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9. Adoption of Conclusions and Recommendations.
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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. *Opening of the meeting.*

The Committee will be opened by a senior official from the Government of the Republic of Korea, the host of the fourth session of the SOC. The head of each delegation will be requested to deliver a country statement expressing their expectations with respect to the work to be carried out under the Inter-Governmental Collaborative Mechanism on Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia. A message from the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will also be delivered to welcome the delegates.

2. *Election of Officers.*

A chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a rapporteur will be elected for the session.

3. *Adoption of the Agenda.*

The provisional agenda and programmed will be considered and adopted by the SOC, subject to changes, if any.

4. *Policy Dialogue on the Implementation of the Intergovernmental Collaborative Mechanism on Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia*

Under this agenda item, SOC members from Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation will present major energy policy and programme developments, including energy cooperation programmes and projects on bilateral and multilateral levels and with other energy initiatives, in their countries after the SOC-3 in 2007, and their implications on regional energy cooperation in North-East Asia. They will also be requested to present their expectations and suggestions to improve the implementation of the Collaborative Mechanism. After these presentations, invited resource persons will also share their perspectives to enrich the dialogue among SOC members. The SOC members will then deliberate on possible actions and recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Collaborative Mechanism.

5. *Review of activities of the Working Group on Energy Planning and Policy for 2008.*

*a. Energy Production Potential and Development Plans in North-East Asian Countries.*

Under this agenda item, a report prepared by the Korea Energy Economics Institute (KEEI), the nodal institution of the Working Group on Energy Planning and Policy (WG-EPP), will be considered. Under the leadership of KEEI, the WG-EPP has been conducting a joint study on Energy Production Potential and Development Plans of Countries in North-East Asia in collaboration with energy institutes and energy experts in the subregion. The output of the joint study, which will be implemented for two years (i.e., a focus on upstream production potential in 2008 and a focus on midstream and downstream potential in 2009), will enumerate potential cooperation projects in the oil, gas, coal, electricity and uranium subsectors in four countries, namely China, Mongolia, Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation. The SOC will review, assess and endorse the progress and outcome of the joint study and will deliberate on follow-up activities and actions.

*b. Second North-East Asia Government-Business Dialogue (GBD).*

KEEI will report on the ongoing preparation for the GBD-2, which was postponed and will be combined with subsequent meetings this year (more details in Agenda item 6b). During the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Energy Planning and Policy (WG-EPP), which was held in Irkutsk, Russian

Federation, on 2 and 3 September 2008, participating member countries agreed that GBD-2 will focus on the practical implementation of development and trade cooperation in coal and electricity in North-East Asian countries.

6. *Planned Activities for 2009 and Beyond.*

a. *Plan for Funding Arrangement (including the contribution mechanism) for Cooperation in North-East Asia.*

Member countries will be invited to announce their voluntary contributions to support the sustainable implementation of the Intergovernmental Collaborative Mechanism on Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia as agreed during the third session of the SOC, which was held in Jeju in December 2007.

b. *Five-year Strategy for Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia*

During its sixth meeting, the WG-EPP proposed for the consideration of the SOC to postpone the deliberation and approval of the Five-Year Strategy for Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia to the fifth session of the SOC. ESCAP will present the ongoing process and will propose actions to further develop the draft strategy and seek further guidance from the SOC.

c. *Planned activities of the WG-EPP for 2009*

KEEI will propose a set of activities for 2009 that will continue the existing Mechanism (organization of two working group meetings and one SOC) including the development of Cooperation Projects, organization of the second GBD, and 2009 Joint Study on Energy Potential Production and Development Plans in North-East Asia. KEEI will also present a workplan to implement the second phase of the joint study on Energy Production Potential and Development Plans of Countries in North-East Asia. The focus of the second phase will be midstream and downstream potential. The SOC will deliberate and decide on these possible activities and the schedule for implementation for 2009.

7. *Review of Management Issues*

a. *Terms of Reference of the WG-EPP.*

During the sixth meeting of the WG-EPP, participating member countries recommended some changes to the Working Group's terms of reference (TOR) for the consideration and approval of the SOC.

b. *Communication Strategy of the Collaborative Mechanism*

ESCAP will present a mechanism to promote the activities and outputs of the Working Group in order to increase the visibility of the Collaborative Mechanism as well as to share information among member countries of NEA. A draft, which will include the scope and methods of disseminating the output documents of the Working Group, will be circulated for the comments of member countries prior to the session and for possible adoption by the SOC.

c. *Other issues*

During the sixth meeting of the WG-EPP, other management issues were raised in relation to the implementation of the Collaborative Mechanism. Referring to the provisions of the first session of the SOC in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, on 16-17 November 2005, establishing the Collaborative Mechanism, ESCAP will consolidate other major issues raised during the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting—i.e., participation of other Member States, financing, schedule of 2009 meetings, and institutional arrangement of the Collaborative Mechanism—and propose recommendations to solve these issues. ESCAP will circulate a draft presentation for the comments and suggestions of member countries, and for the consideration and further guidance of the SOC.

8. *Other matters.*

SOC may raise any other matters not covered under the agenda items mentioned above.

9. *Adoption of conclusions and recommendations.*

SOC will adopt its report, which will serve as a record to provide further guidance for the work to be implemented within the framework of the Inter-Governmental Collaborative Mechanism on Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia.

10. *Closing.*

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**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**19 February 2009**

08:30-9:00 Registration

09:00-09:40 **Agenda Item 1: Opening of the session.**

Welcome Address by Mr. Choi, Tae-Hyun, Director, Energy and Resources Policy Division, Ministry of Knowledge Economy, Republic of Korea

Message from Mr. Siva Thampi, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP

Opening Remarks by Government Officials and experts from participating governments (Mongolia, Russian Federation, China)

Introduction of delegates

09:40-09:50 **Agenda Item 2: Election of officers.**

09:50-10:00 **Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the agenda.**

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:30 **Agenda Item 4. Policy Dialogue on the Implementation of the Intergovernmental Collaborative Mechanism on Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia.**

Presentation by experts and resource persons

- China
- Mongolia
- Republic of Korea
- Russian Federation
- Nautilus Institute

Discussion

- 11:30-12:30    **Agenda Item 5. Review of the activities of the Working Group on Energy Planning and Policy (WG-EPP) in 2008.**
- a. Energy Production Potential and Development Plans in North-East Asian Countries.**  
Presentation by KEEI  
Discussion
- 12:30-14:00    Lunch
- 14:00-14:10    **b. Second North-East Asia Government-Business Dialogue.**  
Presentation by KEEI  
Discussion
- 14:10-15:30    **Agenda Item 6. Planned Activities for 2009 and Beyond.**  
14:10-14:30    **a. Plan for Funding Arrangement (including the contribution mechanism) for Cooperation in North-East Asia.**  
Discussion  
14:30-15:00    **b. Five-year Strategy for Energy Cooperation in North-East Asia.**  
Presentation by ESCAP  
Discussion  
15:00-15:30    **c. Planned activities of the WG-EPP for 2009.**  
Presentation by KEEI  
Discussion
- 15:30-16:00    Coffee Break
- 16:00-16:40    **Agenda Item 7. Review of Management Issues.**  
16:00-16:10    **a. Terms of Reference of the WG-EPP.**  
Discussion  
16:10-16:30    **b. Communication Strategy of the Collaborative Mechanism.**  
Presentation by ESCAP  
Discussion  
16:30-16:45    **c. Other Issues.**  
Presentation by ESCAP  
Discussion  
16:45-17:00    **Agenda Item 8. Other matters.**

(End of day 1)

**20 February 2009**

- 09:00-10:30    Drafting Committee  
(To be participated in by at least one representative from each country)
- 10:30-11:30    **Agenda item 9. Adoption of the report.**  
Review the outcome of the discussion
- 11:30-12:00    **Agenda item 10. Closing.**
- (End of meeting)
- 12:30-14:00    Farewell Lunch

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