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**EXECUTIVE BODY FOR THE CONVENTION ON 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)

Thirtieth session
Geneva, 4–6 September 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTIETH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 September 2006¹

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
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3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the EMEP Bureau
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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 4 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/1

Item 2. Adoption of the report on the twenty-ninth session

Tentative timing: Monday, 4 September, 10.05 a.m.

Documentation: EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/2 (Report on the thirtieth session of the EMEP Steering Body)

Item 3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies and activities of the EMEP Bureau

Tentative timing: Monday, 4 September, 10.15 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/9 (Activities of the EMEP Bureau)
ECE/EB.AIR/87 and Add.1 (Report of the Executive Body)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/14 (Preparations for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol)

Introduction: The secretariat will inform the Steering Body about matters arising from the twenty-third session of the Executive Body for the Convention and the preparations for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. The Chair of the Steering Body will present a summary of the work of the EMEP Bureau between the Steering Body's twenty-ninth and thirtieth 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 2006 and future work

The four status reports listed below will be available on the EMEP website www.emep.int. The Steering Body may wish to approve the executive summaries of the four reports and decide to present them to the Executive Body.

(a) Acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants

Tentative timing: Monday, 4 September, 11 a.m.

Documentation: EMEP Status Report 1/06: acidification, eutrophication and photo-oxidants
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/3 (Measurements and modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/13 (Report on the Workshop on Causal Relations of Nitrogen in the Cascade)

Introduction: The Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West (MSC-W) will give 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 2008.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of this information and provide guidance for further work, especially in view of the inputs to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

(b) Heavy metals

Tentative timing: Monday, 4 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: EMEP Status Report 2/06: heavy metals pollution
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/3 (Measurements and modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/4 (Report on the Workshop on the Review of the EMEP Models on Heavy Metals and Persistent Organic Pollutants)

Introduction: The Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East (MSC-E) will present an overview of its activities on monitoring and modelling heavy metals, including the results of the review of its model, progress in work at CCC, its own work, the discussions within the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2008.

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, 4 September, 4.30 p.m.

Documentation: EMEP Status Report 4/06: particulate matter pollution
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/3 (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 2008.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of this information and provide guidance for further work, especially in view of the inputs to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

(d) Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 5 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: EMEP Status Report 3/06: persistent organic pollutants
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/3 (Measurements and modelling)
ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/4 (Review of MSC-East models)

Introduction: MSC-E will present an overview of the activities on monitoring and modelling persistent organic pollutants, including results of the review of its model, progress in work at

CCC, its own work, the results of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling, and plans for work up to 2008.

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, 5 September, 11.30 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/3 (Measurements and modelling)

Introduction: The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Measurements and Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the seventh meeting of the Task Force, held in Helsinki on 10–12 May 2006, and the results of a workshop on the review of the MSC-E models, held at MSC-E in October 2005.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of the report by the Task Force and provide guidance for further work, especially in view of the inputs to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

(f) Integrated assessment modelling

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 5 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/5 (Integrated assessment modelling)

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/6 (Integrated assessment modelling)

Introduction: The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on progress, including the results of the thirty-first and thirty-second meetings of the Task Force, held in Gothenburg on 8–9 December 2005 and in Rome on 17–19 May 2006. CIAM will report on progress, including the development of baseline scenarios, the results of the workshop on European air pollution policies held in October 2005 in Gothenburg (and sponsored by ASTA² and ACCENT³), and the workshop on non-technical measures for air pollution abatements, held back-to-back with the thirty-second meeting of the Task Force (and sponsored by ASTA), as well as the preparation of inputs for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of the report and provide guidance on further work, especially in view of the inputs to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

(g) Emissions

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 5 September, 4.30 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/7 (Emission inventories and projections)

ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/8 (Present state of emission data)

EMEP/MSC-W Data Report, emission data reported to UNECE/EMEP:
status as of 2006

Introduction: The Chair of the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections will report on progress, including the results of the Task Force's fifteenth and sixteenth meetings, held in Rovaniemi (Finland) on 19–21 October 2005 and in Amersfoort (Netherlands) on 12–14 June

² International and National Abatement Strategies for Transboundary Air Pollution.

³ Atmospheric Composition Change The European Network of Excellence

2006, and will present progress in the revision of the *Emission Reporting Guidelines*⁴ and the inventory improvement programme, as well as updating of the *EMEP/CORINAIR Emission Inventory Guidebook*. MSC-W will inform the Steering Body about the status of emissions data reporting, its own work and the work of CIAM on data quality.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of the reports and provide guidance for further work, in particular activities aimed at increasing the quality of reported emission data, especially in view of the inputs to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol.

(h) Hemispheric air pollution

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 September, 10 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/12 (Hemispheric transport of air pollution)

Introduction: The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution will report on the results of its second meeting, held in Moscow on 6–8 June 2006, including the results of the Workshop on Intercontinental Transport Modelling Intercomparison held in January 2006 in Washington, and on plans for future work.

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

(i) Inputs to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 September, 11 a.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/14 (Preparations for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol)

Introduction: The secretariat will introduce the draft annotated report outline, revised in view of the discussions at the Meeting of the Heads of Delegation to the Working Group on Strategies and Review held in Geneva on 19–21 April, and will draw attention to the timetable for the preparation of the final report on the review for submission to the Executive Body in December 2007.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to discuss and agree on the draft annotated report outline. A revised version of the document will be submitted to the twenty-fourth session of the Executive Body in December 2006.

Item 5. Cooperation with other organizations and programmes

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 September, 12 noon

Documentation: Organizations and programmes are invited to make available informal documentation on their work.

Introduction: The organizations and programmes represented at the session will be invited to present briefly their work and their cooperation with EMEP.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to take note of the information and decide on further cooperation.

⁴ *Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emission Data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution.*

Item 6. Workplan for 2007

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 September, 3 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/10 (Draft workplan for 2007)

Introduction: The Chair will introduce the draft workplan for 2007.

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 2007, which will be presented to the Executive Body for adoption.

Item 7. Financial and budgetary matters

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 September, 4 p.m.

Documentation: ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2006/11 (Financial and budgetary matters of EMEP)

Introduction: The secretariat will introduce the note and report on any updates regarding the payment of mandatory contributions to EMEP in 2006.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is, *inter alia*, expected to adopt the detailed budget for 2007 and the list of mandatory contributions for 2007 and submit these for approval by the Executive Body.

Item 8. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 September, 5 p.m.

Background: At its thirtieth session in 2005, the Steering Body re-elected Mr. J. Schneider (Austria) as Chair. It re-elected 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-Chairs. It elected Ms. L. Rouil (France) as a new Vice-Chair.

Expected outcome: The Steering Body is expected to elect its chair and its vice-chairs for the coming year.

Item 9. Other business

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 September, 5.15 p.m.

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

Item 10. Closing of the thirtieth session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 6 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.