999/10)
5. Development of regional Sustainable Energy Strategy for the Twenty-first century (SES 21) for input to the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-9):
  - (a) ECE input to the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development to be held in 2001 (ENERGY/1999/7)
  - (b) High-Level Forum on Sustainable Energy in a Competitive Market: Forging Partnerships
  - (c) "World Energy Assessment; Laying the Groundwork for a Sustainable Future": A study jointly prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the World Energy Council (WEC)

6. Review of operational and technical assistance activities in the field of energy (ENERGY/1999/11):
  - (a) Energy Efficiency 2000 Project (ENERGY/WP.4/1999/2)
  - (b) Gas Centre
  - (c) Regional Advisory Services in the field of energy (ENERGY/1999/12)
  - (d) Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), including the reconstruction of Kosovo
  - (e) Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)
7. Market liberalization, energy policies and energy security:
  - (a) Summary and outcome of Prague Conference on "Opening up of electricity and gas markets", 21-22 June 1999 (ENERGY/SEM.14/1)
  - (b) Preliminary report on "Energy efficiency and supply security in CIS countries" (ENERGY/1999/13)
  - (c) Review of energy situation and policy developments in the ECE region with focus on market liberalization and restructuring. National contributions
  - (d) European Energy Conservation Initiative; follow-up to Aarhus Conference
  - (e) Recent developments regarding implementation of Kyoto Protocol
8. Energy infrastructure:
  - (a) Extension of European interconnection of electric power systems and related legal and regulatory aspects (ENERGY/GE.2/1998/2; ENERGY/GE.2/1999/1)
  - (b) Underground gas storage in Europe and Central Asia
  - (c) Gas resources and interconnection of gas grids in Europe

9. Coal and thermal power generation in the context of sustainable energy development:
  - (a) Coal and thermal power generation related activities (ENERGY/GE.1/1999/2)
  - (b) International Conference on Hybrid Power Systems for Sustainable Development
10. ECE programme of work in the field of energy:
  - (a) Programme of work including the work programme of its subsidiary bodies (ENERGY/1999/2; ENERGY/GE.1/1999/3), ENERGY/GE.2/1998/2; ENERGY/WP.3/1999/2)
  - (b) Calendar of meetings (ENERGY/1999/4)
11. Cooperation and coordination with other bodies:
  - (a) Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission (ENERGY/1999/14)
  - (b) Other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and business community (ENERGY/1999/15)
12. Other business
13. Adoption of the report

#### **ANNOTATIONS**

##### Item 1

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

##### Item 2

The elected officers of the Committee are as follows:

Chairman: Mr. V. Bushuev (Russian Federation)  
Vice-Chairmen: Messrs. H. Ch. Blanc (France); S. R. Brunborg (Norway);  
F. Krawczynski (Poland) and M. Greenbaum (United States of America).

During the course of the session, the Committee will elect a new Bureau for a two-year term.

Item 3

The Committee will be informed of matters arising from the fifty-fourth session of the Commission of concern to the Committee, with particular emphasis on requests by the Commission to the Principal Subsidiary Bodies.

In accordance with the proposal made by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Relations with the Business Community, the Committee will also review its cooperation with the business community in its work area, on the basis of experience of its subsidiary bodies which are already involved in such cooperation or which could be involved in the future in view of their activities.

Item 4

The Committee will review the normative activities carried out in the energy field under its auspices, namely on the UN framework classification for solid fuels and mineral commodities, development of mining legislation and regulations, and development of energy efficiency standards and labelling systems. It will also be informed on the status of work on the development of a framework for the implementation of Energy Conservation Legislation in the Russian Federation and the Central Asian States.

Item 5

The Committee decided at its last session to contribute to the preparations and lead up, on a regional basis, to the annual session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 2001 which will be devoted to energy-related environmental concerns (CSD-9). In this respect, the Committee will be informed of discussions between the ECE secretariat and the UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The Committee will discuss and approve the nature and type, process and timing of its contribution to CSD-9. This could include the development of a regional (ECE) Sustainable Energy Strategy for the Twenty-first Century, the holding of a High-Level Forum on Sustainable Energy Development during the Committee's annual session in 2000, and the establishment of an Intergovernmental Task Force to assist the Committee in this work.

The study "World Energy Assessment; Laying the Groundwork for a Sustainable Future", jointly prepared by UNDP, UN DESA and WEC will be presented and discussed. The study is intended to inform international debate and negotiation about energy for sustainable development with respect to the objectives of Agenda 21.

Item 6

In order to maximize the impact of the Commission's operational and technical assistance activities and provide further guidance, the Commission at its fifty-fourth session asked each PSB to look at the operational activities undertaken within its field of competence and mandate and to identify the needs for operational activities and financing for them. The Commission also requested that a synthesis of the conclusions of each PSB's review be prepared for consideration at its fifty-fifth session.

The Committee will therefore review operational and technical assistance activities in the field of energy, namely the Energy Efficiency 2000 Project, the Gas Centre, Regional Advisory Services in the field of energy, the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), including the reconstruction of Kosovo, and the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).

Item 7

The Committee will be informed of the outcome of the Conference on the "Opening up of the electricity and gas markets", held in Prague, 21-22 June 1999, under its auspices and those of the Gas Centre. Delegations will have the opportunity to express their views on major developments and new trends in the energy sector; the convergence of electricity and gas markets in Europe; the strategic impact of the opening up of electricity and gas markets; regulatory, trading and technical aspects of market liberalization; the state of the restructuring of energy industries in central and eastern Europe; and on future activities in this area.

National contributions should be succinct and focus on the issues above. Detailed information and analysis should be provided in written form for distribution to delegates.

The Committee will consider and discuss a preliminary report of the Group of National Experts on "Energy efficiency and supply security in CIS countries" to be presented by the Chairman of the Group, representatives of participating countries and the secretariat.

The Committee will also be informed of progress regarding the European Energy Conservation Initiative and its follow-up as well as any new developments with respect to the Kyoto Protocol.

Item 8

The present situation and extension of the energy infrastructure of Europe in electricity and gas will be considered.

Particular consideration may be given to issues related to the opening up of electricity markets, electricity interconnections among CIS countries and electricity trade between CIS and the Baltic States.

The secretariat will present the study on "Underground Gas Storage in Europe and Central Asia" which will have been finalized and released prior to the Committee session.

The Committee will also be informed of the progress achieved on the studies on "The Update of the Gas Grids Study" and "The International Map of Gas Fields in Europe".

Item 9

The Committee will consider the activities of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power, including the conclusions and recommendations of the relevant workshops, study tours and seminars.

The secretariat will provide information on the progress achieved regarding the proposed First International Conference on Hybrid Power Systems for Sustainable Development.

Item 10

The Committee will adopt its programme of work including the work programme of its subsidiary bodies on the basis of a note prepared by the secretariat.

The Committee will also have before it the provisional calendar of meetings to be organized under its auspices in 2000.

Item 11

The Committee will be briefed on the activities of common interest of other Principal Subsidiary Bodies and on cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Item 12

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

Item 13

In accordance with the recommendations of the Commission, the meeting report will be short, business-like, and focus mainly on conclusions and decisions. In accordance with the decision of the Committee taken at its seventh session, it will be drafted in consultation with members of the Bureau and approved by it, before being circulated to countries (ECE/ENERGY/32, para.27).



ANNEX I

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AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON COAL AND THERMAL POWER  
Second session, 8-9 November 1999

AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON EXTENSION OF EUROPEAN  
ELECTRICITY INTERCONNECTION  
Second session, 12 November 1999

TIMETABLE

**Monday, 8 November**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, 9 November**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ad Hoc Meeting of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Committee on Sustainable Energy  
Agenda items 1 to 4

**Wednesday, 10 November**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Round Table on Financing Energy Investments  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Committee on Sustainable Energy  
Agenda items 5 and 6

**Thursday, 11 November**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Committee on Sustainable Energy  
Agenda items 7 to 9  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Committee on Sustainable Energy  
Agenda items 10 to 13

**Friday, 12 November**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European  
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Electricity Interconnection

ANNEX II

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REGISTRATION FORM

In view of the new security arrangements for access to the Palais des Nations, delegations are asked to inform the secretariat (ECE Energy Division) of their exact composition. Access to the Palais des Nations will be granted only to those in possession of an identity card issued by the Safety and Security Section, Villa les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (see map).

Each delegate attending the session is therefore requested to fill out the attached registration form and return it by fax (+41 22 917 00 38), no later than one week before the session commences, to:

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