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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH
THE PEP Steering Committee
(Third session, 11 and 12 April 2005)

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF
THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

**to be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 hours on Monday, 11 April 2005***

1. Adoption of the agenda

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Steering Committee is expected to adopt the agenda of its third session based on a draft prepared by the UNECE and WHO/Euro secretariats (hereafter: the secretariat) in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee (ECE/AC.21/2005/1–EUR/05/5046203/1).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(a) Election of the Chairperson

As decided by the second High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (5 July 2002), the chairmanship of the Steering Committee will rotate annually between the transport, environment and health sectors and be maintained between the sessions to represent the Steering Committee and the Bureau (ECE/AC.21/2002/9–EUR/02/5040828/9, para. 9).

At its second session, the Committee had elected Mr. Jaroslav Volf, Director of the National Institute of Public Health of the Czech Republic as its chair. In this capacity, Mr. Volf has in addition represented the Committee at the fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Budapest, June 2004) as well as at the “Workshop on implementing sustainable travel policies in Russian Federation and in other CIS countries” (Moscow, 30 September – 1 October 2004).

At its second meeting, the Bureau considered the chairmanship for the period 2005-2006, and proposed the election of Mr. Nigel Dotchin from the Department for Transport of the United Kingdom to be elected as Chairman at the third session of the Steering Committee. In accordance with its mandate, and in considering the proposal of the Bureau, the Steering Committee is invited to elect the Chairman for its third session.

(b) Election of members of the Bureau

In accordance with the decision of the second High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health (5 July 2002), the Steering Committee will be assisted by a tripartite Bureau, consisting of nine to fifteen members elected by the Steering Committee and representing the three sectors and the different parts of the region on an equal footing. The Bureau is responsible for preparing the meetings and for following-up on the decisions of the Steering Committee (ECE/AC.21/2002/9–EUR/02/5040828/9, para. 9).

The Steering Committee may wish to (re-)elect the Members of its Bureau.

3. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE SECOND SESSION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND ON THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU (17 December 2004)

The Steering Committee may wish to consider and adopt the reports on its second session of 29-30 March 2004 (ECE/AC.21/2004/14–EUR/5045236/14) as well as on the meeting of its Bureau held on 17 December 2004 (ECE/AC.21/2005/2–EUR/05/5046203/2).

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2003-2005

A. Progress reports and proposals for further action

The Committee will be informed on progress made in the implementation of the activities in its programme of work 2003-2005 since its second session (29 and 30 March 2004). It will also have before it proposals for further steps to be taken under each activity. On the basis of the documentation prepared for the session and taking into account the recommendations of its Bureau, the Committee is expected to assess the progress made in the implementation of the work programme and to provide guidance on future work.

International and non-governmental organizations may wish to provide information on their activities as far as they relate to the activities under THE PEP work programme.

(a) Clearing House on Transport, Environment and Health

The Steering Committee will have before it document ECE/AC.21/2005/3–EUR/05/5046203/3 prepared by the secretariat.

At its second session, the Steering Committee had endorsed the conceptual design, and the operational and administrative arrangements as well as the phased implementation of the THE PEP Clearing House (ECE/AC.21/2004/3–EUR/04/5045236/3). The present document summarizes the technical and substantive work undertaken in 2004 by the secretariat during the implementation phase of the Clearing House under the guidance of its Advisory Board. Following the successful conclusion of user tests as well as of cataloguing, structuring and uploading basic information, data and websites, the Clearing House started, as planned, its pilot operation in January 2005. In a first phase, it will be accessible to registered THE PEP Focal Points only. The document also outlines the activities to be undertaken during the pilot phase of

THE PEP Clearing House during 2005 and describes possible additional services that might be offered in line with user needs and financial possibilities. At the session, all delegations will have on-line access to the Clearing House and will be acquainted with its structure, content and advanced navigation system.

The Committee is expected to provide comments and suggestions on the implementation phase of the Clearing House and may wish to consider the planned activities to be undertaken during its pilot phase. In order to ensure the sustainability of the project, the Committee may decide, in particular, on appropriate financing mechanisms for 2005 and beyond (see also item 4.B.a). The Committee may also wish to provide advice on how to maximize the visibility of the Clearing House among the potential users.

(b) Sustainable and healthy urban transport and land-use planning

The Committee is invited to consider document ECE/AC.21/2005/4 – EUR/05/5046203/4 prepared by the secretariat, which contains an account of the main issues raised at the workshop on “Implementing Sustainable Urban Travel Policies in Russia and other CIS countries”, jointly organized by the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, the ECMT and THE PEP which was held in Moscow on 29 September – 1 October 2004. The document includes, moreover, proposals for follow-up action.

The Committee may wish to comment on the findings of the workshop and decide on ways to further support the development and effective implementation of national strategies for sustainable and healthy urban transport and land-use planning, in particular in the countries of East-Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA). The possible follow-up action could involve organization of further workshops in the EECCA countries for raising awareness on the environmental and health impacts of urban transport and for improving the dialogue, cooperation and networking between the sectors and the different levels of government. The workshops should be specially designed to strengthen the capacity of the national and local administrations as to the implementation of healthy and sustainable urban transport and land-use policies.

In discussing the possible follow-up activities under this item, the Committee may also wish to refer to the conclusions of the “Overview of the environmental and health effects of urban transport in the Russian Federation and the other EECCA countries” (document EUR/05/50462035–ECE/AC.21/2005/5) prepared by a consultant to the secretariat as a background document for the Moscow Workshop. It is suggested that the document be published and widely disseminated in Russian through THE PEP Clearing House as well as through the possible further workshops .

(c) **Transport related health impacts and their costs and benefits with particular focus on children**

The Steering Committee may wish to consider document ECE/AC.21/2005/6–EUR/05/5046203/6 prepared by Austria, France, Malta, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland on the main outcomes of their work in analyzing the transport-related health impacts and their costs as well as on proposals for the follow-up actions.

The Steering Committee is invited to provide its views regarding the progress achieved so far and possible future directions of work. The future work includes further development of methods for the economic valuation of transport-related health effects in children with the support of the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), which is also expected to contribute to the implementation of the Children’s Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE) (see informal document 1 for additional information). Delegations are invited, furthermore, to consider their possibilities of contributing to the proposed next steps for the implementation of the project, including notably through active participation in the Task Force for the implementation of the follow-up activities, whose establishment was decided by the Steering Committee at its second session (ECE/AC.21/2004/14–EUR/5045236/14).

(d) **Promotion of safe walking and cycling in urban areas**

The Steering Committee is invited to consider document ECE/AC.21/2005/7–EUR/05/5046203/7, prepared by the secretariat, which outlines the progress achieved and the further steps to be taken in the implementation of the project on promotion of safe walking and cycling in urban areas, taking into account the latest development in this area (e.g. the relevant work of the Nordic Council in the development of guidance for assessing the costs and benefits of interventions which promote cycling and walking the recent publication of the ECMT on National Cycling Policies for Sustainable Urban Travel and the establishment of the European Network for the Promotion of Health Enhancing Physical Activity).

The Committee may wish to review the progress in the implementation of this activity including the setting up of a Task Force, as decided by the Steering Committee at its second session (ECE/AC.21/2004/14–EUR/5045236/14).

(e) **Practical guidance on institutional arrangements and mechanisms for integrated policy and decision-making**

The Committee may wish to consider document ECE/AC.21/2005/8–EUR/05/5046203/8 on the activity focusing on supportive institutional arrangements and mechanisms for the

effective integration of environment and health issues into urban transport and land-use policies. The activity involves analysis of current practice across the UNECE and WHO/Europe region and identification of common lessons from them as well as examination of the transferability of these lessons. Its implementation involves a mixture of desk-based research and interviews and a workshop. Funds for the project implementation have been sought through a private foundation.

The Committee is invited to provide its views on the project as described in the document and consider ways of facilitating its implementation.

(f) **Energy efficient driving behaviour**

The Steering Committee may wish to review progress in the implementation of a project in the priority area "Demand side management and modal shift" relating to improving driver behaviour through large-scale introduction of "eco-driving" programmes, in-car feedback instruments, traffic management measures and measures to ensure respect for existing speed limits.

At its second session, the Steering Committee had been informed by the Netherlands about progress made in a pilot project on improving driving behaviour targeted mainly at policy makers, the transport industry and training experts in the transport and logistics sectors (ECE/AC.21/2004/10-EUR/04/5045236/10). The Committee had invited other countries to consider applying this approach, recommended the dissemination of the project results through THE PEP Clearing House and noted the importance of carrying out further work for improving eco-driving practices.

On the basis of document ECE/AC.21/2004/9–EUR/05/5046203/9, the Steering Committee may wish to provide guidance on expanding these activities to other countries in the region, particularly to EECCA countries, using THE PEP as a means of publicizing and implementing such cost-effective measures on a long-term basis.

B. Financial aspects of the implementation of THE PEP work programme

(a) Overview of the resources made available and further required

The Committee is invited to consider a summary document prepared by the secretariat (ECE/AC.21/2005/10–EUR/05/5046203/10) containing information on the use of the financial and in kind resources made available by donor countries for the implementation of THE PEP work programme 2003-2005 as well as on the estimated need of additional funds.

The Committee may wish to provide its feedback on the information received and consider ways to support further the implementation of the activities under the current work programme.

(b) Enhancing collaboration with other organizations and institutions

In line with the recommendations of the Bureau, the Committee may also wish to suggest means for attracting support from and enhancing collaboration with various international forums (EU, IFIs, Central European Initiative, Nordic Council, ECMT, FEDRE, etc.) for the implementation of the activities under THE PEP. The Committee will be provided with information on the relevant activities of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the World Bank.

5. REPORT ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PEP TO THE FOURTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH “THE FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN” (BUDAPEST, 23-25 JUNE 2004)

The Committee is invited to consider document ECE/AC.21/2005/10–EUR/05/5046203/10, prepared by the secretariat on activities related to THE PEP at the fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, which was held in Budapest on 23-25 June 2004. These activities involved the organization of a Ministerial round table discussion on transport, environment and health during the plenary session of the Conference, a side event to present the results of the project “Transport related health impacts and their costs and benefits with particular focus on children” and to disseminate the reports of the project, an exhibition stand set up by THE PEP secretariat with on-line demonstration of THE PEP Clearing House and with information and documents on all the activities under THE PEP.

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe organized a workshop on “Stationed for Sustainable Transport” back to back with the Ministerial Conference.

The Committee is invited to take note of the key messages from the workshop that are contained in an annex to the document referred to above.

The Committee may also wish to consider how the activities under THE PEP could contribute to the implementation of relevant aspects of the CEHAPE.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE DIRECTIONS FOR THE PEP IN 2005-2007

The Committee is invited to consider document (ECE/AC.21/2005/11–EUR/05/5046203/11) prepared by the secretariat following the discussions held by the Bureau at its meeting in December 2004. Taking stock of the progress made during the first two years of programme implementation and considering the recommendations of the Bureau, the Committee may wish to provide its views on the future directions for THE PEP. It may wish to discuss, in particular, the activities to be implemented during the next biennium, as well as to consider the existing priorities, working methods and means of financing of the activities.

The stocktaking by the Committee and its views on the future implementation of THE PEP will contribute to the upcoming preparations of the third High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health to be convened in 2007, as decided by the second High-level Meeting (ECE/AC.21/2002/8–EUR/02/5040828/8, para. 10). (The third High-level Meeting is discussed further under the agenda item 7.)

A. THE PEP Work Programme (2005-2007)

The Committee may wish to discuss and endorse its work programme for the next biennium, 2005-2007. It may choose to continue the implementation of the activities in its current work programme or re-prioritize work, e.g. in consideration of the resources made available for the project implementation and management. Delegations may also wish to propose possible new activities to be included in the work programme and provide the Committee with information on the objectives, expected outcomes, estimated costs and financing of these activities. New activities should relate to the priorities as outlined in THE PEP work plan that was adopted by the second High-level Meeting (ECE/AC.21/2002/9–EUR/02/5040828/9, annex 1).

B. Priority areas, working methods, financing of the activities

With a view to reporting to the third High-level Meeting in 2007, the Committee may already wish to provide its initial views on whether the priority areas and actions that were adopted at the second High-level Meeting to constitute the policy framework for THE PEP (ECE/AC.21/2002/9–EUR/02/5040828/9, annex 1) continue to reflect the top regional priorities, or would require any adjustment in light of the most recent developments, which have occurred since the establishment of THE PEP. Given that the definition of the substantive priorities for further action was the result of three years of intergovernmental preparatory work, carried out between 2000 and 2002, possible proposals to the next High-level Meeting for amending these priorities should be specifically justified.

The Committee may also wish to indicate its views with regard to the operation of the institutional and administrative arrangements for the implementation of THE PEP and propose improvements, as needed. It may, in particular, wish to assess some of the issues listed in the document prepared for the item, related e.g. to the services provided by the joint secretariat, to the work or role of the institutions (the Committee, the Bureau, the ad hoc advisory bodies) and of the focal points.

7. PREPARATION OF THE THIRD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH (2007)

The Ministers of Transport, Environment and Health and representatives of Member States of the UNECE and WHO/Europe that established THE PEP at the second High-level Meeting on 5 July 2002 also decided to monitor its implementation and to “assess the progress achieved at a High-level Meeting to take place no later than 2007” (Declaration adopted by the Second High-Level Meeting, ECE/AC.21/2002/8–EUR/02/5040828/8, para. 10).

The Committee is invited to hold preliminary discussions and provide guidance concerning the preparations of the third High-level Meeting, on the basis of document prepared by the secretariat (ECE/AC.21/2005/11–EUR/05/5046203/11). It may, in particular, discuss issues such as the date and venue of the Meeting and possibilities to organize it back to back with other related meetings being scheduled for 2007 (e.g. Mid-term review meeting of the Environment and Health process, sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”) as well as the possible special themes of interest and the appropriate methodology for assessing the progress made since the establishment of THE PEP.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The Steering Committee may wish to consider any other issues of interest in the field of transport, health and environment.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Steering Committee may wish to decide on the date of its fourth session. The secretariat has already tentatively scheduled the fourth session of the Steering Committee to be held on 30-31 March (Thu-Fri) / 10-11 April (Mon-Tue) 2006, at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva.

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