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Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane
Task Force on Mine Safety
First session, 29 April 2005

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST SESSION
OF THE TASK FORCE ON MINE SAFETY**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Friday, 29 April 2005, starting at 10 a.m. *

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The first session of the Task Force on Mine Safety is convened in accordance with the decision taken by the UNECE Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane at its first session, held in December 2004.

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2. The purpose of this meeting is to launch a new programme of work to focus on establishing the link between the economic benefits of a safe working environment in a coal mine and the capture and use of coal mine methane (CMM). Coal currently meets 23% of the world's energy needs and supplies 39% of global electricity production. These figures highlight the world's dependence on coal and when considering this together with the many millions who are employed in the mining sector and related industries, it is evident that a sustainable approach, i.e. one that addresses the economic, social and environmental elements, would bring significant social and environmental benefits.
3. With the above in mind, the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on CMM agreed that it was necessary to establish a dedicated Task Force on Mine Safety to address this issue.
4. The Ad Hoc Group of Experts on CMM requested the secretariat to work with the Bureau to identify appropriate Task Force members and develop a framework in which the Task Force would operate.
5. Information regarding this Task Force will be posted to the UNECE website at:
<http://www.unece.org/ie/se/coal/cmm.html>.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Adoption of the Agenda.

In accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The documents for the session will be published in English, French and Russian and will be posted on the UNECE web site as soon as they become available at the following address:
<http://www.unece.org/ie/se/coal/cmm.html>.

2. Election of Officers (Chairman and Vice Chairman).

The Task Force should elect a Bureau, comprising a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, for this newly established body.

3. Members of the Task Force.

The meeting will consider the membership of the Task Force with a view to ensuring that academia, the private sector and the regulatory community are adequately represented.

4. Drafting of Terms of Reference for the Task Force.

Draft Terms of Reference will be considered and discussed by the Task Force.

5. Objectives and priorities of the Task Force.

The Task Force will discuss its key objectives and priorities to ensure that it remains focussed on achievable outcomes.

6. Programme of work.

The Task Force will be given an opportunity to discuss and review its programme of work for 2005 and propose specific activities to be carried out during this period.

7. Any other business.

Any additional issues that arise between the time of preparation of the provisional agenda and the holding of the meeting will be considered under this item.

Note: Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Russian will be provided during the meeting.

ANNEX I

**AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON COAL MINE METHANE
TASK FORCE ON MINE SAFETY**

First session, 29 April 2005, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
Opening on Friday 29 April at 10 a.m.

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