

UN-ECE CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION

- The Executive Body of the Convention hold its 25th Session in Geneva on 10-13 December 2007
- Work for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol has started to finish in December 2009
- The new Protocol should set new environmental targets for the current decade or longer (e.g. 2020)
- The Protocol should take into account Primary and Secondary PM 2.5 in a manner to be determined (could be different from a ceiling)
- The new Protocol should recognize importance of shipping emissions even if shipping is not addressed by the new Protocol
- The new Protocol should ensure adequate accounting of synergies and trade-offs with climate change and could set additional non-binding aspirational goals for pollutants covered by the Protocol

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- Decline since 1980 of deposition of acidifying substances in Europe has been officially recognized
- Nitrogen deposition remains a widespread problem
- No clear downward trend in the past 10 years in O₃ has been observed despite reductions in precursors emissions
- The unsatisfactory state of signature and ratification of present Protocol has to be considered
- ELV's for SO₂ and NO_x for LCP's specified in annexes IV and V should be reconsidered in the light of new EU legislation
- Table IV of annex V, which lists limit values for NO_x emissions for new stationary engines, has created difficulties for the ratification process. New proposal to be done by EGTEI with Finland leading
- The role of hemispheric transport of air pollutants has been underlined as more and more important

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- Technical Annexes could be no longer fully integrated into the new Protocol
- Heavy Metals Protocol revision should not start before 2009 because of a need for more technical information
- Meetings scheduled in 2008
 - 14-17 April Geneva WG on Strategies and Review
 - 1-5 September Geneva WG on Strategies and Review
 - 8-10 September Geneva EMEP Steering Body
 - 24-26 September Geneva WG on Effects
 - 15-19 December Geneva Executive Body for the Convention

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- Revision of methodology on LCP's to make it more user-friendly tested on F, S and CZ Tests scheduled on B, DK, FIN
- Publication of outcomes of German and Italian study on Small Combustion Plants
- Revision of annexes of the Gothenburg Protocol
- Publication of background documents for refineries
- Collaboration with IPTS Sevilla
- Work on stationary engines (by expert group under EGTEI)
- Work on Emerging Technologies for LCP's, Draft report June 2008 lead country F (ADEME)

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- Meetings scheduled :
 - Last meeting on Emerging Technologies for LCP's
25 January in Brussels ENEA Office
 - Kick-off meeting on Stationary Engines 27 February in
Frankfurt EUROMOT Office
 - Full EGTEI meeting 28-29 April Stockholm
 - Full EGTEI meeting October in Italy