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**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Fourth 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)**

**21-22 September 2006, Berlin**

*For adoption.*

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**4<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the EAP Task Force and PPC**  
**21 – 22 September 2006, Berlin**  
*Starting at 14:00 on the first day*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. **Opening of meeting and Adoption of the draft Agenda**
2. **Adoption of the draft Summary Record of the 3rd joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC**

**Joint PPC/EAP Task Force Session on Mobilising Environmental Finance**

- I. **EAP TF work on trends in environmental financing**
- II. **Overview of the PPC's work on mobilising finance for environmental investment projects**
- III. **EAP TF work on financing strategies and their relevance for project identification**
- IV. **PPC case studies: lessons learned in financing environmental investment projects**

3. **Implementation of the activities of the PPC and EAP Task Force in 2006 and 2007:**
  - (i) **Activities of the PPC**
  - (ii) **Activities of the EAP Task Force**
4. **Facilitating and supporting the achievement of the EECCA Environment Strategy objectives:**
  - (i) **Assessing progress in achieving EECCA Strategy objectives**
  - (ii) **Activities of Facilitating Organisations to support specific objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy**
  - (iii) **Progress on overall facilitation of the EECCA Environment Strategy and proposed activities in 2007**
5. **Preparations for the Belgrade “Environment for Europe” Ministerial conference:**
  - (i) **PPC inputs to the Belgrade Ministerial conference**
  - (ii) **EAP Task Force reports to the Belgrade Ministerial conference**
6. **Beyond Belgrade:**
  - (i) **Findings of the PPC review: options for the PPC after the Belgrade**
  - (ii) **Priority areas for environmental co-operation with EECCA countries after the Belgrade Ministerial Conference**
7. **Date of the next joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC**
8. **Other business and feedback**

**ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

<b><i>Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September from 14:00 to 17:00 (to be chaired by the EAP TF and the PPC)</i></b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b>14:00 – 14:10</b>	<b>Opening of Meeting and Adoption of the Draft Agenda</b>	ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2006)1
		<p>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. The co-Chairs will invite a representative of the German Government to make some introductory remarks.</p> <p>The co-Chairs will introduce the draft agenda and documentation for the joint meeting</p> <p><b><i>EAP TF/PPC delegates will be invited to adopt the Draft Agenda.</i></b></p> <p><i>* Please note that following the resignation of Mme Aitkul Samakova, the Bureau agreed to invite Mr. Iskakov, Minister of Environment of Kazakhstan, to co-chair this meeting.</i></p>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>14:10 – 14:15</b>	<b>Adoption of the Draft Summary Record of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC</b>	ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2005)1
		<p>The co-Chairs will introduce the draft Summary Record of the 3<sup>rd</sup> joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC.</p> <p><b><i>EAP TF/PPC delegates will be invited to approve the Draft Summary Record.</i></b></p>	
	<b>14:15 – 17:15</b>	<b>Joint PPC/EAP Task Force Session on Mobilising Environmental Finance</b>	
	<b>14:15 – 14:45</b>	<b>Item I. EAP Task Force work on trends in environmental financing</b>	
		<p>The secretariat of the EAP Task Force will present preliminary findings of its work on trends in environmental financing in EECCA countries. It is proposed that a report of environmental finance trends would be one of the EAP Task Force's inputs to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of the presentation and to pose any questions.</i></p>	
	<b>14:45 – 15:15</b>	<b>Item II. Overview of the PPC's work on mobilising finance for environmental investment projects</b>	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)8
		<p>The Secretariat of the PPC will provide an overview of how the PPC is currently organised to mobilise finance for environmental investments, detail the PPC's achievements in mobilising finance since the last Joint Meeting of the EAP Task Force and PPC in November 2005, and present specific financing needs identified by the PPC for environmental investments currently under development.</p>	

	<p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>i) comment on the ongoing work of the PPC on mobilising finance; and</i></li> <li><i>ii) consider contributing funds towards the current financing priorities highlighted by the PPC.</i></li> </ul>	
15:15 – 15:45	<b>Item III. EAP Task Force work on financing strategies and their relevance for project identification</b>	
	<p>The secretariat of the EAP Task Force will present the results obtained with some of the financing planning tools that it has developed and discuss how they can be relevant for project identification carried out by the PPC.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of the presentation and to discuss how the financial planning tools developed by the EAP Task Force could support project identification for the PPC and others.</i></p>	
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Coffee/Tea break</b>	
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Item IV. PPC case studies: lessons learned in financing environmental investment projects</b>	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)8
	<p>Specific challenges and lessons learned related to the financing of environmental investment projects will be detailed in two parallel break-out sessions, facilitated by PPC Officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>i) <b>Improving water supply and sanitation services in low-income countries in EECCA and SEE:</b> Ashot Baghdasaryan (PPC Consultant) and Gaetano Massarra (PPC Officer, Belgrade) will present recent PPC experiences in the WSS sector in Early Transition Countries and the Western Balkans</i></li> <li><i>ii) <b>Carbon financing - innovative approaches to financing improvements in energy efficiency:</b> Jan Willem van de Ven (PPC Officer, Energy Efficiency) will present recent developments in the PPC's work on carbon financing in the EECCA and SEE regions</i></li> </ul>	
<b>18:00</b>	<b><i>City tour around Berlin organised by the German Government</i></b>	
<b>19:30</b>	<b><i>Dinner hosted by the German Government</i></b>	

<b>Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 09:00 to 17:15 (to be chaired by the EAP TF and the PPC)</b>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Implementation of the activities of the PPC and EAP Task Force in 2006 and 2007:</b>
	09:00 – 09:30	<b>(i) Activities of the PPC</b> ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)6
		The secretariat of the PPC will present a report on the activities of the PPC during 2005-06 and its proposed activities and associated funding needs for 2006-07.  <i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to:</i> ⇒ <i>discuss the activities undertaken by the PPC since November 2005;</i> ⇒ <i>endorse the PPC’s proposed activities for 2006-07;</i> ⇒ <i>consider the PPC’s outstanding funding needs and how these could be met.</i>
	09:30 – 10:15	<b>(ii) Activities of the EAP Task Force</b> ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)1 ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)2
		The secretariat of the EAP Task Force will present a report on progress in implementation of its programme of work in 2006 and its proposed programme of work and budget for 2007.  <i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to:</i> ⇒ <i>discuss progress in implementation of the EAP Task Force Programme of Work in 2006;</i> ⇒ <i>endorse the proposed draft of the Programme of Work and Budget of the EAP Task Force for 2007 and provide guidance on its implementation; and</i> ⇒ <i>discuss how to mobilise the financial resources required to implement the agreed programme.</i>
<b>4.</b>	<b>10:15 – 12:05</b>	<b>Facilitating and supporting the achievement of the EECCA Environment Strategy objectives:</b>
	10:15 – 11:00	<b>(i) Assessing progress in achieving EECCA Strategy objectives</b> ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)3
		The Ministers in the 2003 “Environment and Europe” Ministerial Conference invited the EAP Task Force secretariat to monitor progress in achieving the objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy. The secretariat of the Task Force will present an outline of the 2007 Progress Assessment report (EECCA Report), together with its possible main messages and the process for finalising the report.  <i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of the outline, discuss the main messages and provide guidance on the finalisation of the EECCA report</i>
	11:00 – 11:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>

	11:15 – 11:45	<b>(ii) Activities of Facilitating Organisations to support specific objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy</b>	
		<p>The Facilitating Organisations will be invited to highlight main issues on progress in implementing activities supporting the achievement of specific objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy, including their contribution to the EECCA Report.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to take note of various activities by Facilitating Organisations supporting the achievement of specific objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy</i></p>	
	11:45 – 12:05	<b>(iii) Progress on overall facilitation of the EECCA Environment Strategy and proposed future activities</b>	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)1 ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)2
		<p>The Secretariat of the EAP Task Force will present a report on the progress in implementation of its Programme of Work to facilitate and support the achievement of the EECCA Environment Strategy objectives overall in 2006 and its proposed activities and budget for 2007. The discussion will focus on activities related to monitoring and facilitating partnerships, including work on policy dialogues for institutional strengthening and updating the Partnership database.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to discuss progress in overall facilitation and support to the achievement of the EECCA Environment Strategy objectives in 2006 and proposed activities for 2007</i></p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>12:05 – 13:00</b>	<b>Preparations for the Belgrade “Environment for Europe” Ministerial conference:</b>	
	12:05 – 12:30	<b>(i) PPC inputs to the Belgrade Ministerial conference</b>	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)9
		<p>The secretariat of the PPC will provide a brief report outlining the two reports that the PPC is considering preparing for the Belgrade Ministerial Conference.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <i>discuss and endorse the papers that the PPC is planning to prepare for Belgrade</i></li> <li>⇒ <i>provide comments on the focus and proposed content of these two reports</i></li> </ul>	
	12:30 – 13:00	<b>(ii) EAP Task Force reports to the Belgrade Ministerial conference</b>	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)4 ENV/EPOC/EAP/POL(2006)3
		<p>The secretariat of the EAP Task Force will present a paper outlining the main reports that could be prepared for submission to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference.</p> <p>At its last meeting, EAP Task Force’s environmental policy network - EECCA Regulatory Environmental Programme Implementation Programme (REPIN) - agreed to recommend that the EAP Task Force endorse the “Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting</p>	

		<p>Systems". Subsequently, the Bureau agreed that the appropriate category (1 or 2) for the "Guiding Principles" that the Task Force should recommend to the WGSO that is preparing the Belgrade Ministerial Conference should be determined after the agenda and main outcome documents for the Conference were identified.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <i>to agree that the EECCA Report be proposed as a Category I document for the Belgrade Conference and treated as a stand-alone publication with its own cover, like the EEA's 4th Assessment Report;</i></li> <li>⇒ <i>to endorse the Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems and to agree to consider at its next meeting which category of document it should be;</i></li> <li>⇒ <i>to agree to recommend that the four other reports identified in this document be recommended as Category II documents</i></li> </ul>
	<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b><i>Lunch Break</i></b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>14:30 – 16:30</b>	<b>Beyond Belgrade:</b>
	14:30 – 15:15	<p><b>(i) Findings of the PPC review: options for the PPC after the Belgrade</b></p> <p>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)7</p>
		<p>During spring/summer 2006 the PPC conducted a major internal review of its work, with a view towards providing recommendations on how the PPC could best support environmental investments in the future, potentially beyond the Belgrade Ministerial Conference. A draft report summarising the findings of this review will be presented by the consultant responsible for drafting the report on behalf of the PPC.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ <i>discuss the findings of the PPC review, as presented in the draft report</i></li> <li>⇒ <i>provide comments or amendments for inclusion in the final version of the report</i></li> <li>⇒ <i>provide recommendations to the PPC on how to take forward the report's recommendations in the run-up to the Belgrade Ministerial Conference</i></li> </ul>
	<b>15:15 – 15:30</b>	<b><i>Coffee/Tea Break</i></b>
	<b>15:30 – 16:30</b>	<p><b>(ii) Priority areas for environmental co-operation with EECCA countries after the Belgrade Ministerial Conference</b></p> <p>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)5</p>
		<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 to note and discuss this document.</i></p>

7.	16:30 – 17:00	<b>Date of the next joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC</b>
		<p>At its last meeting in June, the Bureau agreed to recommend to the EAP Task Force and PPC that they hold their final joint meeting before the Belgrade Ministerial Conference on 15-16 March 2007, immediately after the next meeting of the REPIN and a workshop on future environmental policy and institutional challenges in EECCA countries.</p> <p><i>EAP Task Force/PPC delegates will be invited to agree to hold the next meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC on 15-16 March 2007, immediately after the REPIN meeting and a workshop on future environmental policy and institutional challenges in EECCA countries.</i></p>
8.	17:00 – 17:15	<b>Other Business and Feedback</b>
		<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 4<sup>th</sup> JOINT MEETING  
OF THE EAP TASK FORCE – PPC  
Berlin, 21-22 September 2006**

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>DOCUMENT NO.</i>	<i>AVAILABILITY</i>	
			<i>Eng.</i>	<i>Rus.</i>
1.	Draft annotated agenda	ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2006)1	x	x
2 (i)	Draft Summary record of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> joint meeting of the EAP Task Force and the PPC	ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2005)1	x	x
2 (ii)	PPC report on mobilising finance for environmental investments: 2005-06	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)8	x	x
3 (i)	PPC report on activities during 2005-06 and planned activities and funding needs for 2006-07	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)6	x	x
3 (ii) & 4 (iii)	Progress report on the implementation of the EAP Task Force Programme of work in 2006	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)1	x	x
3 (ii) & 4 (iii)	Draft Programme of work and budget of the EAP Task Force for 2007	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)2	x	x
4 (i) & 5 (ii)	2007 Progress Assessment Report (EECCA Report) – Concept, Process and Structure	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)3	x	x
5 (i)	Proposed PPC reports for the Belgrade Ministerial Conference	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)9	x	x
5 (ii)	EAP Task Force reports for the Belgrade Ministerial Conference	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)4	x	x
5 (ii)	Guiding Principles of Effective Environmental Permitting Systems	ENV/EPOC/EAP/POL(2006)3	x	x
6 (i)	Assistance to Project Preparation Committee Review 2006	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)7	x	x
6 (ii)	The Future of the EAP Task Force after the Belgrade Ministerial Conference	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2006)5	x	x