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

Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme  
for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range  
Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)  
(Twenty-fourth session, Geneva, 4-6 September 2000)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 4 September 2000

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-third session (EB.AIR/GE.1/1999/2).
3. Matters arising from the seventeenth session of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/68), the thirty-second session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, the nineteenth session of the Working Group on Effects and the Workshop on the future needs for regional air pollution strategies (EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/3).
4. Activities of the EMEP Bureau between the Steering Body's twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions (EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/4).
5. EMEP long-term strategy (EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/5).

6. Emissions:
  - (a) Present status of emissions (EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/6);
  - (b) Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections (EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/7).
  
7. Main scientific activities and results on:
  - (a) Acidifying and eutrophying compounds (technical reports);
  - (b) Photo-oxidants (technical reports);
  - (c) Heavy metals (technical reports and EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/8);
  - (d) Persistent organic pollutants (technical reports and EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/8);
  - (e) Fine particulates (technical reports and EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/9).
  
8. Task Force on Measurements and Modelling.
  
9. Integrated assessment modelling:
  - (a) Scientific progress in integrated assessment modelling;
  - (b) Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/11).
  
10. Cooperation with national programmes and with other subsidiary bodies under the Convention.
  
11. Cooperation with other monitoring and modelling projects:
  - (a) Cooperation between EMEP and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO);
  - (b) Cooperation between EMEP and the European Commission and the European Environment Agency (EEA);
  - (c) Cooperation between EMEP and the marine commissions regarding emissions, atmospheric monitoring and modelling;
  - (d) North American activities on long-range transport of air pollutants.
  
12. Financial and budgetary matters and the work-plan for 2001 (EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/10).
  
13. Other business.
  
14. Election of officers.
  
15. Closing of the twenty-fourth session.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

Time	Item	Introduction	Explanatory notes	Documentation
<p><b>Monday, 4 September</b> 3.00-3.05 p.m.</p>	<p>Item 1. Adoption of the agenda</p>	<p>Mr. M. WILLIAMS, Chairman</p>	<p>The Steering Body is expected to adopt the agenda for its twenty-fourth session.</p>	<p>EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/1</p>
<p>3.05-3.10 p.m.</p>	<p>Item 2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-third session</p>	<p>Mr. M. WILLIAMS</p>	<p>The Steering Body is expected to adopt the report of its twenty-third session, which was held in September 1999.</p> <p>The secretariat will inform the Steering Body about possibilities for changing the practice of adopting reports a year after the meetings. The Steering Body may wish to decide on a possible new practice under item 15.</p>	<p>EB.AIR/GE.1/1999/2</p>
<p>3.10-3.40 p.m.</p>	<p>Item 3. Matters arising from the seventeenth session of the Executive Body, from recent sessions of the Working Group on Strategies (and Review) and the Working Group on Effects and from the Workshop on the future needs for regional air pollution strategies.</p>	<p>Mr. M. WILLIAMS Mr. K. BULL, Secretary of the Executive Body</p>	<p>The Steering Body will be informed about the discussions held and decisions taken by the Executive Body at its seventeenth session in December 1999. Its attention will also be drawn to the relevant work of other subsidiary bodies of the Executive Body having a bearing on the activities of the Steering Body and to the outcome of the Workshop on the future needs for regional air pollution, which was held in Sweden on 10-12 April 2000.</p>	<p>ECE/EB.AIR/68 EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/3</p>

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3.40-3.45 p.m.	Item 4. Activities of the Bureau between the Steering Body's twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions	Mr. M. WILLIAMS	The Steering Body will be informed about the activities of its Bureau.	EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/4
3.45-4.40 p.m.	Item 5. EMEP long-term strategy	Mr. M. WILLIAMS	The Steering Body considered its strategic goals at its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions. The Steering Body may wish to adopt the 2000-2009 Strategy for EMEP prepared by its Bureau.	EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/5
5.00-6.00 p.m.	Item 6. Emissions: (a) Present status of emissions	A representative of MSC-W	As requested by the Executive Body in the 2000 work-plan for the implementation of the Convention, the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West (MSC-W) together with the secretariat has prepared a note on the present status of emission data. The members of the Steering Body are invited to correct their national data, if necessary. The Steering Body may wish to decide to submit the information on emissions to the Executive Body, for consideration in the context of the review of strategies and policies at its eighteenth session.	ECE/EB.AIR/68, annex IV, items 2.1; EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/6

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	(b) Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections	Mr. M. WOODFIELD, Co-Chairman of the Task Force	The Steering Body will have before it a progress report, by the Co-Chairmen of the Task Force on Emission Inventories, including the results of the ninth meeting of the Task Force, held in Rome on 15-18 June 2000. The Steering Body may wish to take note of the report and take it into account when considering the 2001 activities.	EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/7
<p><b>Tuesday, 5 September</b></p> <p>10.00– 11.30 a.m.</p>	<p>Item 7. Main scientific activities and results on:</p> <p>(a) Acidifying and eutrophying compounds</p>	Representatives of MSC-W and CCC	<p>In accordance with the 2000 work-plan, MSC-W and the Chemical Coordinating Centre (CCC) will report on their major scientific activities and results on the long-range transmission of sulphur and nitrogen compounds.</p> <p>The Steering Body may wish to consider the progress of work and the results. It may wish to derestrict the technical report(s).</p> <p>Under this agenda item the Steering Body may also wish to adopt the extended EMEP grid.</p>	<p>ECE/EB.AIR/68, annex IV, item 2.2; Acidification summary report by MSC-W and CCC and supporting scientific and technical reports. EMEP homepage <a href="http://www.emep.int">www.emep.int</a></p>

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11.50 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.	(b) Photo-oxidants	Representatives of MSC-W and CCC	<p>In accordance with the 2000 work-plan, MSC-W and CCC will report on their major scientific activities in monitoring and modelling photochemical oxidants, and on the results on photochemical oxidant exposures and exceedances of critical loads/levels.</p> <p>The Steering body will also be informed about cooperation with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), in particular about the work financed through the EMEP budget.</p> <p>The Steering Body may wish to consider the progress of work and the results. It may wish to derestrict the technical report(s).</p>	<p>ECE/EB.AIR/68, annex IV, item 2.3;</p> <p>Photo-oxidant summary report by MSC-W and CCC and supporting scientific and technical reports. EMEP homepage <a href="http://www.emep.int">www.emep.int</a></p>
3.00 p.m.- 4.00 p.m.	(c) Heavy metals	Representatives of MSC-E and CCC	<p>In accordance with the 2000 work-plan, the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East (MSC-E) and CCC will report on progress in monitoring and modelling heavy metals and in the intercomparison and validation of models.</p> <p>The Steering Body may wish to consider the progress of work and the results and derestrict the technical reports. It may also wish to consider</p>	<p>ECE/EB.AIR/68, annex IV, item 2.4;</p> <p>EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/8 and heavy metals summary report by MSC-E and CCC and supporting scientific and</p>

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			the conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop on HMs and POPs (16 - 19.11.1999).	technical reports. EMEP homepage www.emep.int
4.00 p.m.- 5.00 p.m.	(d) Persistent organic pollutants	Representatives of MSC-E and CCC	In accordance with the 2000 work-plan, MSC-E and CCC will report on progress in monitoring and modelling selected persistent organic pollutants (POPs).  The Steering Body may wish to consider the progress of work and results and derestrict the technical report(s). It may also wish to consider the conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop on HMs and POPs (16 - 19.11.1999).	ECE/EB.AIR/68, annex IV, item 2.5; EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/8 and POP summary report by MSC-E and CCC and supporting scientific and technical reports. EMEP homepage www.emep.int
5.00 p.m.- 6.00 p.m.	(e) Fine particulates	Representatives of Switzerland and the EMEP centres	The Steering Body may wish to take note of the conclusions and recommendations of the Workshop on fine particulates and adoption, and consider the progress of work.	ECE/EB.AIR/68, annex IV, item 2.6; EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/9
<b>Wednesday, 6 September 2000</b> 10.00-10.30 a.m.	Item 8. Task Force on Measurements and Modelling	Mr. J. SCHNEIDER (Austria)	The Steering Body will be informed about the preparations made for the first meeting of the Task Force, 23-25 October 2000 (Vienna), including the draft terms of reference.	

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10.30-11.30 a.m.	Item 9. Integrated assessment modelling (a) Scientific progress in IAM (b) TFIAM	Mr. M. AMANN, IIASA Mr. R. MAAS (Netherlands)	The Steering Body will have before it a progress report by the Chairmen of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling. The Steering Body may wish to take note of progress and make recommendations for future elements of the work plan.	EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/11
11.50 a.m.- 12.40 p.m.	Item 10. Cooperation with national programmes and with other subsidiary bodies under the Convention	National experts. Representatives of subsidiary bodies.	Short presentations will be invited from national experts on work related to the EMEP work plan. Representatives from subsidiary bodies will provide information on collaborative activities with EMEP.	Informal notes and other material
12.40-1.00 p.m.	Item 11. Cooperation between EMEP and other monitoring and modelling projects	Representatives of organizations	Representatives of WMO, the European Commission, EEA, HELCOM, OSPARCOM, BARCOM and North America will be invited to speak on cooperation with EMEP. The Steering Body may wish to recommend investigating additional areas for future cooperation.	
3.30-4.50 p.m.	Item 12. Financial and budgetary matters and the work-plan for 2001	Mr. M. WILLIAMS	To facilitate the discussion on the 2001 financial and budgetary matters and the work-plan, the secretariat has prepared a note in consultation with the Chairman. In addition, the Steering Body is expected to	EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/10



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			approve the 1999 contribution in kind from Belarus. The Steering Body will be informed about contributions in kind for 2001.	
4.50-5.00 p.m.	Item 13. Other business		At the time of writing the secretariat had no points to propose under this item.	
5.00-5.15 p.m	Item 14. Election of officers		The Steering Body is expected to elect a chairperson and five vice-chairpersons. The elected officers constitute the Bureau and will remain in office until the end of the next session. The Bureau is at present composed of Mr. M. WILLIAMS (United Kingdom), Chairman, Mr. P. GRENNFELT (Sweden), Ms. M. LESNJAK (Slovenia), Mr. J. SCHNEIDER (Austria), Mr. R. VAN AALST (Netherlands) and Ms. S. VIDIC (Croatia), Vice-Chairpersons.	
5.15-6.00 p.m.	Item 15. Closing of the twenty-fourth session	Mr. M. WILLIAMS	The Chairman, with the assistance of the secretariat, will sum up the Steering Body's conclusions and decisions. The secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, will draft the report on the twenty-fourth session.	Post-sessional document EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/2