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**EXECUTIVE BODY FOR THE CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE
TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION**

Working Group on Effects

Twenty-fifth session
Geneva, 30 August – 1 September 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 30 August 2006 ¹

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-fourth session
3. Matters arising from recent meetings of the Executive Body and its subsidiary bodies
4. Recent achievements of the effects-oriented activities
5. Review of recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge

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6. Further development of effects-oriented activities and their contribution to the review of protocols
7. Financing of effects-oriented activities
8. Election of officers
9. Other business

Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Item 2. Adoption of the report of the twenty-fourth session

The Working Group is expected to adopt the Report on the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Working Group on Effects (EB.AIR/WG.1/2005/2).

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

The Working Group is expected to take note of the matters arising from the twenty-third session of the Executive Body for the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/87 and Add.1), the thirty-seventh session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (EB.AIR/WG.5/80) and the twenty-ninth session of the Steering Body of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) (EB.AIR/GE.1/2005/2).

Item 4. Recent achievements of the effects-oriented activities

The Working Group will have before it the 2006 Joint Report of the International Cooperative Programmes and the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution, which covers achievements (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/3) and progress in effects-oriented activities (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/3/Add.1). Lead countries will draw attention to recent activities and outputs in relation to the 2006 workplan, including possible inputs to the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. In particular:

- (a) The ICP on Assessment and Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Forests will report on its twenty-second meeting, held in Tallinn;
- (b) The ICP on Assessment and Monitoring of Acidification of Rivers and Lakes will report on its twenty-first meeting, held in Tallinn;
- (c) The ICP on Effects of Air Pollution on Materials, Including Historic and Cultural Monuments, will report on its twenty-second meeting, held in Catania (Italy);
- (d) The ICP on Effects of Air Pollution on Natural Vegetation and Crops will report on its nineteenth meeting, held in Caernarvon (United Kingdom);

(e) The ICP on Integrated Monitoring of Air Pollution Effects on Ecosystems will report on its fourteenth meeting, held in Riga;

(f) The ICP on Modelling and Mapping of Critical Levels and Loads and Air Pollution Effects, Risks and Trends will report on its twenty-second meeting, held in Bled (Slovenia);

(g) The Health Aspects of Air Pollution: World Health Organization's European Centre for Environment and Health (WHO/ECEH), Bonn Office, leading the Task Force will report on the Task Force's ninth meeting, held in Berlin; and

(h) The Joint Expert Group on Dynamic Modelling will report on its sixth meeting, held in Sitges (Spain).

The Working Group is expected to take note of the completion of workplan items. It may wish to provide guidance for future goals.

Item 5. Review of recent results and updating of scientific and technical knowledge

The review follows the outline and contents of the annual 2005 Joint Report of the International Cooperative Programmes and the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/3) and is organized according to the following pollution-specific topics:

- (a) Acidification;
- (b) Nutrient nitrogen;
- (c) Ozone;
- (d) Particulate matter;
- (e) Heavy metals;
- (f) Persistent organic pollutants (POPs);
- (g) Cross-cutting items.

Each topic will have contributions from the relevant workplan items and other work, in particular the common workplan items, which are carried out in all programmes. The presentations will also include issues from the technical reports of the ICPs and workshops:

- (i) 2005 Results of Monitoring Forest Condition in Europe (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/5);
- (ii) Dynamic Modelling, Target Load Functions and Critical Loads for Surface Waters and ICP Waters Sites (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/6);
- (iii) Trends in Corrosion and Air Pollution in 1987–2003 (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/7);
- (iv) Impacts of Ozone on Vegetation in a Changing Climate (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/8);

- (v) Catchment Budgets and Critical Loads of Heavy Metals at ICP Integrated Monitoring Sites (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/9);
- (vi) Critical Loads of Acidification, Eutrophication and Heavy Metals: Status, Exceedances and Progress on Nitrogen Modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/10);
- (vii) Health Risks of Heavy Metals from Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/12);
- (viii) Joint Expert Group Meeting on Dynamic Modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/14);
- (ix) Workshop on Critical Levels of Ozone: Further Applying and Developing the Flux-Based Concept (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/11);
- (x) Report on the Workshop on the Causal Relations of Nitrogen in the Cascade (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/15);
- (xi) Report of the Workshop on Economic Impacts of Air Pollution on Cultural Heritage (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/17);
- (xii) Other documents and publications made available by the programme centres.

The Working Group is expected to take note of the technical reports and of the progress made. It may wish to provide guidance for future activities, in particular with regard to input to the review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol.

Item 6. Further development of effects-oriented activities and their contribution to the review of protocols

The Working Group will have before it for consideration documents prepared by its Bureau in consultation with the Extended Bureau of the Working Group, taking into account the recent relevant decisions of the Executive Body as well as available information on the Clear Air for Europe (CAFE) programme of the European Commission:

- (a) Draft 2007 Workplan for Effects-Oriented Activities (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/4);
- (b) 2005 Joint Report of the International Cooperative Programmes and the Task Force on the Health Aspects of Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/3 and Add.1);
- (c) Review of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/18);
- (d) Draft data rules of the Convention.

The Working Group is expected to agree on the texts of the documents and to approve their submission to the Executive Body at its twenty-fourth session

Item 7. Financing of effects-oriented activities

The Working Group will have before it a note, prepared by the secretariat, on the financing of effects-oriented activities (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2006/13), summarizing the voluntary contributions received in 2005 and 2006, reviewing the use of the contributions in 2006 and presenting plans for their use in 2007. The Working Group is expected to consider the note and approve its submission to the Executive Body at its twenty-fourth session.

Item 8. Election of officers

The Working Group is expected to elect a chairperson and five vice-chairpersons. The elected officers constitute the Bureau and will remain in office over the next session.

Item 9. Other business

The Working Group will have before it for consideration a provisional list of meetings for 2006/2007 compiled by the secretariat on the basis of information provided by the delegations and programmes.