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Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project

Nineteenth session  
Geneva, 28 - 29 May 2008

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION \***

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
opening on Wednesday 28 May 2008, at 10 a.m.

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. “International Cooperation on Energy Efficiency: Working together for a Low-carbon Economy” – an international conference organized by the Energy Charter Secretariat in close cooperation with UNECE and International Energy Agency (IEA/OECD)
4. Recent developments of the Energy Efficiency 21 project
5. Presentations of National Participating Institutions and National Coordinators
6. Other business
7. Conclusions and recommendations

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## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

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

### Item 2: Election of officers

9. The Steering Committee is expected to elect a Chairman and a number of Vice-Chairmen. The UNECE reforms encourage each Bureau to consist of at least five or more members.

### Item 3: International Cooperation on Energy Efficiency: Working together for a Low-carbon Economy" – an international conference organized by the Energy Charter Secretariat in close cooperation with UNECE and International Energy Agency (IEA/OECD)

10. The key challenge in global energy policy is to create an energy system that supports continuing economic development and considerably reduces the risks of climate change. Energy efficiency is currently the most affordable tool to mitigate climate change. Energy efficiency can also improve security of supply and competitiveness without further aggravating disparities in welfare amongst countries. This has been widely recognized by policymakers and a large number of initiatives, policies and measures relating to energy efficiency have been adopted in recent years at national, regional and international levels.

11. The Energy Charter Secretariat in close cooperation with the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project of the UNECE and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have organised this conference, to discuss ways to improve energy efficiency outcomes through enhanced international cooperation.

### Item 4: Recent developments of the Energy Efficiency 21 project

12. The secretariat will make a presentation on the recent developments of the EE21 Project. Members of the Bureau will give special presentations on recent experience and expectations for the project.

13. The meeting will also review progress achieved in the implementation of various subregional projects, in particular: Financing energy efficiency and renewable energy investments for climate change mitigation; Regional network for efficient use of energy and water resources in south-east Europe (RENEUER); Removing barriers to energy efficiency improvements in the state sector in Belarus; Biomass energy for heating and hot water supply in Belarus; Green labels purchase – making a greener procurement with energy labels; and Development of coal mine methane projects in Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Item 5: Presentations of National Participating Institutions and National Coordinators

14. National delegations, representatives of supporting institutions and the private sector will report on their plans for participation in the project. National Coordinators and representatives of National Participating Institutions will have the opportunity to report on their experience and lessons learned in implementing energy efficiency policies, projects and demonstration zones, including the decision-making process they pursue.

Item 6: Other business

15. At the time of writing there were no matters for discussion under this item.

Item 7: Conclusions and recommendations

16. The Chairman of the Steering Committee and the secretariat will summarize the conclusions and recommendations of the session. The report on the meeting will be circulated after the meeting.



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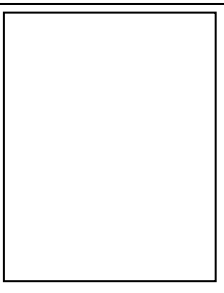
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