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Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range  
Transboundary Air Pollution

### Working Group on Strategies and Review

#### Sixty-third session

Geneva, 26–28 May 2025

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-third session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on Monday, 26 May 2025\*

## I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Progress in the implementation of the 2024–2025 workplan.
3. Revision of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, as amended in 2012.
4. Draft 2026–2027 workplan for the implementation of the Convention: policy-related aspects and elements.
5. Election of officers.
6. Other business.
7. Adoption of the draft report on the sixty-third session.

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\* Delegates attending the meeting are requested to register online, **by 25 April 2025**, through the relevant link, which is available on the meeting web page: <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Air-Pollution/events/393909>. There are accreditation procedures for all delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations. A map of the Palais des Nations is available on the United Nations Office at Geneva website: [www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information/map](http://www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information/map). This will be a paperless meeting. All the documentation for the session and related information will be posted on the meeting web page. Delegates should bring copies of any documentation they will require.



## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 26 May, morning*

1. The Working Group on Strategies and Review under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution will be invited to adopt its agenda, as contained in the present document.

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-third session (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/133)

### **2. Progress in the implementation of the 2024–2025 workplan**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 26 May, morning*

2. The Working Group may wish to take note of the reports of the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues, the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen and the Task Force for International Cooperation on Air Pollution on progress in the implementation of the 2024–2025 workplan for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/EB.AIR/154/Add.1). It may also wish to take note of any relevant information presented by the task forces' Co-Chairs during the informal preparatory meeting (Geneva (online), 19 May 2025), organized to complement the sixty-third session of the Working Group.

3. The Working Group is invited to discuss the following draft guidance documents prepared by the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues, the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling and the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen in accordance with workplan items 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.5, respectively:

(a) Draft revised guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulfur, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter (including PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and black carbon) from stationary sources;

(b) Draft guidance document on non-technical measures;

(c) Draft revised guidance document on national nitrogen budgets.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/INF.1)

Report of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/INF.2)

Report of the Task Force for International Cooperation on Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/INF.3)

Draft revised guidance document on control techniques for emissions of sulfur, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and particulate matter (including PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and black carbon) from stationary sources (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/2)

Draft revised guidance document on national nitrogen budgets (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/3)

Draft guidance document on non-technical measures (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/4)

### **3. Revision of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, as amended in 2012**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 26 May, morning and afternoon, Tuesday, 27 May, morning and afternoon*

4. With decision 2023/5 (ECE/EB.AIR/154), adopted at its forty-third session (Geneva, 11–14 December 2023), the Executive Body initiated the process of revising the Protocol to

Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (the Gothenburg Protocol), as amended in 2012, in order to address the conclusions of the report on the review of the Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/150/Add.2). At its forty-fourth session (Geneva, 9–12 December 2024), with its decision 2024/2, the Executive Body adopted the plan for the revision of the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended in 2012 (ECE/EB.AIR/156/Add.2). In accordance with the plan (para. 15 (a) and table 2), the Working Group is invited to discuss new emission reduction commitments for pollutants currently covered by the Protocol, as well as potential revisions to technical annexes, including those related to their scope and level of ambition. The Working Group is also invited to discuss the feasibility and utility of options for including methane in the revised Protocol, as well as new flexibilities and other approaches for non-Parties, taking into account relevant discussions by the Executive Body at its forty-fourth session (ECE/EB.AIR/156, forthcoming). As a part of its deliberations, the Working Group may wish to take into account the effects-based scenarios at different levels of ambition for cost-effective strategies to reduce emissions to be provided by the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling. In accordance with the request of the Executive Body, the Working Group should also take into account any work progressed by the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues in its discussions on the nature, status and content of the technical annexes. The Working Group may also wish to further discuss the merits of the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air approach for non-Parties.

#### **Documentation**

Updated policy brief by the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/INF.4)

### **4. Draft 2026–2027 workplan for the implementation of the Convention: policy-related aspects and elements**

*Tentative timing: Tuesday, 27 May, afternoon*

5. The Working Group will be invited to discuss policy and other related aspects and elements of the draft 2026–2027 workplan for the implementation of the Convention that will be presented to the Executive Body at its forty-fifth session (Geneva, 8–11 December 2025). The Working Group will be invited to take into account the activities proposed by the Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen, the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues, the Task Force for International Cooperation on Air Pollution and the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling, as included in the draft 2026–2027 workplan for the implementation of the Convention: policy-related aspects and elements.

#### **Documentation**

Draft 2026–2027 workplan for the implementation of the Convention: policy-related aspects and elements (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2025/1)

### **5. Election of officers**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 May, morning*

6. The Working Group is expected to elect its Vice-Chairs. At its sixty-first session (Geneva, 4–6 September 2023), the Working Group elected Ms. Filipa Marques (Portugal), Mr. John Salter (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Ms. Allie Davis (United States of America) for a first term as Vice-Chairs of the Working Group.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Kevin Daucher (United States of America) replaced Ms. Davis in January 2024 until the end of the term.

<sup>1</sup> ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/130, para. 28.

7. The Working Group may wish to establish the practice of the signing of an impartiality declaration by its elected officers following paragraph 2 of decision 2022/6 on the impartiality declaration for elected officers (ECE/EB.AIR/150).

## **6. Other business**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 May, morning*

8. At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item. Delegations wishing to propose any other business are invited to contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

## **7. Adoption of the draft report on the sixty-third session**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 May, morning*

9. The Chair, with support from the secretariat, will present a record of the main conclusions and recommendations made at the session, which will form the basis for the draft report. The Working Group is invited to review and adopt the draft report on the sixty-third session and entrust the secretariat to finalize it following the session.

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