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**Update on recent activities in the UNECE
LRTAP Convention**

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Decisions of the 28th Executive Body (December 2010)

- regular items: workplan, financial and compliance issues, activities in EECCA countries, reports from subsidiary bodies etc.
- historic decision on BC, O3 and CH4 (SLCFs) for all Conventions bodies and groups
- new, extended mandate for TF HTAP (BC included)
- outreach activities (ESCAP, EANET, NEASPEC, UNEP, IMO, ...)
- Long-Term Strategy (Decision 2010/18)
- Rules of Procedure (Decision 2010/19)



Long-term Strategy (LTS) of the Convention

- gives high importance to increased ratification and implementation of the latest three protocols; flexible and consensual process
- remaining challenges: PM, O₃, eutrophication, (reactive) N, including contribution from LRT of AP
- outreach and inter-regional collaboration (EANET, UNEP, UN FCCC, GAPF, ...)
- maintaining close links between science and policy
- coupling of air pollution, climate change and biodiversity
- considers geographical and pollutant wise extension, SLCFs, CH₄ and CO as ozone precursors



Long-term Strategy of the Convention (continued)

- Integrated Assessment Modelling as a important scientific tool that links science and policy



Current priorities of the LRTAP Convention as adopted in the decisions by Executive Body at its 28th session in 13-17 December 2010:

- Revision of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol to be completed by the end of 2011
- Revision of the 1998 Aarhus Heavy Metals Protocol
- Capacity building in EECICA-SEE countries in ratifying and implementing three most recent various protocols under the convention



Bureaux meetings of EB, WGE, EMEP SB (February-April 2011)

- contributions from bodies/groups to the revisions of GP and HM Protocols, progress, focus on EECCA region, timing, extraordinary Meeting of Parties in April 2012?
- more streamlined and shorter workplan (3-5 pages), biannual workplan as a minimum, mid-term plans, routine vs. new tasks
- closer cooperation between EMEP Programme and WGE work (possible merging?) – joint workshop in September 2011, simplification of the structure of LRTAP?
- EMEP&WGE own strategies vs. the need for LTS implementation plan
- institutional and geographical outreach (UNEP, NEASPEC)



Update on recent developments at UN/UNECE and LRTAP secretariat

- recent cuts in UN budget (3%, 10%? economic crisis)
- planned cuts in UNECE spendings (recommendation to cut on: translations, printing; i.e. less official documents, less meetings requiring interpretation, cuts in posts - as a last resort; similar situation in UNEP – Stockholm Convention)
- vacancy to replace Tea Auvaluo; ITVN issued, selection pending
- delay in securing money for establishment of a new „EECCA” post in the secretariat



Results of 48 WGSR relevant for TFIAM

- considered information presented by TFIAM and CIAM on 5 new scenarios) for the revision of the GP
- noted that in the BL scenario, considerable emission reductions and associated health and environment benefits were expected by 2020 in comparison to 2000,... however, air pollution remained a challenge and further steps were needed to come closer to meeting the long term objectives of the GP; requested the TFIAM and CIAM to compare the results of the GAINS model, with analogous projections based on national data (results at 40th TFIAM); invited Parties to send additional information to TFIAM and CIAM by 6 May;
- requested CIAM to further identify key measures and sectors with a view to presenting recommendations at 49 WGSR; requested CIAM to provide data also for 1990 and provide more information on the assumptions made in the road and off-road transport sections;



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- invited TFIAM to organize a workshop for CIT on assumptions under the GAINS model; call for support; of the workshop; interpretation into Russian;
- invited Parties to further analyze the feasibility of the scenarios presented by TFIAM to the extent possible, communicate the outcomes of this analysis to the secretariat before 49 WGSR.
- adopted decisions
- draft report almost ready



Thank you very much!

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