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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH MEETING
OF THE TASK FORCE ON TARGET SETTING AND REPORTING
(Geneva, 14 February 2013)**
to be held in the Palais des Nations starting at 9.30 a.m.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Second reporting exercise under the Protocol on Water and Health: conclusions of the Workshop on Reporting and next steps
4. Review of general progress in setting targets and target dates and challenges encountered by Parties which have not yet set targets
5. Implementation of the Task Force's programme of work for 2011-2013
6. Future work of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting in the Protocol's programme of work for 2014-2016
7. Other business
8. Closing of the meeting

II. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The sixth meeting of the Task Force will be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 14 February 2013, back to back with the Workshop on Reporting (12-13 February 2013).

The meeting will be the last Task Force's meeting before the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health, scheduled for 25-27 November 2013 in Oslo. It will therefore focus on the preparations for the Meeting of the Parties and have three main objectives:

- Discuss the results of the Workshop on Reporting and the deriving recommendations for the ongoing second reporting exercise under the Protocol, for which the deadline for the

submission of summary reports is **29 April 2013** - 210 days prior to the third session of the Meeting of the Parties

- Review progress in setting targets and target dates as well as progress towards achieving the targets, and draw lessons for the future, including from the work of the Task Force
- Discuss and agree on a draft future programme of work for the Task Force for 2014-2016 to address common challenges, in view of its possible adoption by the Meeting of the Parties at its third session.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the meeting (9.30 – 9.35 a.m.)

1. At its fourth meeting, the Task Force elected Mr. Pierre Studer (Switzerland) as Chair for the triennium 2011-2013. The Chair will open the meeting, recalling the mandate of the Task Force and the objectives of the meeting.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda (9.35 – 9.40 a.m.)

2. The Task Force is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 3: Second reporting exercise under the Protocol on Water and Health: conclusions of the Workshop on Reporting and next steps (9.40 - 11.00 p.m.)

Background document: Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting, Guidelines and template for summary reports, Regional report on the status of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/2010/2-EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/8)

3. The Task Force will review and discuss the main conclusions of the Workshop on Reporting organized back to back with the Task Force meeting and draw lessons for the finalization of national summary reports.

4. The results of the second reporting exercise will be synthesized in the regional report on the status of implementation of the Protocol summarizing progress made, and identifying significant trends, challenges and solutions, in the area of water and health to be submitted to the third session of the Meeting of the Parties. To this end, the Task Force will recall the experience of preparation of such a report to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties and advice the secretariat on the format and content of the second regional report.

Item 4: Review of general progress in setting targets and target dates and challenges encountered by Parties which have not yet set targets (11.00 a.m.– 12.30 p.m.)

5. Delegates will be invited to shortly report on any significant progress in their respective countries in setting targets and target dates and in achieving them since the fifth meeting of the Task Force held in Bratislava on 10-11 May 2012.

6. A representative of Norway will report on the outcomes of the subregional workshop for Nordic and Baltic countries held on 7-8 November 2012 in Oslo. The secretariat will update the Task Force on the status of preparations for the subregional workshops for Caucasus and Central Asia.

7. The Task Force will discuss general findings and lessons-learned from the three subregional workshops organized under the auspices of the Task Force (for Nordic and Baltic countries, Central Europe (Bratislava, 8-9 May 2012), Eastern Europe (Minsk, 4-5 April 2011)).

Item 5: Implementation of the Task Force's programme of work for 2011-2013 (2.30 – 3.15 p.m.)

8. The Task Force will review the status of implementation of its programme of work of 2011-2013. Moreover, participants will be invited to share their views on how the work of the Task Force contributed to their national efforts on setting targets and target dates and implementation of the relevant measures towards their achievement and ways and means to improve the Task Force efficiency.

9. The Task Force will discuss and agree on any activity up to the third session of the Meeting of the Parties.

Item 6: Future work of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting in the Protocol's programme of work for 2014-2016 (3.15 – 5.00 p.m.)

10. The Chair will inform the Task Force about the outcomes of discussions on the elaboration of the Protocol's programme of work for 2014-2016 held during the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 11-12 October, 2012) and the ninth Bureau meeting (12 October).

11. Specifically, the Bureau decided to hold a strategic workshop (Geneva, 13-15 March 2013) on the elaboration of the work plan for next triennium with participation of wider stakeholder groups, including potential partners and donors. The workshop will be a key step in the preparation of the draft programme of work which is expected to be submitted to the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 4-5 July 2013) for its comments prior to the final submission to the third session of the Meeting of the Parties.

12. The Bureau also entrusted the secretariat with the preparation of the questionnaire on the priority areas for the Protocol's next programme of work to serve as an input to the discussions at the strategic workshop. The secretariat will inform the Task Force on the preliminary analysis of the questionnaire, especially on areas related to the work on target setting and reporting.

13. In this connection, the participants will be invited to engage in an open discussion on the strategic directions the Task Force should take in the next programme of work and beyond. The discussions may include an overview of the achievements and results of the Task Force to date and the areas it should focus on in the future, based on the needs and priorities of member States. Additionally, the participants will discuss on the future scope of activities that should fall under the work of the Task Force, taking into account also the work of other Protocol bodies. Finally, the Task Force will discuss how to ensure synergies with other possible future activities under the Protocol, in areas of work on surveillance of water related diseases, small scale water supply and sanitation, equitable access, and others.

Item 7: Other business (5:05 p.m.)

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

Item 8: Closing of the meeting

15. The Chair will summarize the key outcomes of the discussion, and will close the meeting at 5.15 p.m.

IV. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The sixth meeting of the Task Force will be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 14 February 2013, back to back with the workshop on reporting (12-13 February 2013). It will start at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 14 February 2013, and will close at 5.15 p.m.

The working languages will be English, French and Russian.

All relevant documentation for the meeting will be made available in due course at:

http://www.unece.org/env/water/6th_meeting_taskforce_target-setting_2013.html

The meeting is open to experts from Parties and non-Parties to the Protocol representing governmental (ministerial) authorities, water and health managers, the private sector, international organizations and non-governmental organizations, as well as other interested stakeholders.

Eligible participants from countries with economies in transition may apply for financial support to facilitate their participation in the workshop. Requests for financial support should be submitted to the UNECE secretariat (katri.veldre@unece.org) as soon as possible, but no later than **7 January 2013**. No application will be accepted after this deadline due to visa and travel arrangement regulations.

Participants requiring entry visas should inform the secretariat as soon as possible. Due to the entry of Switzerland in the Schengen Zone, visa procedures have become more complicated. The minimum amount of time needed for obtaining a visa is 15 working days. Participants needing a visa are therefore requested to submit their application as soon as possible and initiate visa procedures at least three weeks before the meeting.

In accordance with the United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the registration form available online (http://www.unece.org/env/water/6th_meeting_taskforce_target-setting_2013.html) and transmit it to the UNECE secretariat **by 28 January 2013** either by fax (+ 41 22 917 0107) or e-mail (protocol.water_health@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge 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 (see map on the UNECE Protocol website). Please allow time for this. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1911.

Practical information on the Palais des Nations, as well as on transport and accommodation in Geneva, is available at: <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.
