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COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Twelfth session, 20-21 November 2002

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Wednesday, 20 November 2002, at 10 a.m.

Main issues to be discussed

- C Re-evaluating energy security in the light of recent developments
- C Guidelines for reforming energy prices and removing subsidies to promote sustainable energy development
- C Review of technical assistance, special initiatives and the activities of subsidiary bodies in the field of energy
- C Networking and internet applications for implementing sustainable energy policies
- C ECE follow up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in the field of energy
- C Workshop on Carbon Sequestration to be held jointly by the Committee on Sustainable Energy and the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power on 19 November at 3 p.m., just prior to the annual session of the Committee.

The following sessions will also be held, during the same week, in conjunction with the Committee: **Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power**, 18-19 a.m. November; **Workshop on Carbon Sequestration**, 19 p.m. November; **Joint Energy/Environment Task Force on Reforming Energy Prices for Sustainable Development** 19-20 November; and **Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnections**, 22 November.

1. Adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/48)
2. Bureau of the meeting
3. Matters arising from the fifty-seventh session of the Commission related to energy activities, including strengthening the organization (E/2002/37; E/ECE/1395; ENERGY/2002/1)
4. Re-evaluating energy security in the light of recent developments (ENERGY/2002/2; ENERGY/2002/11)
5. Guidelines for reforming energy prices and removing subsidies to promote sustainable energy development (ENERGY/2002/9; ENERGY/2002/10)
6. Capacity building and special initiatives in support of sustainable energy development
 - (a) General overview of initiatives (ENERGY/2002/3)
 - (b) United Nations International Framework Classification for Energy Reserves/Resources (ENERGY/GE.3/2002/2)
 - (c) Regional Network for Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources (RENEUER)
 - (d) Blue Corridor: Use of Natural Gas as a Motor Fuel for International Trans-boundary Goods Traffic (ENERGY/2002/4)
7. World Summit on Sustainable Development; ECE follow up in the field of energy
8. Networking and internet applications for implementing sustainable energy policies (ENERGY/2002/5)
9. Review of activities of subsidiary bodies:
 - (a) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project (ENERGY/WP.4/2002/4)
 - (b) Working Party on Gas, related Ad Hoc Groups of Experts and Gas Centre (ENERGY/WP.3/2002/2, ENERGY/WP.3/GE.1/2002/2 and ENERGY/WP.3/GE.5/2002/2)
 - (c) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power (ENERGY/GE.1/2001/2; ENERGY/GE.1/2002/2)
 - (d) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnections (ENERGY/GE.2/2001/2; ENERGY/GE.2/2002/1; and ENERGY/GE.2/2002/2)

10. Regional Advisory Services, including sub-regional activities, in the field of energy
 - (a) Regional advisory activities
 - (b) Project on rational and efficient use of energy and water resources under the auspices of the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia (SPECA)
 - (c) Current projects under Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) related to the interconnection of sub-regional electric power networks
11. ECE programme of work in the field of energy:
 - (a) Programme of work including the work programme of subsidiary bodies (ENERGY/2002/6; ENERGY/GE.1/2001/2; ENERGY/GE.2/2001/2; and ENERGY/WP.3/2002/2)
 - (b) Calendar of meetings (ENERGY/2002/7)
12. Cooperation and coordination with other bodies:
 - (a) Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission
 - (b) Other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business community (ENERGY/2002/8)
13. Other business
14. Adoption of the report

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2

There will be elections for a new Bureau of the Committee.

Item 3

The Committee will be informed of matters arising from the fifty-seventh session of the Commission of relevance to the Committee. It will also be informed of the initiative of the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations, including the Economic Commission for Europe.

Item 4

Anxieties over energy availability and security of energy supplies, which abated in the 1980s and 1990s, have once again re-emerged and are receiving increased public and policy attention. Energy import dependence is rising in the region; the cost of developing incremental sources of supplies is increasing; supply routes are getting longer; the full implications of market liberalization are unclear; the potential for social unrest and ethnic strife in a number of producing and transit countries remains; and the potential for terrorist attack on energy infrastructure is more acute since the dramatic 11 September events in New York and Washington.

No doubt the increased attention currently paid to energy security is likely to reshape the debate and policy decisions on a number of thorny energy policy issues, such as the future role of coal and nuclear power in meeting the energy needs of countries; the subsidization of indigenous energy production; the provision of incentives for the exploration and development of fossil fuels; the promotion, development and commercialisation of renewable energy sources; and the relaxation and/or implementation of measures to protect the environment.

The Committee will discuss and examine the energy security risks and the policy responses necessary in the light of recent developments and emerging trends.

Item 5

Following discussions at the Committee on Sustainable Energy and the Committee on Environmental Policy, a Task Force on Reforming Energy Pricing, composed of energy and environment experts, was established to elaborate guidelines for decision-makers on reforming energy prices to support sustainable energy development. As a first step, the Task Force is elaborating guidelines on raising energy prices in countries with economies in transition to levels

approximating their “economic” value or to international market levels, in conjunction with measures to alleviate the full impact of higher energy prices on those least able to absorb higher prices. In parallel, work is proceeding to elaborate guidelines for ECE countries to phase out, in a socially responsive manner, (consumption) subsidies.

Draft guidelines for raising prices and removing (consumption) subsidies will be discussed and reviewed by the Committee. It is the intention to subsequently submit these in early 2003, through the Working Group of Senior Officials, to the Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” in Kiev, Ukraine, for endorsement.

Item 6

There are currently a number of special initiatives under the auspices of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies related to (a) norms, policies and practices, and (b) capacity building and training for the benefit of officials from countries with economies in transition. The secretariat will provide a general overview of these initiatives. In addition, special presentations will be given on three of these initiatives, namely, the UN International Framework Classification for Energy Reserves/Resources, (b) the Regional Network for the Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources (RENEUER) and (c) the Blue Corridor Project.

Delegates will be asked for their views on these initiatives and, more importantly, to identify gaps and new orientations in the programme of work as well as to suggest new projects/initiatives

Item 7

The World Summit on Sustainable Development will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa, at the end of August and beginning of September this year. The crucial role of energy in achieving sustainable development as well as the role of the regional commissions in promoting sustainable development will be addressed at the Summit. The Committee will discuss and review the outcome of the Summit and its implications for the ECE in the field of energy.

Item 8

Information and communication technology (ICT) has greatly enhanced access to information and data sharing, increased the quantity and speed of communications and networking among individuals and institutions, opened up new business avenues and prospects, and expanded opportunities for public participation in decision-making.

Increasingly, information and communication technology (ICT) is being applied to better implement the ECE programme of work in the field of energy. ICT is being used to inform delegations and others of the programme of work of the Committee, its subsidiary bodies and the provision of technical assistance; to facilitate attendance at meetings and events; to provide access and download facilities for documentation; to foster information exchange and promote communications between officials and institutions, including on-line dialogue facilities (web forum); to provide access and interchange of data and information on projects and initiatives; and to provide links to other useful websites.

Delegates will be asked for their views regarding the use of ICT to promote the development and implementation of the ECE programme of work in energy.

Item 9

The Committee will review the activities of its subsidiary bodies, namely the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project; the Working Party on Gas, its Ad Hoc Groups of Experts and the Gas Centre; the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power; and the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnections.

Item 10

The Commission has repeatedly reaffirmed the importance of ECE's operational and technical assistance as well as sub-regional activities, particularly for countries with economies in transition. Hence, the Committee will review ECE's activities delivered through the Regional Advisory Services; the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), namely the project on the Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia; and the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), namely the project related to the interconnection of sub-regional electricity networks.

Item 11

The Committee will adopt its programme of work including the work programme of its subsidiary bodies on the basis of a note prepared by the secretariat.

Item 12

The Committee will be briefed on the activities of common interest of other Principal Subsidiary Bodies and on cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including the business community.

Item 13

At the time the provisional agenda was prepared, there were no issues to be raised under this item.

Item 14

In accordance with the recommendations of the Commission, the meeting report will be short, business-like, and focus mainly on conclusions and decisions. In accordance with the decision of the Committee taken at its seventh session, it will be drafted in consultation with members of the Bureau and approved by it, before being circulated to countries.

ANNEX I

COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Twelfth session, 20-21 November 2002

AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON COAL AND THERMAL POWER

Fifth session, 18-19 a.m. November 2002

WORKSHOP ON CARBON SEQUESTRATION

(Joint Workshop; Committee on Sustainable Energy
& Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power)
19 p.m. November 2002

JOINT ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE ON REFORMING ENERGY PRICES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

18-19 November 2002

AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON EXTENSION OF EUROPEAN ELECTRICITY INTERCONNECTIONS

Fifth session, 22 November 2002

TIMETABLE

Monday, 18 November

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power |
| and | |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | |

Tuesday, 19 November

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Workshop on Carbon Sequestration |

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Task Force on Reforming Energy Prices for Sustainable |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Development |

Wednesday, 20 November

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| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda items 1 to 4 |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda item 5 |

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| 10 a.m. - | Task Force on Reforming Energy Prices for Sustainable Development (with Committee for the afternoon session 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.) |
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Thursday, 21 November

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda items 6 and 8

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda items 9 to 14

Friday, 22 November

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnections

ANNEX II

COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY Twelfth session, 20 – 21 November 2002

REGISTRATION FORM

In view of the new security arrangements for access to the Palais des Nations, delegations are asked to inform the secretariat (UNECE Sustainable Energy Division) of their exact composition. Access to the Palais des Nations will be granted only to those in possession of an identity card issued by the Safety and Security Section, Villa les Feuillantines, 13 Avenue de la Paix (see map).

Each delegate attending the session is therefore requested to fill out the attached registration form and return it by fax (+41 22 917 0227) or E-mail (Frederic.Romig@unece.org) no later than two weeks before the session commences, to:

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