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DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Fifth joint meeting of the Task Force for the Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme for Central and Eastern Europe (EAP Task Force) and the Project Preparation Committee (PPC)

15-16 March 2007, Brussels

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5th Joint Meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC
15-16 March 2007, Brussels, venue TBC
Starting at 09:30 on the first day

DRAFT AGENDA

Block 1 – jointly chaired by the EAP Task Force and the PPC

1. Opening of meeting and welcoming remarks
2. Adoption of the draft Agenda
3. Adoption of the draft Summary Record of the 4th joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC
4. Status of preparations for the Belgrade “Environment for Europe” Ministerial conference

Block 2 – chaired by the EAP Task Force

5. Outcomes of the International multi-stakeholder meeting “Environmental Policies, Instruments, and Institutions in EECCA: The Emerging Agenda”
6. EAP Task Force reports to the Belgrade Ministerial conference:
 - (i) 2007 Assessment of Progress in Implementing EECCA Environment Strategy (EECCA Report)
 - (ii) Financing Water Supply and Sanitation Sector in EECCA countries, including progress in achieving water-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
 - (iii) Trends in Environmental Finance
 - (iv) Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems
 - (v) Assessment of Reform of Environmental Compliance Assurance Systems in EECCA
 - (vi) Progress Report on Partnerships
7. Environmental Reform in EECCA countries:
 - (i) Outcomes of the EAP Task Force Work in EECCA countries
 - (ii) Priority Areas for Environmental Co-operation with EECCA countries after the Belgrade Ministerial Conference
8. Summary of conclusions and recommendations to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference regarding the work of the EAP Task Force

Block 3 – chaired by the PPC

9. Update on PPC support for environmental projects
 - (i) Environmental infrastructure in Early Transition Countries

- (ii) **Environmental infrastructure in North-Western Russia**
 - (iii) **Environmental mainstreaming and biodiversity**
10. **PPC reports to the Belgrade Ministerial conference**
 - i) **Mobilising Finance for Environmental Priorities: Recommendations for the Future (Category I) prepared in cooperation with the EAP Task Force, REC CEE and the World Bank**
 - ii) **Draft outline of the PPC Report to the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” in Belgrade (Category II)**
 11. **Options for the PPC after the Belgrade Ministerial conference**
 - **Presentation of the PPC review synthesis report and conclusions**
 12. **Summary of conclusions and recommendations to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference regarding the work of the PPC**

Block 4 – jointly chaired by the EAP Task Force and PPC

13. **Assessing the cooperation between the EAP Task Force and the PPC**
14. **Other business and feedback**

ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

<i>Thursday, 15th March from 09:30 to 17:45</i>		
Block 1 – jointly chaired by the EAP Task Force and the PPC		
1.	09:30 – 09:35	Opening of Meeting and Welcoming Remarks
		The co-Chairs of the EAP Task Force, Ms. Soledad Blanco and Mr. Nurlan Iskakov, and the Chair of the PPC, Mr. Rod Matthews, will open the meeting and welcome the participants.
2.	09:35 – 09:40	Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the Meeting
		<i>ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2007)1</i> The co-Chairs will introduce the draft agenda and documentation for the joint meeting <i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to adopt the Draft Agenda.</i>
3.	09:40 – 09:45	Adoption of the Draft Summary Record of the 4th Joint Meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC
		<i>ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2006)1</i> The co-Chairs will introduce the draft Summary Record of the last joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC. <i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to approve the Draft Summary Record.</i>
4.	09:45 – 10:00	Status of preparations for the Belgrade “Environment for Europe” Ministerial conference
		A representative of UNECE Secretariat will inform delegates of the current status of preparations for the Belgrade “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference. <i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of this information and to pose any questions.</i>
Block 2 –chaired by the EAP Task Force		
5.	10:00 – 10:30	Outcomes of the International multi-stakeholder workshop “Environmental Policies, Instruments, and Institutions in EECCA: The Emerging Agenda”
		A rapporteur from International multi-stakeholder workshop “Environmental Policies, Instruments, and Institutions in EECCA: The Emerging Agenda”, held on 13-14 March, will inform delegates about the outcomes of the Workshop. <i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of this presentation.</i>

6.	10:30 – 12:45	EAP Task Force reports to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference:	<i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)1</i>
		<p>(i) Progress in Environmental Management in EECCA: 2007 Assessment of Progress in Implementing EECCA Environment Strategy (EECCA Report)</p> <p>The secretariat of the EAP Task Force will present the EECCA Report and its main findings. It was agreed that this report will be a flagship publication of the EAP Task Force to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference. It is anticipated that delegates will require in-depth discussion of the report.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <i>to discuss the EECCA Report and its main findings;</i> ⇒ <i>to endorse it, subject to written comments to be provided by 30 March 2007.</i> 	
	13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
	12:45 – 16:15	<p>(ii) Other EAP Task Force inputs to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference</p> <p>The secretariat of the EAP Task Force will also present the following reports that were prepared for submission to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference. A shorter period of time is necessary for discussion of these reports, since (a) main conclusions are integrated into the EECCA Report; (b) in most cases, these reports were reviewed by the appropriate Task Force networks; and (c) the comment period for these documents is provided until the 30th March 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Financing Water Supply and Sanitation Sector in EECCA countries, including progress in achieving water-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - <i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)2</i> (iii) Trends in Environmental Finance in EECCA - <i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)3</i> (iv) Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems - <i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)4</i> (v) Assessment of Reform of Environmental Compliance Assurance Systems in EECCA - <i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)5</i> (vi) Progress Report on Partnerships - <i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)6</i> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <i>to endorse these reports, subject to written comments to be provided by 30 March 2007; and</i> ⇒ <i>to agree on the appropriate category (either I or II) for the Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems for submission to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference.</i> 	

7.	16:15 – 16:45	Environmental Reform in EECCA countries: (i) Outcomes of the EAP Task Force Work in EECCA countries	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)7
		<p>The secretariat of the EAP Task Force will present a report on results and outcomes of the work of the EAP Task Force in the EECCA region since the 2003 Kiev “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to discuss impacts of the work of the Task Force in EECCA countries.</i></p>	
	16:45 – 17:15	Environmental Reform in EECCA countries: (ii) Priority Areas for Environmental Co-operation with EECCA countries after the Belgrade Ministerial Conference	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)8
		<p>Following decisions of the last joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and PPC and its Bureau, the secretariat of the EAP Task Force will introduce a document outlining priority areas for environmental co-operation with EECCA countries after the Belgrade Ministerial Conference, and the possible support that the EAP Task Force could provide in addressing those priorities.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <i>to discuss this document;</i> ⇒ <i>to discuss the role, if any, the EECCA Environment Strategy may play after the Belgrade Ministerial Conference</i> 	
8.	17:15 –17:45	Summary of conclusions and recommendations to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference regarding the work of the EAP Task Force	
		<p>Conclusions and recommendations emerging from discussions of EAP Task Force activities will be summarised for transmission to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to discuss and agree on the recommendations regarding the work of the EAP Task Force to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference.</i></p>	

<i>Friday, 16 March from 09:00 to 17:00</i>			
Block 3 –chaired by the PPC			
9.	09:00 – 09:30	Update on PPC support for environmental projects:	<i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)9</i>
		<p>The PPC Secretariat will present a brief report highlighting the PPC’s activities in support of environmental investment projects since the 4th Joint Meeting of the EAP Task Force and PPC. This will be followed by individual presentations by PPC Officers.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of this presentation.</i></p>	
	09:30 – 10:00	(i) Environmental infrastructure in Early Transition Countries	
		<p>Swedish-funded PPC Officer Catarina Bjorlin Hansen will provide details of her work on the identification, preparation and financing of environmental infrastructure investment projects in the Early Transition Countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia, and present specific priority projects that are in need of donor co-financing.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of this presentation and consider the co-financing needs presented.</i></p>	
	10:00 – 10:30	(ii) Environmental infrastructure in North-Western Russia	
		<p>Finnish-funded PPC Officer Janne Heiskanen will provide details of his work on the identification, preparation and financing of environmental infrastructure investment projects in the North-Western Russia, and present specific priority projects that are in need of donor co-financing.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of this presentation and consider the co-financing needs presented.</i></p>	
	10:30 – 11:00	(iii) Environmental mainstreaming and biodiversity	
		<p>Luxembourg-funded PPC Officer Jean-Marie Frentz will provide details of his work to develop opportunities for financing biodiversity-related projects and mainstream environmental considerations into EBRD investment projects.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of this presentation and consider the financing needs presented.</i></p>	

10.	11:00 – 13:00	PPC reports to the Belgrade Ministerial conference:	
	11:00 – 12:00	(i) Mobilising Finance for Environmental Priorities: Recommendations for the Future (Category I) prepared in cooperation with the EAP Task Force, REC CEE and the World Bank	<i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)10</i>
		<p>The PPC Secretariat will present a Category I report that has been prepared for the Belgrade Conference by the PPC in collaboration with the EAP Task Force, REC for Central & Eastern Europe and the World Bank. Delegates at the 4th Joint Meeting of the EAP Task Force and PPC agreed that this report should be submitted to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference as a Category I document. The report was approved in principle by the Executive Committee of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials for Belgrade Conference on 15 February. The PPC Secretariat will present the outcomes of that discussion and the next steps in finalising the report.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates are invited to endorse this document, subject to written comments to be provided to the PPC Secretariat by 30 March 2007</i></p>	
	12:00 – 13:00	(ii) Draft outline of the PPC Report to the Sixth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” in Belgrade (Category II)	<i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)11</i>
		<p>The PPC Secretariat will present an outline draft of the PPC’s Category II report to the Belgrade Conference, which was agreed in principle by delegates at the 4th Joint Meeting of the EAP Task Force and PPC. The outline draft is intended to describe the overall structure and indicative content of the report. The PPC Secretariat will describe the next steps in finalizing the report in time for the Belgrade Conference.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates are invited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <i>consider the proposed structure of the outline draft report;, and</i> ⇒ <i>provide guidance on how the final version should be developed.</i> 	
	13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
11.	14:30 – 15:30	Options for the PPC after the Belgrade Ministerial conference: Presentation of the PPC review synthesis report and conclusions	<i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)12</i>
		<p>Following the PPC review carried out during summer 2006, the PPC Secretariat has prepared a synthesis report summarising the main findings of the review and setting out in more detail the future organisational options for the PPC, subject to the renewal of its mandate at the Belgrade Conference. An earlier draft of this report was presented at the meeting of the Joint Bureau of the EAP Task Force and PPC in December 2006 and the Bureau’s guidance has been reflected in this version. Pending the approval of EAP Task Force/PPC delegates, the report’s recommendations will be incorporated into the PPC’s Category II report to the Belgrade Conference.</p>	

		<p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates are invited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <i>endorse the findings of the PPC review synthesis report; and</i> ⇒ <i>provide guidance on their incorporation into the PPC's Category II report to the Belgrade Conference.</i> 	
12.	15:45 – 16:15	<p>Summary of conclusions and recommendations to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference regarding the work of the PPC</p>	
		<p>The PPC Secretariat will present a brief summary of the PPC's preparations and proposed recommendations for the Belgrade conference.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of this presentation and provide comments on the PPC's preparations for the Belgrade Conference.</i></p>	
<p>Block 4 – jointly chaired by the EAP Task Force and the PPC</p>			
13.	16:15 – 16:45	<p>Assessing the cooperation between the EAP Task Force and the PPC</p>	<p><i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)13</i></p>
		<p>At the 2003 “Environment for Europe” Conference, Ministers invited the EAP Task Force and the PPC “to continue their work together, including through joint annual meetings and with a common Bureau.” The secretariats of the EAP Task Force and the PPC will present a paper that provides assessment of the cooperation between the two bodies since the Kiev Conference.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to note and discuss the document.</i></p>	
14.	16:45 – 17:00	<p>Other Business and Feedback</p>	
		<p><i>Under this agenda item, delegates will be invited to raise any other issues.</i></p> <p><i>To evaluate the quality and effectiveness of this meeting, the Secretariats invite delegates to fill in the evaluation questionnaire and to return it to the EAP Task Force Secretariat by the end of the meeting.</i></p>	

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 5th JOINT MEETING OF THE EAP TASK FORCE –
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<i>Item No.</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DOCUMENT NO.</i>	<i>AVAILABILITY</i>	
			<i>Eng.</i>	<i>Rus.</i>
2.	Draft annotated agenda	ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2007)1	x	x
3.	Draft Summary record of the 4 th joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC	ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2006)1	x	x
6 (i)	Draft 2007 Progress Assessment Report (EECCA Report)	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)1	x	x
6 (ii)	Financing water supply and sanitation sector in EECCA countries, including progress in achieving water-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)2	x	x
6 (iii)	Trends in Environmental Finance	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)3	x	x
6 (iv)	Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)4	x	x
6 (v)	Assessment of reform of environmental compliance assurance systems in EECCA	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)5	x	x
6 (vi)	Progress Report on Partnerships	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)6	x	x
7 (i)	Results and Outcomes of the EAP Task Force work in EECCA countries	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)7	x	x
7 (ii)	The Future of the EAP Task Force after the Belgrade Ministerial Conference	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)8	x	x
9.	Update on the work of the PPC to support environmental investment projects	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)9	x	x
10 (i)	Mobilising Finance for Environmental Priorities: Recommendations for the Future (final draft)	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)10	x	x
10 (ii)	Work of the PPC 2003-07: report to the Sixth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (outline draft)	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)11	x	x
11.	PPC review synthesis report	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)12	x	x

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<i>Item No.</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DOCUMENT NO.</i>	<i>AVAILABILITY</i>	
			<i>Eng.</i>	<i>Rus.</i>
13.	Cooperation between the EAP Task Force and the PPC	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2007)13	x	x

