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COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Working Party on Gas

Sixteenth session, 24-25 January 2006

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTEENTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Tuesday, 24 January 2006, at 10 a.m.

MAIN ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

- Review of the latest developments in the gas industry of UNECE countries;
- Round Table;
- The Gas Centre – projects underway;
- New developments in European and world market of Natural Gas Vehicles (NGVs);
- Ad Hoc Groups of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas – review of activities.

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1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Economic reforms and restructuring in central and eastern Europe and their implications and significance for gas markets and the gas industry in the UNECE region:
 - Promotion and development of market-based gas industries in economies in transition - the "Gas Centre".
3. Current developments and medium- and long-term prospects and policies in the gas industry, including trade of gas:
 - Review of the gas situation and prospects in the UNECE region.
4. Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas.
5. Overview of the activities of other international organizations in the field of gas.
6. Future activities of the Working Party:
 - (a) Programme of work for 2006-2009;
 - (b) Provisional calendar of meetings for 2007.
7. Round Table
8. Election of officers.
9. 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 Gas Centre secretariat will inform delegations of major results of the Gas Centre's operations in 2005 and its plans for 2006.

Item 3

Delegations will be invited to make statements and present preliminary results of the gas industry and gas market operations in 2005 in their respective countries, covering where possible topics on production, reserves, availability of domestic production, environmental policies, safety issues and problems which have an impact on gas industry operations and practices. Other points of interest are initiatives, conservation programmes and forecasts for the medium term, i.e. five years, of supply and consumption, if available, and new developments and initiatives in everyday policies. Delegations are requested to make available 20 copies of their statements in one of the UNECE working languages (English, French, Russian) for distribution to other delegations.

Item 4

Delegations will be informed of the work carried out by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas and its future programme of work.

Item 5

Various international governmental and non-governmental organizations will make presentations on their activities which are of relevance to the Working Party.

Item 6

The Working Party will consider its programme of work for 2006-2009 and its calendar of meetings for 2007.

Item 7

A Round Table on one of the topical issues of the gas industry/gas market will be held in the afternoon of the first day of the session.

Item 8

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission, the Working Party elects its officers on a two-year basis. At its fifteenth session Mr. Ferdinand de Lichtervelde (Belgium) and Messrs. Noël Coupaye (France), Boleslav Rey (Poland) and Igor Ponomarenko (Ukraine) were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, respectively.

Item 9

The Working Party will adopt its report on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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