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**Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties
Tenth Meeting
Geneva, Switzerland, 14-15 March 2013**

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Prepared by the joint secretariat

The tenth meeting of the Bureau will take place at the Palais des Nations in room IV. It will start on 14 March 2013 at 14:00 and finish on 15 March 2013 at 12:30. The meeting will be held in English.

Bureau members should be in possession of a long-duration badge to enter the Palais des Nations. If this is not the case please contact: protocol.water_health@unece.org.

The meeting is held back-to-back with the Strategic Workshop on identifying priorities for the work of the Protocol for 2014-2016 and will take stock of the outcomes of the workshop in its discussions on the elaboration of the programme of work of the Protocol for 2014-2016. Additionally, the Bureau will discuss the preparations for the third session of the Meeting of the Parties.

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
(Thursday, 14 March 14:00 – 14:05)
- 2. Programme of work 2011 – 2013**
(14:05 – 15:00)

Bureau members will briefly discuss implementation of the current programme of work. As the past and on-going work will already be discussed at the Strategic Workshop, the Bureau will only consider additional relevant information not discussed beforehand. The Chairs of different bodies under the Protocol and representatives of lead countries under different areas of work under the Protocol with the assistance of the joint secretariat will report on activities implemented since the ninth Bureau meeting and share plans for activities to be undertaken until the third session of the Meeting of the Parties. This will include, inter alia, the following:

- a) The WHO/Europe secretariat will inform on the plans to organize a meeting of the Task Force on Water-related Disease Surveillance

- b) The representative of Romania will inform on the progress and plans in the area of public awareness, access to information and public participation
- c) The Chair of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting will inform on the outcomes of the Workshop on Reporting and the sixth meeting of the Task Force held back to back in Geneva on 12-14 February 2013
- d) The UNECE secretariat will inform on the progress and plans in the area of equitable access to water and sanitation
- e) The representative of Germany will inform on the progress and plans in the area of small - scale water supply and sanitation
- f) A representative of Norway will inform on the provision of international assistance to country-specific projects in the framework of the Protocol.

3. Elaboration of the draft programme of work of the Protocol on Water and Health for 2014-2016

(15:00 – 17:30 and 9:00-10:00 on 15 March)

The Bureau will discuss the outcomes and recommendations of the Strategic Workshop on identifying priorities for the work of the Protocol for 2014-2016.

In particular the Bureau will review the results of the interactive ranking exercise conducted during the workshop aiming to produce a shortlist of prioritized potential areas of work under the Protocol for 2014-2016 along with a list of possible activities under each of these areas.

Based on these discussions, the Bureau is expected to discuss and agree on the following aspects:

- Areas of work and activities to be included in the programme of work 2014-2016, including their objectives and expected outcomes, work to be undertaken;
- The bodies to implement the programme of work and their terms of reference;
- Possible lead parties;
- Financial implications of the different activities;
- Overall structure of the programme of work.

The above discussion will rely on the experience with the implementation of the past programmes of work, including in relation to the need to establish synergies and coherence between the different activities.

In discussing the financial requirements for the implementation of the programme of work for 2014-2016, the Bureau will focus on how to come up with a programme of work that on one hand will be able to adequately address the main challenges in the Protocol's implementation and on the other hand is likely to be adequately funded, taking into account the current financing situation as well as the considerations of the fundraising group (see also item 4 below).

The Bureau will make arrangements for the finalization of the draft programme of work for its submission to the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 4-5 July 2013) taking into account that the deadline for submission of official documents to the meeting is 18 April 2013.

4. Resources to implement the programme of work and implementation of unfunded activities: next steps for fundraising

(10:00 – 10:40)

The Chair will brief the Bureau on the outcomes of the discussions of the second meeting of the fundraising group (Copenhagen, 10 January 2013) focusing on concrete actions to be taken, including a timeline and distribution of tasks.

Based on this and on the outcome of the previous discussion on the draft programme of work for 2014-2016, the Bureau members will discuss how to continue the efforts on fundraising and agree on concrete steps to be taken until the third session of the Meeting of the Parties

5. Synergies between the Protocol and other UNECE MEAs

(10:40 – 11:00)

The Chair will inform the Bureau about the outcomes of the third informal coordination meeting between the representatives of the governing bodies of the UNECE environmental conventions (and their protocols) and the Committee of Environmental Policy held in Geneva on 27 February 2013. He will raise to the Bureau's attention the draft paper on synergies among different UNECE MEAs entitled "Towards enhanced cooperation of UNECE MEAs" presented at the meeting and invite the Bureau members to consider possible synergies between the Protocol and other UNECE conventions, including the Water Convention, in the context of the next programme of work under the Protocol.

6. Preparations for the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health

(11:00 – 12:15)

The Chair will update the Bureau on the preparations for the third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health that will take place from 25 to 27 November 2013 in Oslo.

Based on the discussions at its ninth meeting, the Bureau will discuss and agree on the following key issues in the organization of the Meeting of the Parties:

- Level of participation and inclusion of a high-level/ministerial session
- Organization of side events
- Involvement of partners and ways and means to promote the event

The Bureau members will particularly report on the discussions they held nationally in their respective ministries/agencies on the idea of holding a Ministerial segment on a topic that could mobilize sufficient political interest. Some possible themes that were discussed during the ninth meeting of the Bureau included equitable access, green economy, sustainable development goals, and the Protocol's globalization.

7. Future meetings under the Protocol

(12:15 – 12:25)

The Bureau will review the calendar of future meetings under the Protocol until the third session of the Meeting of the Parties. The next meeting of the Bureau is tentatively scheduled for 5 July 2013, following the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health.

8. Other business

(12:25 – 12:30)

At the time of writing, the Secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

9. Closing

(12:30)