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

Nineteenth session, Geneva  
(11 – 14 December 2001)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 December 2001

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Matters arising from the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the eighth session of the Committee on Environmental Policy of concern to the Executive Body.
3. Adjustment to annex II to the 1994 Oslo Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions.
4. Activities of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, including financing of core activities (EB.AIR/WG.5/68, and 70).

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5. Compliance with protocol obligations (EB.AIR/2000/3).
6. Progress in core activities (EB.AIR/2001/4):
  - (a) Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP);
  - (b) Effects of major air pollutants on human health and the environment.
7. Medium-term work-plan (EB.AIR/2001/9).
8. Strategies and policies of Parties and Signatories to the Convention for the abatement of air pollution (EB.AIR/2000/1/Add.2, EB.AIR/2000/1/Corr.1, Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.3/Corr.1, EB.AIR/2001/1, and 2).
9. Activities of ECE bodies and international organizations relevant to the Convention.
10. Work-plan for 2002 (EB.AIR/2001/6).
11. Financial issues (EB.AIR/2001/7, and 8).
12. Facilitating participation of countries with economies in transition (EB.AIR/2001/5).
13. Other business.
14. Election of officers.
15. Adoption of the report of the nineteenth session.

To facilitate their access to the Palais des Nations, those delegates who do not have a valid badge should register with the secretariat by 26 November. Registration forms and explanatory notes are available on the Internet at [www.unece.org/env/eb](http://www.unece.org/env/eb). The documents for the session will be made available on the same web site as soon as possible.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Body is expected to adopt the agenda.

Item 2: Matters arising from the fifty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Europe and the eighth session of the Committee on Environmental Policy of concern to the Executive Body

The secretariat will draw the attention of the Executive Body to relevant discussions held at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission (E/2001/37-E/ECE/1387) and at the eighth session of the Committee on Environmental Policy (ECE/CEP/80).

Item 3: Adjustment to annex II to the 1994 Oslo Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions

Heads of Delegation will have been informed (in a fax dated 5 September 2001) of the decision of Monaco to accede to the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions and the need, in accordance with article 11 of the Protocol, to consider an adjustment to annex II. Monaco has proposed emission levels for 1980, 1990, 2000, 2005 and 2010 to this end.

The Executive Body is expected to agree on an adjustment to the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions to facilitate Monaco's accession.

Item 4: Activities of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, including financing of core activities

The Chairman of the Working Group on Strategies and Review will introduce this agenda item by referring to the discussions and decisions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its thirty-third session (EB.AIR/WG.5/70).

The Executive Body is expected to take note of the report and consider the relevant conclusions and recommendations.

As well as the report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, the Executive Body will have before it the report of the meeting of Heads of Delegation (EB.AIR/WG.5/68) on their negotiations, which also present a preliminary draft instrument for establishing a secure long-term mechanism for financing the core activities (effects and integrated assessment modelling).

The Executive Body is expected to take a decision on future action.

Item 5: Compliance with protocol obligations

The Chairman of the Implementation Committee will present its fourth report (EB.AIR/2001/3) on compliance by individual Parties with their protocol obligations. The Executive Body is *inter alia* expected to consider the recommendations made by the Committee.

At its eighteenth session, the Executive Body elected two new members to the Committee for a term of two years. At its seventeenth session, the Executive Body elected seven members to the Committee, who have now completed their term of office. Five Parties have been represented on the Committee for two consecutive terms. The Executive Body will elect members to the Committee to replace those who have completed their term of office.

Item 6: Progress in core activities

To facilitate discussions under this agenda item, the secretariat will circulate document EB.AIR/2001/4, containing a summary of the main issues and results achieved within the scope of the Convention. The documents are based on the following information:

- (a) The results of the twenty-fifth session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) (EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/2);
- (b) The results of the twentieth session of the Working Group on Effects (EB.AIR/WG.1/2001/2).

The Executive Body is expected to take note of these reports and of the relevant conclusions and recommendations.

Item 7: Medium-term work-plan

The secretariat will circulate a medium-term work-plan prepared by the Bureau of the Executive Body in collaboration with the secretariat. The work-plan will draw upon the proposed medium-term work-plans of EMEP (EB.AIR/GE.1/2001/9) and the Working Group on Effects (EB.AIR/WG.1/2001/5), and consider the needs of the Convention over the next few years especially with regard to the review of protocols following their entry into force.

The Executive Body is expected to agree on its priority areas of work and decide if changes are needed to the medium-term work-plans and priorities of its subsidiary bodies.

Item 8: Strategies and policies of Parties and Signatories to the Convention for the abatement of air pollution

The secretariat will circulate the outstanding part of the draft 2000 major review of strategies and policies based on information received from Parties (EB.AIR/2000/1/Add.2) and the corrigenda (EB.AIR/2000/1/Corr.1, Add.1/Corr.1, Add.3/Corr.1) based upon comments received from Parties. An executive summary of the 2000 review will be available (EB.AIR/2001/1).

The secretariat will circulate the draft questionnaire for the 2002 review of strategies and policies for air pollution abatement together with proposals for collecting and reporting information from Parties (EB.AIR/2001/2). The document was prepared by the secretariat taking into account comments received from the Implementation Committee (EB.AIR/2001/3). Parties are invited to comment on the draft questionnaire and proposals and to adopt them.

Item 9: Activities of ECE bodies and international organizations relevant to the Convention

The secretariat will report on relevant activities of ECE bodies. Representatives of international organizations (e.g. World Meteorological Organization, World Health Organization, European Commission) will be invited to provide information on their activities of particular relevance to the Convention (e.g. Clean Air For Europe programme of the European Community). The Executive Body may wish to take this information into account when considering its work-plan for 2002.

Item 10: Work-plan for 2002

The Executive Body will be called upon to agree a work-plan for the implementation of the Convention in 2002, also taking into account its medium-term requirements. To assist the Executive Body in accomplishing this task, the secretariat will circulate a draft work-plan (EB.AIR/2001/6), taking into consideration recommendations from the subsidiary bodies and results of ongoing activities. Delegations may wish to provide additional information for the work-plan.

Item 11: Financial issues

The Executive Body is expected to consider the status of the Convention and take the necessary steps to meet the costs of implementing the work-plan. In particular, the detailed budget for EMEP for 2002 and its provisional budget for 2003 (EB.AIR/2001/7) will be adopted under this agenda item.

To secure funding in the short term for the international effects coordination and integrated assessment modelling activities, the Executive Body may, taking into account its actions at its eighteenth session, wish to decide upon a budget for 2002 and provisional budgets for 2003 and 2004, and to recommend a scale of voluntary contributions for Parties to meet the 2002 budget (EB.AIR/2001/8).

Item 12: Facilitating participation of countries with economies in transition

The secretariat will circulate information on the current mechanism for facilitating participation and the options proposed by the Bureau of the Executive Body for facilitating participation in the future (EB.AIR/2001/5).

The Executive Body is expected to decide on a suitable effective mechanism for facilitating participation. The Chairman may draw attention to the need for voluntary contributions from Parties to support the participation of countries with economies in transition.

Item 13: Other business

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

Item 14: Election of officers

The Bureau of the Executive Body currently comprises one chairperson and seven vice-chairpersons, including the chairpersons of the four major subsidiary bodies. The Executive Body is expected to elect these officers. They constitute the Bureau and will remain in office over the next session.

Item 15: Adoption of the report of the nineteenth session

The Executive Body is expected to conclude its work by adopting the report of the nineteenth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

### **TENTATIVE TIMETABLE**

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