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Annotated Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

Welcome and opening remarks will be delivered by the representative of the host Government and the head of ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia.

2. Election of officers

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

3. Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda was drawn up by the secretariat in accordance with the practices at the previous sessions and in consultation with the host government. The SOM may wish to adopt the agenda.

4. Policy issues for sustainable development in North-East Asia

The heads of national delegations and representatives of UN and international organizations will be invited to deliver his/her statement on policies, initiatives and proposals in relations to sustainable development in North-East Asia.

5. Review of programme planning and implementation

Documents for the following agenda item will be submitted to member States for the review of progress in developing and implementing activities of NEASPEC.

- a) Nature Conservation in Transboundary Area

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- b) Mitigation of Transboundary Air Pollution from Coal-Fired Power Plants in North-East Asia
 - c) Mitigation of Dust and Sandstorm
 - d) Eco-efficiency Partnership in North-East Asia

The SOM may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance on enhanced and effective implementation of its activities related to key issues under this agenda item through decisions or resolutions.

6. Review of national and subregional activities and processes in preparation of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)

Under this agenda item, the SOM will have presentations and interventions on the following topics by delegations of the member States as well as experts from research institutions, civil society organizations and UN agencies.

- a) Review of the national preparatory process for Rio+20
- b) National policies and subregional activities related to the theme of Rio+20: (a) green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and (b) the institutional framework for sustainable development
- c) Subregional inputs for the regional preparatory process

The detailed programme for this agenda item will be made available upon finalization.

7. Consideration of new NEASPEC project proposals

Member States and the secretariat will be invited to present proposals of new activities. Member States that wish to propose new activities are kindly requested to circulate the proposal to other member States and the secretariat well in advance of the SOM in order to provide sufficient time for review.

8. Review of issues concerning the institutional arrangement of NEASPEC

The 67th ESCAP Commission Session held in May 2011 decided to discontinue the interim nature of ESCAP serving as the NEASPEC secretariat and endorsed the ESCAP Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia as the secretariat.

The SOM may wish to provide the secretariat with guidance on the effective operation of the secretariat and decide on new modalities for further strengthening the role and function of NEASPEC.

9. Review of the Core Fund

The SOM will review the status of the Core Fund and proposed budget plans for new activities and make necessary decisions.

Member States are invited to announce intended cash and in-kind contributions in 2011-2012.

10. Venue, date and provisional agenda of the Seventeenth SOM

The SOM will invite member States to express interests in hosting the next SOM.

11. Other matters

The SOM may raise any matter not covered under the items mentioned above.

12. Adoption of the conclusion and recommendation of the meeting

The Report of the Meeting consists of two major parts, i.e. (i) the conclusion and recommendation, and (ii) the proceedings of the SOM. The first part of the Report will be adopted by the SOM, and the second part will be prepared by the secretariat after meeting and will be circulated to member countries for review and approval.

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