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Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity
Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels

Fourth session
Geneva, 16 November 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH SESSION

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 16 November 2009*

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Opening remarks from the Chairman.
3. Cleaner electricity production forum – Cleaner electricity investments and the financial crisis.

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the registration form, which is available from the website of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/energy/>), and transmit it to the ECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session – namely, by **2 November 2009** – either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (laurence.rotta@unece.org). Delegates are advised to present themselves at least one hour prior to the start of the meeting at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix opposite the Red Cross Building (see the map on the Energy Division's website), for the issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (internal extension 74140 or 75976).

4. Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, and any matters for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.
5. Enhancing investment in advanced fossil fuel technologies for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in countries with economies in transition.
6. Trust fund on fostering investment in cleaner electricity production in the Economic Commission for Europe region.
7. Programme of work for 2009-2010.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda¹.

Item 2: Opening remarks from the Chairman

2. The Chairman will deliver opening remarks to the meeting.

Item 3: Cleaner electricity production forum - Cleaner electricity investments and the financial crisis

3. The implementation of available and new technologies on cleaner electricity production would require massive investments, but there are several major obstacles, including those arising from the financial crisis. The lack of an appropriate regulatory framework is a key issue in the ECE region.
4. In order to address the interaction between changing technologies, evolving policy expectations and existing regulatory framework, ECE will hold a cleaner electricity production forum on the impact of the financial crisis, technological change, required investments and regulatory framework to foster investment in cleaner electricity production from coal and other fossil fuels.
5. The forum will contribute to a better understanding of the interaction among technology providers, electricity vendors, investment community and Governments with presentations and panel discussions on the following:

¹ Official documents for the session will be issued in English, French and Russian and will be posted as soon as they become available to the Official Document System of the United Nations website at: <http://documents.un.org/> and the ECE Sustainable Energy Division website at: http://www.unece.org/energy/se/clep_ahge.html.

- (a) Market, technological and cost developments;
- (b) Selected investment trends;
- (c) Regulatory panels: evolving regulation and possible future developments.

Item 4: Activities and priorities of the Committee on Sustainable Energy and any matters for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group of Experts

6. The secretariat will provide an overview of recent activities within the work programme of the Committee on Sustainable Energy following its seventeenth session in November 2008, with particular emphasis on any decisions taken with regard to the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (ECE/ENERGY/78).

Item 5: Enhancing investment in advanced fossil fuel technologies for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in countries with economies in transition

7. As discussed at the second session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts in November 2008, in consultation with the Chairman the secretariat submitted a project proposal to the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) in cooperation with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), for a project entitled ‘Enhancing investment in advanced fossil fuel technologies for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in countries with economies in transition’. The secretariat will provide an overview of the project proposal in view of UNDA favourable decision and it will discuss progress of the proposal and further development.

Item 6: Trust fund on fostering investment in cleaner electricity production from coal and other fossil fuels in the Economic Commission for Europe region

8. At its fourth session the Ad Hoc Group of Experts approved the concept document for the trust fund (Annex to ENERGY/GE.5/2009/2), and requested the secretariat to identify potential donors and to work on narrowing its focus.

9. The meeting will discuss ways and modalities for the trust fund to further promote activities on fostering investment in cleaner electricity production in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region with the support of a number of major companies and Governments which agreed to take an active role in shaping its focus and assisting in raising required funds. Participants need to decide on the focus of the trust fund.

Item 7: Programme of work for 2009-2010

10. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts will be given an opportunity to discuss the programme of work for 2009-2010, including proposals for activities to be carried out during this period.

Item 8: Other business

11. The fifth session is scheduled for 11-12 May 2010 and the sixth session for 22-23

November 2010. Both meetings will be held in Geneva.

12. The meeting may discuss any other pertinent issues that arise before or during the session, and that fall within the scope of the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (Annex to ENERGY/GE.4/2006/2). To the extent possible, delegates are encouraged to notify the secretariat and Chairman in advance if they wish to raise any issues under Item 8.

Item 9: Adoption of the report

III. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE*

16 November 2009

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Registration at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section**
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Items 1-3
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Items 4-9

* Subject to change; detailed timetable will be posted on the ECE website at http://www.unece.org/energy/se/clep_ahge.html prior to the meeting.

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