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Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the nineteenth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 24 November 2010*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Energy security dialogue: energy security and gas infrastructure.

* 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 UNECE Sustainable Energy Division (<http://www.unece.org/energy/>), and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, if possible at least two weeks prior to the session, either by fax (+41 22 917 0038) or by e-mail (laurence.rotta@unece.org). Prior to the session, delegates are requested to present themselves, at least one and a half hours prior to the beginning of the meeting, at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva 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 75976 or 75721).

4. Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.
5. Review of activities of the subsidiary bodies of the Committee:
 - (a) Energy security dialogue:
 - (i) Delphi study on the perceptions of energy security risk;
 - (ii) Analysis of sustainable energy policies to mitigate energy security risk;
 - (iii) Indicators of energy vulnerability;
 - (b) Working Party on Gas, Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas, and Gas Centre;
 - (c) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project;
 - (d) Group of Experts on Global Energy Efficiency 21;
 - (e) Expert Group on Resource Classification;
 - (f) Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane;
 - (g) Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels.
6. Cooperation and coordination with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission.
7. Regional advisory services programme in the field of energy.
8. Programme of work in the field of energy for 2011–2012 and assessment of the programme performance of the sustainable energy subprogramme:
 - (a) Programme of work, including subsidiary bodies;
 - (b) Provisional calendar of meetings for 2011.
9. Other business.
10. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/83 – Annotated provisional agenda.

1. In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The documents for the session will be issued in English, French and Russian and will be posted on the ECE website as soon as they become available, at the following address: <http://www.unece.org/ie/se/com.html>.

Item 2: Election of officers

2. The Committee should elect a Bureau or confirm/ re-elect the existing Bureau.

Item 3: Energy security dialogue: energy security and gas infrastructure

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/80 – Report of the Committee on Sustainable Energy on its eighteenth session;

3. At its eighteenth session, the Committee on Sustainable Energy focused its energy security dialogue on “Energy Security and the Financial Crisis”, considering the impact of the financial crisis on energy infrastructure investment and how energy companies and Governments reacted to energy security risks. The session brought together key experts from Governments, energy industries, the financial community and relevant international organizations. The discussants stressed the relevance of the role of Governments, in particular their economic stimulus plans and their measures in support of the energy industry, in preventing underinvestment in energy infrastructure developments. The nineteenth session of the Committee will focus its energy security dialogue on gas resources and international energy cooperation with presentations from government officials, executives and strategic planners from major energy companies on gas resources and infrastructure, including unconventional gas resources.

Item 4: Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2009/2 – Review of energy security activities of selected international governmental organizations;

ECE/ENERGY/2010/5 – Cooperation and coordination with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

4. The Committee will be briefed on cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, industry associations and the business community. Country representatives and other major stakeholders will provide their views on international energy cooperation for producer, consumer and transit countries.

Item 5: Review of activities of the Subsidiary Bodies of the Committee

5. The Committee will receive a succinct briefing on the activities and future programme of work of each of its subsidiary bodies, notably:

(a) Energy security dialogue:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2010/1– Energy Security Dialogue: Recent Developments and Future Activities.

(b) Working Party on Gas, Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas, and Gas Centre:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/2010/2– Report on its twentieth session;
ECE/ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2010/2– Report on its eleventh session.

(c) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/2010/2– Report on its twenty-first session;

- (d) Group of Experts on Global Energy Efficiency 21:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/WP.4/GE.2/2010/2 – Report on its first session;

- (e) Expert Group on Resource Classification:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2010/2– Report on its first session.

- (f) Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.4/2010/2 – Report on its sixth session.

- (g) Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels:

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/GE.5/2010/4 – Report on the Montreal High Level Dialogue

6. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided, in particular in relation to consideration of the programme of work for 2011–2012 under item 8.

7. Following the review and assessment of their activities, the Committee will consider recommendations to the Executive Committee on the extension or discontinuation of the mandates of selected subsidiary bodies.

Item 6: Regional advisory services programme in the field of energy

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2010/4– ECE Regional Advisory Services programme in the field of energy.

8. The Committee will be informed about activities delivered through the Regional Advisory Services for energy.

9. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

10. The Committee may also wish to discuss and agree upon the priorities for future activities to be undertaken through the Regional Advisory Services for energy.

Item 7: Cooperation and coordination with other Sectoral Committees of the Commission

11. The secretariat will inform the Committee on the activities of common interest of other Sectoral Committees of the Commission.

Item 8: Programme of work in the field of energy for 2011–2012 and assessment of the programme performance of the sustainable energy subprogramme

Documentation: ECE/ENERGY/2010/6 - Draft programme of work in the field of energy for 2011–2012 and assessment of the programme performance of the sustainable energy subprogramme;

ECE/ENERGY/2010/7 - Provisional calendar of meetings for 2010.

12. The Committee should review and adopt its programme of work for 2011–2012. In view of the preparation of the United Nations programme budget cycle, the programme narrative 2012–2013 would need also to be considered on the basis of a conference room paper prepared by the secretariat.

13. The Committee should approve the provisional calendar of meetings for 2011.

Item 9: Other business

14. Delegations may wish to raise any other points relevant to the meeting. At the time the provisional agenda was prepared, there were no issues to be raised under this item.

Item 10: Adoption of the report.

15. In consultation with the Bureau, the secretariat will summarize the Committee's conclusions and decisions for the report of the nineteenth session for circulation to member countries.

III. Provisional timetable

Wednesday, 24 November

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Agenda items 1, 2 and 3, including Special Session on “Energy Security and Gas Infrastructure: Gas Resources and International Energy Cooperation”
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Special Session continues on “Energy Security and Gas Infrastructure: Gas Resources and International Energy Cooperation”
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Item 3 (continued) Draft conclusions and recommendation

Thursday, 25 November

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Item 4
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Items 5

Friday, 26 November

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
	Close of the meeting