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Geneva, 14, 15 and 17 December 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Revised annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session

To be held as a hybrid session at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 14 December 2020*

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* There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. Delegates attending the meeting are therefore requested to register online, by **23 November 2020**, through the relevant link, which is available on the meeting web page: www.unece.org/index.php?id=52975. The registration code for the meeting is 78590. This will be a paperless meeting. All the documentation for the session and related information will be posted on the meeting web page. Delegates should bring copies of any documentation they will require. A map is available on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website: www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html. In case of difficulty, please contact the Convention secretariat at air_meetings@un.org or +41 22 917 3570.



II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 14 December, 2.30–2.35 p.m.

1. The Working Group on Strategies and Review under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution will be invited to adopt its agenda, as contained in the present document.¹

Documentation

Revised annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/123/Rev.1)

2. Adoption of the report of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Monday, 14 December, 2.35–2.40 p.m.

2. The Working Group will be invited to adopt the report of its fifty-seventh session (Geneva, 21–24 May 2019).

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review on its fifty-seventh session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/122)

3. Progress in the implementation of the 2020–2021 workplan

Tentative timing: Monday, 14 December, 2.40–3.30 p.m.

3. The Working Group will discuss the tasks assigned to it in the 2020–2021 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/144/Add.2) under various items of the present agenda. Workplan item 2.1.2 will be discussed under agenda item 5, workplan items 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 under agenda item 4, and workplan item 2.1.10 under agenda item 6.

4. The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues, the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen and the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling will present progress in implementing the 2020–2021 workplan for the implementation of the Convention. The Working Group may wish to take note of the reports.

5. The Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen will present the draft guidance document on integrated sustainable nitrogen management (workplan item 2.2.3). The final draft, as approved by the Working Group at its current session, will be submitted to the Executive Body for adoption at its fortieth session (Geneva, 18 December 2020).

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2020/1)

Report of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2020/2)

Draft guidance document on integrated sustainable nitrogen management (ECE/EB.AIR/2020/6–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2020/5)

Draft guidance document on prioritizing reductions of particulate matter in its sources that are also significant sources of black carbon (informal document No.1)

¹ All documentation for the fifty-eighth session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review can be found on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=52975.

4. Hemispheric transport and control strategies for use in future scenarios

Tentative timing: Monday, 14 December, 3.30–3.50 p.m.

6. Under items 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 of the 2020–2021 workplan for the implementation of the Convention, the Working Group is tasked with starting policy conversations on the hemispheric transport of ozone and particulate matter and their precursors, for use by the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution, in consultation with the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling, in future work planning, and to further inform the review of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol). This should also include a discussion of control strategies to recommend for use by the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution in future scenarios. The Working Group is expected to develop policy questions and recommendations on control strategies and priority sectors for analysis. The discussion will be focused according to the guidance provided by the Chair ahead of the session.

5. Review of sufficiency and effectiveness of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

Tentative timing: Monday, 14 December, 3.50–4.30 p.m., and Tuesday, 15 December, 2.30–4.30 p.m.

7. At its thirty-ninth session (Geneva, 9–13 December 2019), the Executive Body decided to initiate the review of the Gothenburg Protocol as amended in 2012. It requested the Working Group to develop a plan and work schedule for the review and to forward them to the Executive Body for consideration at its fortieth session, with a view to concluding the review at its forty-second session, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Body (ECE/EB.AIR/144/Add.1, decision 2019/4, operative paras. 1, 2, 4 and 6).

8. Item 2.1.2 of the 2020–2021 workplan for the implementation of the Convention tasks the Working Group with defining the scope and content of, and undertaking work to carry out, the review.

9. In its decision 2019/4, the Executive Body requested the Working Group to develop a plan for the review, including its scope and content, by continuing to elaborate elements for, and inputs to the review on the basis of annex I to the report of the Working Group on its fifty-seventh session, taking into account the 2016 scientific assessment of the Convention,² the recommendations of the ad hoc policy review group of experts on the 2016 scientific assessment (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2017/3 and Corr.1 and ECE/EB.AIR/2017/4) and the long-term strategy for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution for 2020–2030 and beyond (ECE/EB.AIR/142/Add.2, decision 2018/5, annex). The Executive Body also invited Parties, subsidiary bodies, observers and other interested groups and organizations to submit views on additional elements to be considered in the upcoming review by 15 March 2020, to be compiled by the secretariat. The Executive Body forwarded to the Working Group the additions to the list of potential elements proposed at its thirty-ninth session and requested that further discussions be held on ratification barriers (ECE/EB.AIR/144, para. 27 (c)).

10. The Working Group, in collaboration with appropriate bodies of the Convention, was requested to develop a detailed work schedule for the review, including the procedure for undertaking it, that includes a prioritization, as needed, of the elements to be considered in the review, as forwarded to the Executive Body by the Working Group and contained in the annex to decision 2019/4 (see decision 2019/4, operative para. 4).

² See Rob Maas and Peringe Grennfelt, eds., *Towards Cleaner Air: Scientific Assessment Report 2016* (Oslo, 2016); and United States Environmental Protection Agency and Environment and Climate Change Canada, *Towards Cleaner Air: Scientific Assessment Report 2016 – North America* (2016). Available at: www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2016/AIR/Publications/LRTAP_Assessment_Report_-_North_America.pdf.

11. The Working Group is invited to discuss the draft plan and work schedule for the review of the Gothenburg Protocol as contained in the document on preparations for the review of the Protocol as amended in 2012, and to advance specific elements according to the guidance provided by the Chair in advance of the session. The Working Group will forward to the Executive Body any conclusions related to the review.

Documentation

Compilation of submissions of views on additional elements to be considered in the review of the Gothenburg Protocol as amended (informal document No. 2)

Report of the Executive Body on its thirty-ninth session (ECE/EB.AIR/144)

Preparations for the review of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone as amended in 2012 (ECE/EB.AIR/2020/3–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2020/3)

6. Reporting of the condensable part in emissions of particulate matter

Tentative timing: Thursday, 17 December, 2.30–2.45 p.m.

12. The Executive Body at its thirty-ninth session requested the Working Group to discuss the policy implications of reporting of the condensable part in particulate matter emissions and to report back to the Executive Body at its fortieth session (ECE/EB.AIR/144, para. 22 (h)). Item 2.1.10 of the 2020–2021 workplan for the implementation of the Convention includes policy discussions on the reporting of condensables, in particular in relation to the residential heating sector. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the issue in connection with the review of the Gothenburg Protocol. The discussion will be informed by the outcomes of the workshop on the reporting of condensables organized by the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West under the Convention (Gothenburg, Sweden, 17–19 March 2020) and those of the sixth joint session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects (Geneva, 14–17 September 2020). The Working Group may also receive a presentation by the European Union of its non-paper on the topic.

Documentation

Report of the sixth joint session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2020/2–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2020/2, forthcoming)

Non-paper by the European Union on condensable particles in emission inventories (informal document No. 3)

7. Election of officers

Tentative timing: Thursday, 17 December, 2.45–2.55 p.m.

13. The Working Group is expected to elect its Vice-Chairs for 2021–2022. At its fifty-sixth session (Geneva, 22–25 May 2018), the Working Group re-elected Mr. Till Spranger (Germany) for a second term and Mr. Ivan Angelov (Bulgaria) for a third term as Vice-Chairs, and elected Ms. Dominique Pritula (Canada) for a first term as Vice-Chair for the period 2019–2020 (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/120, para. 33).

8. Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 17 December, 2.55–3.05 p.m.

14. At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item. Parties wishing to propose any other business are invited to contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

9. Adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group

Tentative timing: Thursday, 17 December, 3.05–4.30 p.m.

15. The Working Group is expected to adopt its conclusions and recommendations agreed during the session. The draft report of the session, reflecting these conclusions and recommendations, will be finalized by the secretariat following the session. The report will be presented for adoption at the Working Group's fifty-ninth session.
