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

Working Group on Strategies and Review

Forty-third session  
Geneva, 9–13 March 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-THIRD SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 9 March 2009<sup>1</sup>

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the report of the forty-second session of the Working Group
3. Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants
4. Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>), and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting. On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section's at the Pregny gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). A map is available on the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/env/registration/lrtap.htm>)

5. Options for adding mercury-containing products to annex VI to the Protocol on Heavy Metals
6. Other business
7. Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group

## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1: Adoption of the agenda**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 9 March, 3 p.m.

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/93

### **Item 2: Adoption of the report of the forty-second session of the Working Group**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 9 March, afternoon

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/92 (Report of the forty-second session)

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to adopt the report of its forty-second session and address any other matters arising from it not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

### **Item 3: Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

*Tentative timing:* Monday, 9 March afternoon – Thursday 12 March, morning

*Documentation:* ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2009/1 (Options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants)  
ECE/EB.AIR/96 (Report on the twenty-sixth session of the Executive Body)  
ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/92 (Report of the forty-second session);  
Delegations will be provided with two informal documents on annexes IV and V to the Protocol on POPs prepared by the ad hoc group of technical experts. Proposals to amend the Protocol on POPs are available at:  
<http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/ExecutiveBody/welcome.26.html>

The Working Group on Strategies and Review is expected to continue considering options for revising the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), taking into account the decisions of and feedback from the Executive Body's twenty-sixth session. The Working

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<sup>2</sup> 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

Group may be invited to further consider the amendments to the Protocol proposed by the European Union and Norway.

The Working Group will have before it a working document containing options for revising the Protocol that was prepared by the Working Group at its forty-first and forty-second sessions and amended on the basis of the decisions of the Executive Body made at its twenty-sixth session.

On the basis of the informal document prepared by the ad hoc group of technical experts in parallel to the forty-second session of the Working Group, the Working Group is also expected to consider: (a) the proposed amendments to annexes IV and V to the Protocol on POPs; (b) proposals for best available technology for new substances (PeCB, PCN and HCB<sup>3</sup>); and (c) reduction of emissions of POPs from the waste treatment of electronic and electrical equipment, furniture and car interiors.

#### **Item 4: Options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 12 March, morning

The Working Group will have some preliminary discussions on options for revising the Gothenburg Protocol, in advance of the Working Group session in April at which the main discussions on revising the Protocol will take place. In the time available, the Working Group may wish to explore preliminary views on options to increase the flexibility related to existing installations in countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-Eastern Europe (SEE), in order to help facilitate those countries' ratification of a revised protocol. It may also wish to initiate discussions on the different options to address the issue of non-binding aspirational targets for emission reductions for the year 2050. The Chair of the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will report on the preliminary outcome of a workshop on this issue, scheduled for February 2009. The Working Group may also wish to collect possible suggestions on how to deal with methane.

#### **Item 5: Options for adding mercury-containing products to annex VI to the Protocol on Heavy Metals**

*Tentative timing:* Thursday, 12 March, afternoon

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<sup>3</sup> Pentachlorobenzene, polychlorinated naphthalene and hexachlorobutadiene.

**Documentation:** European Union proposal for amending annex IV to the Protocol on Heavy Metals  
(see <http://www.unece.org/env/lrtap/ExecutiveBody/welcome.26.html>)

The Working Group may wish to explore possible options for amending the Protocol on Heavy Metals, taking account of the proposal by the European Union to add mercury-containing products to annex VI to the Protocol, as well as of the decisions of and feedback from the Executive Body's twenty-sixth session.

**Item 6: Other business**

**Tentative timing:** Friday, 13 March, morning

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

**Item 7: Adoption of the decisions of the Working Group**

**Tentative timing:** Friday, 13 March, morning

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Body made at its twenty-fifth session, the Working Group will adopt the decisions taken during the session and will continue with this practice for another period of two years (ECE/EB.AIR/91, para. 96 (a)). The draft report of the session, including the agreed decisions, will be finalized by the Chair in consultation with the secretariat following the session, and will be posted on the Convention website. The report will be presented for adoption at the forty-fourth session of the Working Group.

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