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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-ninth session, Geneva, 5-7 September 2005)

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 September 2005

**Item 1. Adoption of the agenda**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 5 September, 10 a.m.

*Documentation:* - EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/1

**Item 2. Adoption of the report on the twenty-eighth session**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 5 September, 10.05 a.m.

*Documentation:* - EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/2

**Item 3. Matters arising from the twenty-second session of the Executive Body for the Convention and activities of the EMEP Bureau, including future priorities of the Convention and cooperation with the Working Group on Effects**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 5 September, 10.15 a.m.

*Documentation:* - EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/9, activities of the Bureau  
- ECE/EB.AIR/83 and Add.1 and 2, report of the Executive Body  
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/13, future priorities of the Convention

Documents prepared under the auspices or at the request of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution for GENERAL circulation should be considered provisional unless APPROVED by the Executive Body.

**Introduction:** The secretariat will inform the Steering Body about matters arising from the twenty-second session of the Executive Body for the Convention. The Chairman of the Steering Body will present a summary of the work of the EMEP Bureau between the Steering Body's twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions, including cooperation with the Working Group on Effects.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of this information and bear it in mind when considering its future work.

#### **Item 4. Progress in activities in 2005 and future work**

The four status reports listed below will be available on the EMEP web site: [www.emep.int](http://www.emep.int). The Steering Body may wish to approve the executive summaries of the four status reports and decide to present them to the Executive Body.

##### **(a) Acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants**

**Tentative timing:** Monday, 5 September, 11 a.m.

**Documentation:**

- EMEP Status Report 1/05, acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/3, measurements and modelling

**Introduction:** The Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West (MSC-W) will present an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling of acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants, including progress in work at the Chemical Coordinating Centre (CCC), progress in work at the Centre for Integrated Assessment Modelling (CIAM), its own work, the discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2007.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of this information and provide guidance for further work.

##### **(b) Heavy metals**

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

**Documentation:**

- EMEP Status Report 2/05, heavy metals pollution
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/3, measurements and modelling

**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 CCC, its own work, the discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2007.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of this information and provide guidance for further work.

**(c) Particulate matter (PM)**

**Tentative timing:** Monday, 5 September, 4.30 p.m.

**Documentation:** - EMEP Status Report 4/05, particulate matter pollution  
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/3, measurements and modelling

**Introduction:** CCC will present an overview of activities on atmospheric monitoring and modelling of particulate matter, including progress in work at MSC-W and CIAM, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2007.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of this information and provide guidance for further work.

**(d) Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)**

**Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 6 September, 10 a.m.

**Documentation:** - EMEP Status Report 3/05, persistent organic pollutants  
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/3, measurements and modelling

**Introduction:** MSC-E will present an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling persistent organic pollutants, including progress in work at CCC, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2007.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of this information and provide guidance for further work.

**(e) Measurements and modelling**

**Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 6 September, 11.30 a.m.

**Documentation:** - EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/3, measurements and modelling

**Introduction:** The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the sixth meeting of the Task Force, held in Zagreb on 5-7 April 2005, including the results of a workshop on the implementation of the EMEP monitoring strategy, held at CCC in November 2004.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of the report by the Task Force and provide guidance for further work.

**(f) Integrated assessment modelling**

**Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 6 September, 3 p.m.

**Documentation:** - EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/5, integrated assessment modelling

**Introduction:** The Chairman of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the thirtieth meeting of the Task Force, held in Berlin on 25-27 May 2005. CIAM will report on progress, including the development of baseline

scenarios, the results of the workshop on the RAINS methodology and the continued development of including the urban scale in integrated assessment modelling.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of the report and provide guidance on further work in view of the entry into force of the Gothenburg Protocol.

**(g) Emissions**

**Tentative timing:** Tuesday, 6 September, 4.30 p.m.

**Documentation:**

- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/7, air emission inventories and review
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/8, present state of emission data
- EMEP/MSC-W Data Report, emission data reported to UNECE/EMEP: status 2005

**Introduction:** The Chair of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections will report on progress, including the results of its thirteenth and fourteenth meetings, held in Pallanza (Italy) on 19-20 October 2004 and in Copenhagen on 6-7 June 2005, and will present proposals for procedures for assessing data quality under the Convention. MSC-W will inform the Steering Body about the status of emission data reporting, its own work and the work of CIAM on data quality. In view of the entry into force of the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on POPs and the Gothenburg Protocol, a draft decision on emission data reporting will be submitted to the Steering Body for consideration.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of the reports, provide guidance for further work, in particular activities aimed at increasing the quality of reported emission data, agree on a draft decision on emission data reporting under the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on POPs and the Gothenburg Protocol and submit it for adoption by the Executive Body. It is also expected to agree proposals for procedures for assessing data quality and submit these to the Executive Body.

**(h) Hemispheric air pollution**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 7 September, 10 a.m.

**Documentation:**

- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/3
- EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/12

**Introduction:** The Co-Chairmen of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will report on the results of its first meeting and plans for future work. MSC-W will report on progress and present its plans for modelling hemispheric air pollution.

**Expected outcome:** The Steering Body is expected to take note of the progress and provide guidance for further work.

**Item 5. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes, including the European Commission and its Clean Air for Europe programme, the European Environment Agency, the World Meteorological Organization, the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, the marine commissions, the World Health Organization and national programmes**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 7 September, 11 a.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 present briefly 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 6. Workplan for 2006**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 7 September, 3 p.m.

*Documentation:* - EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/10, draft workplan for 2006

*Introduction:* The Chairman will introduce the draft workplan for 2006.

*Expected outcome:* Taking into account the presentations and discussion under agenda items 3, 4 and 5, the Steering Body is expected to agree upon the draft workplan for 2006, which will be presented to the Executive Body for adoption.

**Item 7. Financial and budgetary matters**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 7 September, 3.30 p.m.

*Documentation:* - EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/11, 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 2005.

*Expected outcome:* The Steering Body is, inter alia, expected to adopt the detailed budget for 2006 and the list of mandatory contributions for 2006, as well as the revised annex to the EMEP Protocol and submit these for approval by the Executive Body.

**Item 8. Election of officers**

*Tentative timing:* Wednesday, 7 September, 4.30 p.m.

*Background:* At its twenty-eighth session in 2004, the Steering Body elected Mr. J. SCHNEIDER (Austria) as Chairman. It re-elected Mr. S. DOYTCHINOV (Italy), Mr. P. GRENNFELT (Sweden), Mr. J. REA (United Kingdom), Mr. J. SANTROCH (Czech Republic), Ms. S. VIDIC (Croatia), Mr. K. WIERINGA (Netherlands) and Ms. M. WICHMANN-FIEBIG (Germany) as Vice-Chairpersons.

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

**Item 9. Other business**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 7 September, 5 p.m.

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

**Item 10. Closing of the twenty-ninth session**

**Tentative timing:** Wednesday, 7 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.

To facilitate their access to the Palais des Nations, those delegates who do not have a valid badge should register with the secretariat by 19 August. Registration forms and explanatory instructions, as well as all documents for the meeting, can be found on the Internet:  
[http://www.unece.org/env/emep/emep\\_docs.htm](http://www.unece.org/env/emep/emep_docs.htm).