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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials
“Environment for Europe”
(Special session, Geneva, 22 October 2003)

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION
to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
Starting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 October 2003**

In their Declaration, the Ministers at the fifth “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference decided that the Working Group of Senior Officials would hold a special session in the autumn of 2003 to decide on the next host country and the date of the sixth Ministerial Conference.

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Working Group of Senior Officials is invited to adopt the agenda for its special session.

Item 2. Election of the Chair

Mr. Vasyl Shevchuk (Ukraine) chaired the Working Group of Senior Officials at its fifth, sixth and seventh sessions, and he chaired the fifth Ministerial Conference. However, in the light of his new responsibilities, he will no longer be able to serve in that capacity. The Working Group will elect a new chair for its special session, taking into consideration the decision taken at the fifth Ministerial Conference that it should be chaired by a representative of Ukraine.

Item 3. Date of the sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”

At the fifth Ministerial Conference, it was decided that future conferences should be held on a regular and predictable basis every four or five years. The Working Group of Senior Officials is invited to decide whether the next Conference should take place in 2007 or 2008, and to propose the month in which it should be held.

Item 4. Venue of the sixth Ministerial Conference

The Working Group of Senior Officials should consider all proposals for venues and decide where the next “Environment for Europe” Conference should be held.

Item 5. Other business

Delegations may wish to put forward other items for discussion.

Item 6. Closing of the meeting

The Chair will sum up the main conclusions and decisions.