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Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation
of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)
(Twenty-fifth session, Geneva, 3-5 September 2001)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 3 September 2001

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the report on the twenty-fourth session.
3. Matters arising from the eighteenth session of the Executive Body for the Convention and activities of the EMEP Bureau, including cooperation with the Working Group on Effects.
4. Progress in 2001 and work-plan up to 2004:
 - (a) Heavy metals;
 - (b) Photo-oxidants;
 - (c) Particulate matter;
 - (d) Acidifying and eutrophying compounds;

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- (e) Persistent organic pollutants (POPs);
 - (f) Measurements and modelling;
 - (g) Integrated assessment modelling;
 - (h) Emissions.
5. Intercontinental transport of air pollutants.
 6. Financial and budgetary matters.
 7. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes, including the European Commission and its Clean Air for Europe Programme (CAFE), the European Environment Agency (EEA), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the marine commissions.
 8. Other business.
 9. Election of officers.
 10. Closing of the twenty-fifth session.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/1

Introduction: The secretariat will introduce the agenda of the session.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to adopt it.

Item 2. Adoption of the report on the twenty-fourth session

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 3.05 p.m.

Documentation: EB.AIR/GE.1/2000/2

Introduction: The secretariat will introduce the report on the twenty-fourth session.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to adopt it.

Item 3. Matters arising from the eighteenth session of the Executive Body for the Convention and activities of the EMEP Bureau, including cooperation with the Working Group on Effects

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 3.15 p.m.

Documentation: - EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/10
- ECE/EB.AIR/71

Introduction: The secretariat will inform the Steering Body about matters arising from the eighteenth session of the Executive Body for the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/71). The Chairman of the Steering Body will present a summary of the work of the EMEP Bureau between the Steering Body's twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions, including cooperation with the Working Group on Effects (EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/10).

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of this information.

Item 4. Progress in 2001 and work-plan up to 2004

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 3.30 p.m.

Documentation: - EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/9
- The technical reports will be available via the Internet on the EMEP homepage: <http://www.emep.int>

Introduction: The Chairman will introduce the draft work plan for 2002 and the proposed priorities up to 2004 (EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/9).

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss separately each area of work, consider progress made in 2001 with respect to the work plan (ECE/EB.AIR/71, annex IV, chapter 2), and decide on the work plan for 2002 and priorities up to 2004.

(a) Heavy metals

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 4 p.m.

- Documentation:**
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/4, measurements and modelling
 - EMEP report 3/2001 (MSC-E), evaluation of heavy metals transport in 1999, trend analysis
 - MSC-E report 2/2001, intercomparison study of numerical models for long-range atmospheric transport of mercury. Stage I. Comparison of chemical modules for mercury transformations in a cloud/fog environment
 - MSC-E note 7/2001, hemispheric model of heavy metals atmospheric transport: development and preliminary results
 - CCC report 8/2001 (jointly with MSC-E), trends in emissions and concentrations and deposition of mercury, lead and cadmium in Europe
 - CCC report 9/2001, heavy metals and POPs in the EMEP region in 2000

Introduction: The Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East (MSC-E) will present an overview of its activities on monitoring and modelling heavy metals, including progress in work at the Chemical Coordinating Centre (CCC), its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2004.

(b) Photo-oxidants

Tentative timing: Monday, 3 September, 5 p.m.

- Documentation:**
- EMEP report 1/2001 (jointly by CCC, CIAM and MSC-W) transboundary acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone in Europe in 1999
 - MSC-W note 2/2001 (jointly with the European Community Joint Research Centre's Environment Institute), the influence of scale in calculated ozone concentrations
 - CCC report 1/2001, ozone measurements 1999
 - CCC report 7/2001, VOC measurements 1999

Introduction: The Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West (MSC-W) will present an overview of activities on monitoring and modelling of photo-oxidants, including progress in

work at CCC, progress in work at the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling (CIAM), its own work, and plans for work up to 2004.

(c) Particulate matter

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation:

- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/3, integrated assessment modelling
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/4, measurements and modelling
- EMEP report 4/2001 (jointly by CCC and MSC-W), transboundary particulate matter in Europe
- CCC report 5/2001, status report with respect to measurements of particulate matter
- MSC-W note 3/2001, development of MULTIMONO: aerosol dynamics module for use in the EMEP Eulerian model
- CIAM report, the potential and cost of controlling particulate matter emissions in Europe

Introduction: CCC will present an overview of activities on atmospheric monitoring and modelling of particulate matter, including progress in work at MSC-W, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling and plans for work up to 2004. CIAM will present progress on further developing integrated assessment modelling for the inclusion of particulate matter, including the results of the workshop held in Laxenburg (Austria) on 23-24 November 2000.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is inter alia expected to decide on the measurement programme based on the proposal by the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling (EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/4, annex I).

(d) Acidifying and eutrophying compounds

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 12 noon

Documentation:

- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/4, measurements and modelling
- EMEP report 1/2001 (jointly by CCC, CIAM and MSC-W), transboundary acidification, eutrophication and ground-level ozone in Europe in 1999
- CCC report 2/2001, data report 1999, part 1: annual summaries
- CCC report 3/2001, data report 1999, part 2: monthly and seasonal summaries

Introduction: MSC-W will present an overview of activities on monitoring and modelling

acidifying and eutrophying compounds, including progress in work at CCC, progress in the work at CIAM, its own work, and plans for work up to 2004.

(e) Persistent organic pollutants

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 3 p.m.

- Documentation:**
- MSC-E report 4/2001, assessment of POP transport and accumulation in Europe
 - MSC-E note 1/2001, dynamics of POPs distribution in sea water between different phases
 - MSC-E note 5/2001, processing and presentation of information on HMs and POPs: database and web site
 - MSC-E note 6/2001, analysis of dioxin and furan emission content in the context of the long-range transport
 - CCC report 4/2001, sources and environmental cycling of POPs in the Baltic Sea region
 - CCC report 9/2001, heavy metals and POPs in the EMEP region in 2000

Introduction: MSC-E will present an overview of activities on monitoring and modelling heavy metals, including progress in work at CCC, its own work, and plans for work up to 2004.

(f) Measurements and modelling

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 4 p.m.

- Documentation:**
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/4, measurements and modelling
 - CCC report 6/2001, data quality 1999, quality assurance and field comparisons

Introduction: The Chairman of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the first two meetings of the Task Force, held in Vienna on 23-25 October 2000 and in Portoroz (Slovenia) from 30 May to 1 June 2001.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is inter alia expected to decide on the terms of reference for the Task Force based on its proposal (EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/4, annex II).

(g) Integrated assessment modelling

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 4 September, 5 p.m.

- Documentation:**
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/3, integrated assessment modelling
 - CIAM report, a framework for uncertainty analysis from economic activity to critical load exceedances in Europe.

Introduction: The Chairman of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Task Force, held in Brussels on 14-16 May 2001.

(h) Emissions

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation:

- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/5, Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/6, draft guidelines for estimation of and reporting on emission data
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/7, present state of emission data
- MSC-W note 1/2001, emission data reported to UNECE/EMEP: evaluation of spatial distribution of emissions
- MSC-E note 8/2001, MSC-E contribution to the heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants emission inventories

Introduction: The Chairman of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections will report on progress, including the results of the tenth meeting of the Task Force, held in Geneva on 9-11 May 2001. It was the second to be held jointly with European Environment Information and Observations Network (EIONET), and it focused on the work to draft new guidelines for emission data reporting and on the further development of the emission database at MSC-W.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is inter alia expected to decide on new guidelines for estimating and reporting emission data, based on the Task Force's proposals.

Item 5. Intercontinental transport of air pollutants

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 11.30 a.m.

Documentation: EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/11, workshop report

Introduction: The delegation of the United States will present the report of the workshop on photo-oxidants, particles, and haze across the Arctic and the North Atlantic: Transport observations and models, held in Palisade, New York (United States), on 12-15 June 2001.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of the report and the conclusions and recommendations agreed upon at the workshop.

Item 6. Financial and budgetary matters

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/8, financial and budgetary matters

Introduction: The secretariat will introduce the note and report on any updates regarding the payment of mandatory contributions to EMEP in 2001.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to adopt the budget for 2002, establish the mandatory contributions for 2002 and approve the contribution in kind by Belarus for 2000.

Item 7. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes, including the European Commission and its Clean Air for Europe Programme (CAFE), the European Environment Agency (EEA), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the marine commissions

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 4 p.m.

Documentation: Organizations and programmes are invited to make informal documentation on their work available.

Introduction: The organizations and programmes represented at the session will be invited to briefly present their work and cooperation with EMEP.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of the information and decide on further cooperation.

Item 8. Other business

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 5 p.m.

Background: At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

Item 9. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 5.15 p.m.

Background: At its twenty-fourth session (2000), the Steering Body re-elected Mr. M. WILLIAMS (United Kingdom) as Chairman, Mr. P. GRENNFELT (Sweden), Ms. M. LESNJAK (Slovenia), Mr. R. VAN AALST (Netherlands) and Ms. S. VIDIC (Croatia) as Vice-Chairpersons and elected Ms. L. EDWARDS (European Community) as new Vice-Chairperson. The Steering Body also agreed that an additional seat on its Bureau should be reserved for a representative of a Party to allow a good balance of views in the Bureau.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to elect its chairperson and its vice-chairpersons for the coming year.

Item 10. Closing of the twenty-fifth session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 5 September, 5.30 p.m.

Documentation: Informal outline of the report of the session

Introduction: The secretariat will present an outline of the report with the main decisions.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to give directions to the secretariat for finalizing the report.