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THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY  
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

Fifth session  
Geneva, 10–12 November 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH SESSION**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 November 2009<sup>1</sup>

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**A. General segment (first part)**

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.

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3. Constitution of the fifth Meeting of the Parties.
4. Amendments to articles 25 and 26 to open the Convention to countries outside the region.
5. Integrated management of water and related ecosystems:
  - (a) Guide to implementing the Convention;
  - (b) Reviewing and promoting implementation and compliance;
  - (c) Ecosystem services and payments for such services in integrated water resources management;
  - (d) Water and climate adaptation in transboundary basins, including flood and drought risk management;
  - (e) European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues;
  - (f) Water and industrial accidents;
  - (g) “Capacity for Water Cooperation” project.
6. Monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters:
  - (a) Assessment of the status of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters;
  - (b) Strengthening capacity for data administration and exchange for monitoring and assessment of transboundary water resources in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
7. Proposed programme of pilot projects for 2010–2012.
8. International Water Assessment Centre.
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**B. High-level segment**

10. Transboundary water cooperation in Central Asia and the role of the Convention.

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11. Cooperation with the Protocol on Water and Health.
12. Partners in cooperation.

13. Promotion of the Convention and the role of focal points.
14. Workplan for 2010–2012 and resources needed for its implementation.
15. Election of officers.
16. Date and venue of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties.
17. Other business.
18. Presentation of the main decisions.
19. Closing of the session.

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

1. The fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will be held from 10 to 12 November 2009 in Geneva, at the invitation of the Government of Switzerland.
2. The meeting will consist of a general segment and a high-level segment. The general segment, dealing with agenda items 1–9 and 11–19, will take place on Tuesday, 10 November, Wednesday, 11 November and in the afternoon of Thursday, 12 November. The high-level segment, dealing with item 10, will be held on the morning of Thursday, 12 November, starting at 10 a.m.
3. A number of side-events will be organized during the meeting. A detailed programme of these side-events will be available in October 2009. Additional practical information on the meeting as well as all relevant documentation will be made available in due course at: <http://www.unece.org/env/water/mop5.htm>.

### **A. General segment (first part)**

#### **Item 1. Opening of the session**

Tentative timing: 10 a.m. – 12.15 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

4. Mr. Bruno Oberle, Director of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, will address the Meeting of the Parties.
5. Ms. Heide Jekel, Chairperson of the Meeting of the Parties, will officially open the session.
6. Representatives of the Parties to the Convention will report on the steps they have taken to implement relevant provisions of the Convention, highlighting their major achievements as well as the challenges faced since the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

7. Representatives of other countries will report on the steps they have taken to ratify the Convention. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and institutions will be invited to inform the Meeting of their relevant activities, their past cooperation with the Convention and their future plans for cooperation.

8. Statements should not exceed three minutes; delegations are encouraged to submit the texts of their statements to the secretariat prior to the meeting.

## **Item 2. Adoption of the agenda**

Tentative timing: 12.15 – 12.20 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

9. The Meeting of the Parties is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

## **Item 3. Constitution of the fifth Meeting of the Parties**

Tentative timing: 12.20 – 12.30 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

10. The secretariat will inform the Meeting of the Parties about the status of ratification of the Convention, of the Protocol on Water and Health and of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (Protocol on Civil Liability).

11. The Bureau will report on the credentials<sup>2</sup> submitted by the Parties. Parties to the Convention are therefore invited to inform the secretariat of the name(s) of their representative(s) at their earliest convenience, and to submit the credentials or copy of them to the secretariat by **1 November 2009**.

12. Following the procedure of the previous meetings, the Meeting may wish to establish an ad hoc group on the draft workplan that will convene from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 November 2009.

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<sup>2</sup> Credentials, which are normally issued either by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or any other person duly empowered to do so (e.g. Minister of Environment), should indicate the composition of the delegation, including the Head of delegation, and should state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and take decisions on behalf of the respective Government, following the applicable rules of procedure.

#### **Item 4. Amendments to articles 25 and 26 to open the Convention to countries outside the region**

Tentative timing: 12.30 – 1 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

<b>Document for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Opening the Convention beyond the region: Why the amendments to articles 25 and 26 should enter into force soon	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/1
<b>Background document:</b>	
Amendment to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention	ECE/MP.WAT/14

13. The secretariat will inform the Meeting of the Parties about the status of ratification of the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention to open the Convention to countries outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region. Representatives of the Parties to the Convention which have not yet ratified the amendment to articles 25 and 26 will report on their progress towards ratification.

14. The Meeting of the Parties will consider ways and means to promote ratification of the amendment and to support implementation of the Convention and its soft law tools in countries outside the UNECE region. The Meeting will make arrangements for activities in this area in the 2010–2012 workplan.

#### **Item 5. Integrated management of water and related ecosystems**

Tentative timing: 3 – 3.10 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

<b>Documents for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Report on the implementation of the workplan for 2007–2009, including an overview of contributions and expenditures	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/2
Draft workplan for 2010–2012	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.1
<b>Background documents:</b>	
Programme of work for 2007–2009	ECE/MP.WAT/19/Add.2
Report on the third meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management	MP.WAT/WG.1/2008/2
Report on the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management	MP.WAT/WG.1/2009/2

15. The Meeting will review the achievements of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, with Switzerland as lead country, and examine proposals by the Working Group for activities under the 2010–2012 workplan.

**(a) Guide to implementing the Convention**

Tentative timing: 3.10 – 3.40 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

<b>Document for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Draft Guide to implementing the Convention	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.2

16. The Chairperson of the Legal Board will present the draft Guide to implementing the Convention. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the draft Guide and will be invited to adopt it.

**(b) Reviewing and promoting implementation and compliance**

Tentative timing: 3.40 – 4.10 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

<b>Document for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Facilitating and supporting implementation and compliance: a needed step in the Convention's evolution	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/3

17. The Chairperson of the Legal Board will present a proposal aiming to establish a mechanism to facilitate and support implementation of and compliance with the Convention. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposal and agree on future activities in this area of work.

**(c) Ecosystem services and payments for such services in integrated water resources management**

Tentative timing: 4.10 p.m. – 4.30 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

<b>Related publication:</b>	
Recommendations on payments for ecosystem services in integrated water resources management	ECE/MP.WAT/22

18. The Chairperson of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management will present the activities in this programme area under the workplan for 2007–2009, and will introduce the proposed activities in the workplan for 2010–2012.

19. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss proposals for the future workplan.

(d) **Water and climate adaptation in transboundary basins, including flood and drought risk management**

Tentative timing: 4.30 – 5.30 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

<b>Documents for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Water and adaptation to climate change	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/4
Future programme of pilot projects under the Convention	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/5
<b>Related publications:</b>	
Guidance on water and adaptation to climate change	ECE/MP.WAT/30
Transboundary flood risk management in the UNECE region	ECE/MP.WAT/31

(i) **Water and adaptation to climate change**

20. The Dutch Co-Chairperson of the Task Force on Water and Climate will inform the Meeting about the activities in this area of work that have been carried out since the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties, and will introduce the draft Guidance on water and adaptation to climate change, developed by the Task Force on Water and Climate. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the Guidance.

21. The Meeting of the Parties will also be invited to discuss future activities in this area, including (a) promotion of the Guidance, (b) pilot projects aiming to implement the Guidance, and (c) initiatives to support the sharing of experience and capacity-building. The Meeting will discuss future cooperation on water and adaptation to climate change with the European Commission and with the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events under the Protocol on Water and Health.

(ii) **Transboundary flood management**

22. The German Co-Chairperson of the Task Force on Water and Climate will present the outcomes of the workshop on transboundary flood risk management (Geneva, 22–23 April 2009).

23. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss and agree on future activities in this area on the basis of needs identified through the workshop and proposals put forward by the Task Force on Water and Climate.

(e) **European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues**

Tentative timing: 5.30 – 6 p.m., Tuesday, 10 November 2009

<b>Background document:</b>	
Progress report on National Policy Dialogues in countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/6

24. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the progress under the European Union Water Initiative and its National Policy Dialogue (NPD) process regarding integrated water resources management facilitated by UNECE in countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

25. The Meeting will examine the lessons learned, the added value of the NPD process for the Convention, and the further strengthening of the Dialogues. The Meeting will be invited to express its views on future work in this area.

**(f) Water and industrial accidents**

Tentative timing: 10 – 10.45 a.m., Wednesday, 11 November 2009

<b>Documents for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Safety guidelines and good practices for tailing management facilities	ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2008/5 ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/9
Draft Strategy for the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.3
<b>Background documents:</b>	
Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on its fifth meeting	ECE/CP.TEIA/19
Report on the Workshop on the safety of tailing management facilities	ECE/MP.WAT/SEM.8/2007/2 ECE/CP.TEIA/SEM.3/2007/2
Challenges and opportunities of transboundary accidental water pollution, liability and compensation – progress towards ratification of the Civil Liability Protocol	ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/INF/2 ECE/MP.WAT/24 ECE/CP.TEIA/17
Progress report of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents	ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2008/6 ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/8
Minutes of the ninth meeting of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents	JEG18/25 July 2008
Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents	JEG16/19 December 2007

**(i) Draft safety guidelines and good practices for tailing management facilities**

26. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to endorse the safety guidelines and good practices for tailing management facilities elaborated by the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents. The Guidelines were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) at its fifth meeting (Geneva, 25–27 November 2008).



**(ii) Progress report of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents and the new strategy for the Joint Expert Group**

27. The Hungarian Co-Chairperson of the Joint Expert Group will inform the Meeting about progress achieved by the Joint Expert Group, the tasks accomplished and the challenges in its work. The Chairperson of the Meeting of the Parties will present the draft strategy for the work of the Joint Expert Group, which was elaborated by the Bureaux of the Water Convention and the Industrial Accidents Convention.

28. The Meeting will be invited to endorse the strategy for the Joint Expert Group. The Meeting will also discuss priorities for the Group's activities in the next workplan.

**(iii) Protocol on Civil Liability**

29. Following the adoption of the Protocol on Civil Liability by the governing bodies of the Water Convention and the Industrial Accidents Convention on the occasion of the Fifth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (Kiev, 21 May 2003), the Meeting of the Parties will consider ways and means to jointly promote the Protocol's early entry into force with the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention. In particular, the Meeting will be briefed on the workshop on "Transboundary accidental water pollution, liability and compensation: Challenges and opportunities" and will discuss future activities in this area.

**(g) "Capacity for Water Cooperation" project**

Tentative timing: 10.45 – 11 a.m., Wednesday, 11 November 2009

<b>Related publication:</b>	
River basin commissions and other institutions for transboundary water cooperation	ECE/MP.WAT/32

30. The Meeting will be informed about the outcomes of the fourth and fifth workshops under the Convention's Capacity for Water Cooperation project: "River basin commissions and other institutions for transboundary water cooperation" (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 23–25 October 2007) and "Water and health" (Bucharest, 14–16 May 2008). It will discuss the continuation of the project.

**Item 6. Monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters**

Tentative timing: 11 – 11.10 a.m., Wednesday, 11 November 2009

<b>Documents for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Report on the implementation of the workplan for 2007–2009, including an overview of contributions and expenditures	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/2
Draft workplan for 2010–2012	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.1

<b>Background documents:</b>	
Programme of work for 2007–2009	ECE/MP.WAT/19/Add.2
Report on the eighth meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment	ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2007/2
Report on the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment	ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2008/2
Report on the tenth meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment	ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2009/2

31. The Meeting will review the achievements of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, with Finland as lead country, and examine proposals by the Working Group for activities under the 2010–2012 workplan.

**(a) Assessment of the status of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters**

Tentative timing: 11.10 a.m. – 12.10 p.m., Wednesday, 11 November 2009

<b>Documents for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Note on the second Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/7
Main findings of the assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in South-Eastern Europe	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/8
Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in South-Eastern Europe discharging in the Black Sea	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/9
Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in South-Eastern Europe discharging in the Adriatic Sea	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/10
Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in South-Eastern Europe discharging in the Aegean Sea	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/11
<b>Related publication:</b>	
First Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters	ECE/MP.WAT/25

**(i) Developments since the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties**

32. The Chairperson of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment will present the *First Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters*, which was initially released at the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” (Belgrade, 10–12 October 2007).

33. The Ministerial Conference requested the Meeting of the Parties to prepare a second Assessment by the next Conference, tentatively scheduled to be held in 2011 in Kazakhstan (see ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/8). The Chairperson of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment will present the plans for the development of the second Assessment.

34. The Meeting of the Parties will make arrangements for the finalization of the report and its executive summary for submission to the Seventh Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”. The Meeting will also discuss cooperation with the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy, the body responsible for preparations for the next “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference.

**(ii) Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in South-Eastern Europe**

35. The Meeting of the Parties will review the assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in South-Eastern Europe, the first subregion analysed.

**(b) Strengthening capacity for data administration and exchange for monitoring and assessment of transboundary water resources in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia**

Tentative timing: 12.10 – 12.30 p.m., Wednesday, 11 November 2009

<b>Background document:</b>	
Strengthening capacity for data administration and exchange for monitoring and assessment of transboundary water resources in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia: proposal for a pilot activity	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/12

36. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss a project of the French Global Environment Facility to strengthen capacity for data administration and exchange for monitoring and assessment of transboundary water resources in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Countries will be invited to express their interest in participating in the project.

**Item 7. Proposed programme of pilot projects**

Tentative timing: 12.30 – 1 p.m., Wednesday, 11 November 2009

<b>Document for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Future programme of pilot projects under the Convention	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/5

37. In the light of the discussions under agenda items 5 (c), 5 (d) and 6 (b), the Meeting of the Parties will discuss and agree on the objectives, geographic and thematic focuses, coordination structure and funding for 2010–2012 of the pilot projects programme under the Convention. Countries and organizations will be invited to express their interest in participating in the projects.

**Item 8. International Water Assessment Centre**

Tentative timing: 3 – 3.30 p.m., Wednesday, 11 November 2009

<b>Document for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Draft strategy and workplan for 2010–2012 of the International Water Assessment Centre	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.4

38. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the work of the International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC), the Convention's collaborative centre, since the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

39. The Meeting will discuss the proposed strategy and workplan for 2010–2012 for IWAC, and will be invited to adopt them.

**Item 9. Technical assistance and implementation projects**

Tentative timing: 3.30 – 4 p.m., Wednesday, 11 November 2009

<b>Document for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Report on the implementation of the workplan for 2007–2009, including an overview of contributions and expenditures	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/2

40. The Meeting will examine progress and achievements under technical assistance and implementation projects on transboundary waters, including Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative projects. It will consider future directions for assistance and specific activities for 2010–2012.

**B. High-level segment****Item 10. Transboundary water cooperation in Central Asia and the role of the Convention**

Tentative timing: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

41. Efficient and sustainable management of water resources and related energy, social and environmental issues in the five countries of Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan – remain highly important for political, economic and environmental cooperation in this subregion and in many respects for the rest of the UNECE region as well. In the past few years, discussion of the possible role of the Convention as a framework to facilitate cooperation on water resources has been actively ongoing in Central Asia.

42. The high-level segment will discuss the needs of Central Asian countries with regard to cooperation and sustainable management of transboundary water resources as well as the role

that permanent cooperation under the Convention can play in meeting these needs and in bringing the different partners together.

43. Ministers from Central Asia and other UNECE countries, together with high-level representatives of international organizations and NGOs active in the region, will be invited to discuss the issues at stake, the challenges and the way forward in the light of the experience gained under the Convention.

44. The high-level segment is expected to allow Parties outside Central Asia as well as other participants at the Meeting of the Parties to share their experiences in implementing the Convention and to highlight how the Convention serves as a valuable instrument for both upstream and downstream riparian countries.

45. A detailed programme for the high-level segment will be disseminated in due course.

### C. General segment (second part)

#### Item 11. Cooperation with the Protocol on Water and Health

Tentative timing: 3 – 3.15 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

<b>Background documents:</b>	
Programme of work of the Protocol on Water and Health for 2007–2009	ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.5 EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.5
Report on the first meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health	ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2008/2 EUR/08/5086340/12
Report on the second meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health	ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2009/2 EUR/09/5086340/4

46. The Chairperson of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health will brief participants on progress achieved under the Protocol since the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 17–19 January 2007), as well as on cooperation between the Protocol and the Convention.

47. The Meeting will discuss options for cooperation with activities under the Protocol, in particular in the areas of (a) adaptation to climate change, (b) the setting of targets and target dates according to article 6 of the Protocol, and (c) reviewing progress and reporting according to article 7.

**Item 12. Partners in cooperation**

Tentative timing: 3.15 – 3.45 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

<b>Documents for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Report on the implementation of the workplan for 2007–2009, including an overview of contributions and expenditures	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/2
Draft workplan for 2010–2012	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.1

48. Partners from international organizations and NGOs have been crucial in implementing the workplan for 2007–2009. Established and potential new partners will be invited to brief the Meeting about opportunities for cooperation under the workplan for 2010–2012.

**Item 13. Promotion of the Convention and the role of focal points**

Tentative timing: 3.45 – 4.15 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

<b>Document for action by the Meeting:</b>	
How to better promote the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health: a guide for focal points	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/13

49. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to discuss a guide intended for focal points to support promotion of the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health at the national and local levels.

**Item 14. Workplan for 2010–2012 and resources needed for its implementation**

Tentative timing: 4.15 – 5 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

<b>Documents for action by the Meeting:</b>	
Draft workplan for 2010–2012	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.1
Draft guiding principles for financial assistance to representatives of countries with economies in transition, non-governmental organizations and countries outside the region	ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.5

50. The Meeting of the Parties is expected to adopt the workplan finalized by its ad hoc group on the basis of the relevant meeting documents discussed under the various items of the provisional agenda.

51. In doing so, the Meeting of the Parties will:

(a) Agree on the lead Parties and their role in implementing the various programme elements;

(b) Make arrangements related to the financial and human resources needed for implementing the activities in the workplan, and indicate funding for these activities according to

their priority. Parties, other interested States and organizations are invited to inform the secretariat in advance of the session of their intention to contribute to the financial resources of the Convention. The secretariat will make the information received available to the Meeting, and delegations will be invited to provide any supplementary information.

52. The Meeting of the Parties will also adopt guiding principles for financial assistance to representatives of countries with economies in transition, NGOs and countries outside the UNECE region.

**Item 15. Election of officers**

Tentative timing: 5 – 5.10 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

53. In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Meeting of the Parties will elect its officers, who will remain in office until the next elections at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

**Item 16. Date and venue of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties**

Tentative timing: 5.10 – 5.15 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

54. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to set dates for its sixth ordinary session. Delegations are encouraged to offer to host the sixth session so that the Meeting of the Parties will be able to decide on its venue.

**Item 17. Other business**

Tentative timing: 5.15 – 5.20 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

55. Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

**Item 18. Presentation of the main decisions**

Tentative timing: 5.20 – 5.50 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

56. The Chairperson will present the main decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties. The Meeting of the Parties is invited to entrust the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its fifth session.

**Item 19. Closing of the session**

Tentative timing: 5.50 – 6 p.m., Thursday, 12 November 2009

57. The Chairperson and a representative of the host country will be invited to make final statements. The Chairperson will then officially close the session.

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