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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda (section I) for the first session of the Committee on Energy and the annotations to the provisional agenda (section II).

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II. Annotations

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening statements

Documentation

Tentative programme (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/INF/3)

Annotation

The tentative programme for the opening of the session will be made available in due course.

(b) Election of officers

Documentation

List of participants (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/INF/2)

Annotation

The Committee will elect a chair and vice-chairs for its session. One of the vice-chairs will also serve as rapporteur.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/L.1/Rev.1)

Annotation

The annotated provisional agenda will be considered and adopted by the Committee, subject to such changes as may be deemed necessary.

2. High-level panel discussion on the theme “Opportunities and challenges of energy system transformation in Asia and the Pacific: how far and how fast can the region go?”

Documentation

Energy scene and trends in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/1)

Promoting regional energy connectivity in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/2)

Progress in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 and other Goals in relation to energy (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/3)

Report to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on progress in the implementation of its resolution 70/9 (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/4)

Annotation

With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, member States have committed to aligning national policies with efforts to attain sustainable development. They are cognizant of the need to support

economic growth to promote poverty eradication, and also recognize some of the challenges in redefining the concept of energy security, whose role is identified as a building block in the development of a resilient society based on cooperation and collaboration. The region is also grappling with the integration within the energy sector of different dimensions of sustainable development with a view to transforming the sector. This transformation requires sustained economic growth that is socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable.

On the occasion of the first session of the Committee on Energy, the secretariat will invite a number of ministers to share their visions and strategies on energy for sustainable development, as well as their expectations with regard to the establishment of the Committee on Energy. Background documents prepared under agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 could form the basis for deliberations.

3. Review of the work of the Committee

Documentation

Review of the work of the Committee (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/5)

Annotation

Paragraph 9 of annex II of resolution 71/1 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission to be fit for the evolving post-2015 development agenda refers to the issues to be addressed by the Committee.

The document contains proposals for structuring the work of the Committee to prioritize issues to be addressed by it, including the links with Sustainable Development Goal 7, to better organize future sessions.

The Committee may wish to consider these issues that have been identified and propose a structure that may best fit its work.

4. Energy scene and trends in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Energy scene and trends in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/1)

Annotation

Following the first Asian and Pacific Energy Forum in 2013, the secretariat developed the web-based Asia Pacific Energy Portal (www.asiapacificenergy.org/), which enables users to access and graphically display energy development trends within the region. Based on the data contained in the portal, the secretariat will provide a document on historical trends of energy reserves, production, consumption and transformation in the region to enable discussion.

The Committee may wish to provide comments and guidance on issues affecting the current energy trends, which should be contained in future documents for further analysis.

5. Promoting energy connectivity in Asia and the Pacific

Documentation

Promoting regional energy connectivity in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/2)

Annotation

In support of Commission resolution 68/10 on enhancing regional economic integration in Asia and the Pacific, the secretariat has conducted a detailed study on regional energy connectivity. The document contains up-to-date information on existing energy connectivity plans as well as potential future direction in promoting regional energy connectivity.

The Committee may wish to consider and endorse the recommendations contained in the document to facilitate enhanced regional energy connectivity for the Asia-Pacific region.

6. Progress in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 and other Goals in relation to energy

Documentation

Progress in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 and other Goals in relation to energy (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/3)

Annotation

Sustainable Development Goal 7 contains three ambitious targets to be met at the global level. The document provides information related to the current progress of the three target areas and identifies some common challenges in aligning national policies with efforts to attain Goal 7. The document also touches upon analysis related to means of implementation such as financing and investment, capacity-building and South-South cooperation in addressing some of the challenges.

The Committee may wish to provide guidance to the secretariat and propose areas for possible regional cooperation to contribute to the attainment of Goal 7.

7. Implementation of the outcomes of the first Asian and Pacific Energy Forum

Documentation

Report to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on progress in the implementation of its resolution 70/9 (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/4)

Annotation

In accordance with Commission resolution 67/2 on promoting regional cooperation for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy in Asia and the Pacific, the first Asian and Pacific Energy Forum was convened at the ministerial level in order to discuss the progress achieved in the region in addressing energy security challenges at the regional, national and household levels, and to facilitate continuous dialogue among member States with a view to enhancing energy security and working towards

sustainable development. The Forum was held from 27 to 30 May 2013 in Vladivostok, Russian Federation.

The Commission subsequently adopted resolution 70/9 on implementation of the outcomes of the first Asian and Pacific Energy Forum, in which it decided to convene the second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum at the ministerial level in 2018 and requested the Executive Secretary to begin the necessary preparatory work in a timely manner. The Commission also requested the Executive Secretary to report to it at its seventy-third session on the progress in implementation of that resolution.

The document provides a status report on progress in the implementation of Commission resolution 70/9.

The Committee may wish to review the document and provide guidance on further reporting to the Commission at its seventy-third session.

8. Consideration of the future focus of the subprogramme

Documentation

Review of implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017 (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/6)

Draft programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019: subprogramme 9 on energy (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/INF/4)

Annotation

Document E/ESCAP/CE(1)/6 summarizes the progress of implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017 and provides a preliminary assessment of the achievements of the biennium under subprogramme 9 on energy. It also highlights key activities planned for 2017 and the biennium 2018-2019.

The Committee is invited to provide the secretariat with guidance on the focus of short- and long-term work in the area of energy, including guidance on any relevant priority issues.

9. Consideration of draft resolutions, recommendations and decisions for submission to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-third session

Under this agenda item, member States may wish to circulate, in advance, proposals and/or texts of draft resolutions on priority issues related to energy for consideration by the Commission at its seventy-third session.

10. Other matters

Documentation

Note verbale dated 9 November 2016 from the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Thailand addressed to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/7)

Annotation

The Government of Kazakhstan requests the Committee to consider the concept note and draft outcome document of the Eighth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development and Energy Ministerial, which will be held in Astana from 11 to 14 June 2017. The Committee may wish to review the document and provide guidance to the secretariat.

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

11. Adoption of the report

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/CE(1)/L.2)

Annotation

The Committee will consider and adopt the report on its first session for submission to the Commission at its seventy-third session.
