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Working Party on Gas

Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas
Sixth session, 20 January 2005

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Thursday, 20 January 2005, starting at 10 a.m.*

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Decisions of the fifteenth session of the Working Party on Gas of concern to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.
3. Use of horizontal wells in underground gas storage.

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4. Gas networks balancing (ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2004/4);
5. Technological standards and norms required for design and operation of NGV filling stations (ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2003/6);
6. Diagnostics of gas transportation lines and risk management (ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2005/6);
7. Main geochemical issues of relevance to gas production and underground storage of oil and gas (ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2005/7);
8. Coal-bed methane – prospects of production and use.
9. Programme of work.
10. Election of officers.
11. Date of next session.
12. Adoption of the report.

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2

The secretariat will report on the decisions of the fifteenth session of the Working Party on Gas, of concern to the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Item 3

Mr. T. Korosi, rapporteur from Hungary, will make a presentation on the use of horizontal wells in underground gas storage.

Item 4

The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will consider a revised questionnaire, prepared by Mr. S. Bogoly, rapporteur from Hungary.

Item 5

The Group of Experts will consider a revised draft questionnaire, prepared by Mrs. M. T. Sao Pedro, rapporteur from Portugal.

Item 6

The Group of Experts will consider a draft questionnaire, prepared by Messrs. J. Filippi and J. Antos, rapporteurs from the Czech Republic.

Item 7

The Group of Experts will consider a background document, prepared by Messrs. V. Smirnov and V. Khloptsov, "Podzemgazprom", Russian Federation, and decide on the future work on this topic.

Item 8

Mr. A. Karasevich, Vice-Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts and General Director of "Promgaz", Russian Federation, will present a lecture on this topic, for in-depth consideration.

Item 9

Following the decision of its fifth session (ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2004/2, para 8 (d)), the Ad Hoc Group of Experts should decide on the update of the topic on “Methods for detection of gas leakages during extraction, transportation, distribution and storage of natural gas”. It is expected that Mr. I. Ponomarenko (Ukraine), will make a proposal on this issue.

Item 10

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission, the Ad Hoc Group of Experts elects its officers on a two-year basis. At its fifth session Mr. Ante Zedelj (Croatia) was re-elected as Chairman and Mrs. Maria Teresa Sao Pedro (Portugal), Mr. Andrzej Fronska (Poland) and Mr. Alexander Karasevich (Russian Federation) were elected Vice-Chairpersons.

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