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COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
Fourteenth session, 27-30 June 2005

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting on Monday 27 June 2005, at 3 p.m.*

Main issues to be discussed

- Stabilization of the European Energy Market with special focus on South-East Europe and development of the South-East European Regional Energy Market.
- High-Level debate on contribution of Caspian Sea Region in mitigating global energy security risks on 28 June.
- Special session on Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation on 29 June jointly organised by the Committee on Sustainable Energy and the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project.
- Review of progress on Sustainable Energy Development in the UNECE Region.
- Review of special initiatives, technical assistance projects and the activities of the subsidiary bodies in the field of energy.

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The sixteenth session of the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 (EE21) Project, 30 June – 1 July 2005, will be held in conjunction with the Committee.

1. Adoption of the agenda (ECE/ENERGY/64).
2. Bureau of the meeting.
3. Matters arising from the sixtieth session of the Commission related to energy activities (ENERGY/2005/1).
4. Stabilization of the European Energy Market with focus on South-East Europe and development of the South-East European Regional Energy Market.
5. High-Level Energy Security Forum: Emerging Energy Security Risks, Risk Mitigation and Energy Security; contribution of the Caspian Sea Region to mitigating global risks.
6. Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, energy efficiency and climate change mitigation.
7. Review of progress on sustainable energy development in the UNECE region (CSD-14).
8. Meeting of the Extended Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Energy held on 9 December 2004 (ENERGY/2004/6).
9. Review of activities of subsidiary bodies:
 - (a) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project (ENERGY/WP.4/2004/4 and ENERGY/WP.4/2005/1);
 - (b) Working Party on Gas, related Ad Hoc Group of Experts and Gas Centre (ENERGY/WP.3/2005/2);
 - (c) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Supply of Fossil Fuels (ENERGY/GE.3/2004/2);
 - (d) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal in Sustainable Development (ENERGY/GE.1/2004/2 and ENERGY/GE.1/2004/3);
 - (e) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (ENERGY/GE.4/2004/1 and ENERGY/GE.4/2004/3); and
 - (f) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Electric Power (ENERGY/GE.2/2003/2).

10. Regional Advisory Services, including sub-regional activities, in the field of energy:
 - (a) Regional advisory activities (ENERGY/2005/2);
 - (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); and
 - (c) Project on Air Quality Management and Deployment of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia (CAPACT Project) (ENERGY/GE.1/2004/4).
11. UNECE programme of work in the field of energy:
 - (a) Programme of work, including the work programme of subsidiary bodies (ENERGY/2005/3).
 - (b) Calendar of meetings (ENERGY/2005/4).
12. Cooperation and coordination with other bodies:
 - (a) Principal Subsidiary Bodies of the Commission; and
 - (b) Other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business community.
13. Other business.
14. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

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

Elections for Bureau of the Committee.

Item 3

The Committee will be informed of matters arising from the sixtieth session of the Commission of relevance to the Committee.

Item 4

There will be a special session on 27 June devoted to Stabilization of the European Energy Market with Focus on South-East Europe and Development of the South-East European Regional Energy Market. This special session will include presentations, a panel discussion and exchange of views between delegates and participants from the European Commission and senior officials from South-East European countries.

Item 5

The Governing Board of the Energy Security Forum decided to hold a High-Level Meeting on Energy Security focussed on the Caspian Sea Region to consider the role that this region can play in enhancing global energy security. As new energy security threats emerge and oil prices continue to be volatile, the countries of the Caspian Sea region are of growing interest to energy importing countries and energy industries in the UNECE region. This high-level meeting is intended to address: (i) how countries of the Caspian Sea region can contribute to the mitigation of global energy security risks; (ii) how the international energy community could help in the development of the oil and gas potential of the Caspian Sea region; (iii) how these resources can be brought to world markets; and (iv) how international trade and cooperation through the UNECE can contribute to enhancing the stability of the global energy market and energy security risk mitigation. The session will begin with presentations from high-level representatives of the countries of the Caspian Sea region, followed by a panel discussion between senior executives of the energy industries and the financial community, culminating with a general discussion with delegates to the Committee on Sustainable Energy.

Item 6

There will be a special session on 29 June on the Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation organized jointly with the Energy Efficiency 21 Project. The objective of this special session is twofold: first, to provide delegates with an update of the most important recent developments in this area, such as the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol by the Government of the Russian Federation, the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol and the launching of investment funds to finance energy efficiency projects for climate change mitigation in eastern Europe and the CIS; and, second, to review progress in implementing policies and measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the UNECE region. Senior representatives from international organizations, governments and the private sector will make presentations and take part in the discussion with delegates.

Item 7

The Commission on Sustainable Development, at its fourteenth session (CSD-14) in April/May 2006, will undertake a review of the progress achieved in implementation in the thematic cluster of "Energy, Atmosphere, Climate Change and Industrial Development". To support the preparatory work for CSD-14, the UNECE decided at its sixtieth session on 25 February 2005 to organize a Regional Implementation meeting that is likely to be held mid-December 2005 in Geneva. Background documents will be produced during 2005 by UNECE to facilitate the deliberations at the Regional Implementation meeting. The intent here is to provide delegates to the annual session of the Committee with the opportunity to discuss and identify the priority concerns, constraints and obstacles, as well as to propose workable approaches and practices to expedite the implementation of policy measures in the area of energy in order to accelerate the transition to a more sustainable energy future.

Item 8

The Bureau of the Committee as well as members of the Bureaux of its subsidiary bodies met on 9 December 2004. The extended Bureau reviewed the strategic directions and priority objectives of the UNECE programme of work in energy; discussed the new initiatives under development; reviewed the joint activities with other Principal Subsidiary Bodies; and discussed the planning, preparations, scheduling and major topics to be addressed at the 2005 annual session of the Committee and related events. The extended Bureau also exchanged views on a number of major gaps in the programme of work and expressed concerns about the adequacy of regular staff resources devoted to the programme of work on sustainable energy, notably in the area of electricity and renewable energy. Delegates will have the opportunity to comment on the issues raised at the meeting of the extended Bureau.

Item 9

The Committee will review the activities of its subsidiary bodies, namely the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project; Working Party on Gas, its Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas and Gas Centre; Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Supply of Fossil Fuels; Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal in Sustainable Development; Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, and Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Electric Power.

Item 10

The Commission has repeatedly reaffirmed the importance of UNECE's operational and technical assistance as well as sub-regional activities, particularly for countries in Eastern Europe, South-East Europe and Central Asia. Hence, the Committee will review UNECE's activities delivered through the Regional Advisory Services and the Special Programme for Economies of Central Asia (SPECAs), namely the project on Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia, and the project on Air Quality Management and Deployment of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia (CAPACT Project).

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. Further, in agreement with the decision of the Committee taken at its seventh session, the report 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 Fourteenth session, 27-30 June 2005

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENERGY SECURITY IN THE CASPIAN SEA REGION 28 June 2005

SPECIAL SESSION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL, ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION 29 June 2005

STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY 21 PROJECT Sixteenth session, 29 June - 1 July 2005

TIMETABLE

Monday, 27 June

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda items 1, 2 & 4
*with Special Focus on "Energy Security and Energy Efficiency
in the Eurasian Space"*

Tuesday, 28 June

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda item 5
Jointly with the Energy Security Forum

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

- High-Level Meeting on Energy Security in the Caspian Sea Region

Wednesday, 29 June

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda item 6

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Jointly with the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project

- Special Session on "Implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation"

Thursday, 30 June

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda items 3, 7, 10, 9
and

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Committee on Sustainable Energy, Agenda items 9, 8, 11 – 14

Thursday - Friday, 30 June - 1 July

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project, sixteenth
and session

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

ANNEX II

COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY Fourteenth session, 27-30 June 2005

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