Annotated provisional agenda for the sixteenth session

To be held at World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 December 2018*

I. Provisional agenda

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* The Steering Committee will be held at World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters in Geneva (Salle C), located on Avenue Appia. To access WHO premises, delegates must be registered in a list of participants that will be made available at the WHO reception facility at the entrance to the main building. Prior to the session, delegates are requested to report to the entrance of the main building, where they will receive an identification badge and be directed to the meeting room. For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. Documents for the meeting may be downloaded from THE PEP website (thepep.unece.org).

7. Implementing the Paris Declaration:
(a) National transport, health and environment action plans;
(b) THE PEP relay race;
(c) THE PEP Partnerships;
(d) THE PEP Academy;
(e) Exploring new tools for the implementation of the Paris Declaration.

8. Managing THE PEP:
(a) Monitoring progress in the implementation of THE PEP Priority Goals;
(b) Communication strategy;
(c) THE PEP programme of work for 2018-2019;
(d) Financial matters;
(e) Strengthening synergies with other international processes and organizations.

9. Other business.

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II. Annotations

A. THE PEP 2018 Symposium: Working towards Priority Goal 3

1. The PEP 2018 Symposium

At its seventh session (Geneva, 22-23 October 2009), the Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) discussed ways to more actively engage member States and other stakeholders on priority issues for THE PEP and agreed that, beginning with its eighth session, in-depth discussions, or symposiums, would be organized, including speakers from the private sector, academia, government and civil society (ECE/AC.21/SC/2009/8-EUR/09/5088363/8, para. 46). Topics would be in line with the four priority goals adopted by the Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Amsterdam, 22-23 January 2009) and address one goal per year.1 At its fifteenth session (Geneva, 6-8 November 2017), the Steering Committee agreed to continue holding annual symposiums back to back with the Committee’s sessions. At its thirty-second meeting (Geneva, 8 November 2017), THE PEP Bureau decided that the topic for 2018 would be THE PEP Priority Goal 3 “To reduce emissions of transport-related greenhouse gases, air pollutants and noise”.

The Symposium, with the participation of selected speakers would allow the Committee to deepen the debate and to contribute to assessing the progress made leading up to the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment in 2019.

1 Note that a fifth Priority Goal — to integrate transport, health and environmental objectives into urban and spatial planning policies — was added in 2014 through the adoption of the Paris Declaration (ECE/AC.21/2014/2-EUDCE1408105/1.6/4HLM/2, annex). This Goal could
THE PEP 2018 Symposium “Achieving multiple benefits through active mobility: reduced emissions and noise, better environment and improved human health” will be held on Wednesday, 12 December 2018, beginning at 10 a.m. All stakeholders are encouraged to participate actively in the Symposium. The conclusions of the Symposium will be reviewed at the general session of the Steering Committee (see agenda item 5 below). A detailed programme of the Symposium will be available in due course.

Documentation
Concept note for THE PEP 2018 Symposium: (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/3 – EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/3)

B. General session of THE PEP Steering Committee

2. Adoption of the agenda
   The Steering Committee is expected to adopt the agenda of its sixteenth session as prepared by THE PEP secretariat (the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe)) in consultation with the Bureau of the Steering Committee.

Documentation
Provisional agenda (ECE/AC.21/SC/2018/1 - EUPCR1814179/2.1/SC16/1)

3. Election of officers
   The Committee will elect a Chair and one or more Vice-Chairs, as needed. In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Chair will rotate on a yearly basis between representatives of the transport, health and environment sectors. The Chair of the Committee’s sixteenth session should represent the environment sector; the incoming Chair and the outgoing Chair from the health and transport sectors will serve as co-Chairs.

   The Committee will review the composition of its Bureau (see annex) and consider electing new members.

4. Adoption of reports of the Steering Committee on its fifteenth session and reports of the Bureau on its thirty-second and thirty-third meetings
   The Committee will adopt the report of its fifteenth session. It will take note of the reports of the thirty-second (Geneva, 8 November 2017) and thirty-third (Vienna, 10-11 July 2018) meetings of its Bureau, which were held in an extended format, open to all member States.

Documentation
Report of the thirty-third meeting of the Bureau (informal document No)
5. **Outcome of THE PEP 2018 Symposium**

The secretariat will summarize the conclusions from THE PEP 2018 Symposium. The Committee will be invited to consider the results of the Symposium and decide on follow-up actions. The Committee will also discuss the topic of the next Symposium.

6. **Preparation of the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment**

At its fifteenth session, the Committee launched its preparations for the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment to be held on 22-24 October 2019 in Vienna, hosted by the Government of Austria. A summary of the discussion can be found in the report of the fifteenth meeting of the Steering Committee (ECE/AC.21/SC/2017/2–EUPCR1612201/4.4/SC15/2, paragraphs 30-39).

The Steering Committee will review the background documents that highlight the success achieved in the last five years towards the implementation of THE PEP Priority Goals. The Committee might also wish to discuss on future activities that would secure a prominent role for THE PEP in integrating health, environment and transport policies also in processes led by other programmes of the United Nations and member States. Matters to be discussed could include the slogan for the High-level Meeting and the content of the outcome document. The Steering Committee might also wish to review the Priority Goals and decide whether to suggest modifying them and/or adding new goals.

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee decided that the one of the themes of the High-level Meeting could be the connection between THE PEP and the 2030 Agenda. In view of this, the secretariat will present the publication “Making THE (Transport, Health and Environment) link” that has been developed to highlight the links between THE PEP and relevant Sustainable Development Goals and targets, showcasing examples from the work and activities implemented under THE PEP.

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee asked the secretariat to investigate the possibility to conduct a capacity-building activity in Central Asia for strengthening the integration of health and environmental aspects into transport policies. The Committee might wish to review the results of the consultations from the workshop in Almaty as a subregional perspective that can be presented at the High-level Meeting and/or provide input to specific parts of the outcome document.

The Steering Committee might discuss a role for the European Environment and Health Youth Coalition in the High-level Meeting.

The Steering Committee might also wish to discuss options to raise resources to finance the participation of a higher number of representatives of countries with economies in transitions to the High-level Meeting and to meetings organized in preparation for it.

The Steering Committee might also decide, based on a draft calendar of meetings in preparation of the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, when to meet next, in the framework of an extended Bureau meeting, to finalize negotiations on the political outcomes of the Fifth High-level Meeting.

**Documentation**

- Concept note for the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (informal document No.)
- First draft of the Vienna Declaration on Transport, Health and Environment (informal document No.)
The calendar/timetable reflecting preparations towards the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (informal document No.)

Publication on “Making THE (Transport, Health and Environment) link” (informal document No.)

Report from the activity in Central Asia (informal document No.)

7. **Implementing the Paris Declaration**

The Committee will consider progress made in the framework of the four implementation mechanisms of the Paris Declaration (ECE/AC.21/2014/2-EUDCE1408105/1.6/4HLM/2, annex): national transport, health and environment action plans; THE PEP relay race; THE PEP Partnerships; and THE PEP Academy.

(a) **National transport, health and environment action plans**

A national transport, health and environment action plan is a key tool and mechanism for developing sustainable and healthy transport in a country. Such plans call for work across sectors and thus contribute to achieving the goals of THE PEP.

A representative from Serbia will update the Committee on the activities related to the preparation of national action plan on transport, health and environment in Serbia.

Furthermore, the Committee might wish to consider possibilities to assist other member States requiring support in developing national transport, health and environment action plans and to build the capacity of countries to integrate transport, health and environment policies.

**Documentation**


(b) **THE PEP relay race**

THE PEP relay race was relaunched at the Fourth High-level Meeting, held in Paris in 2014, as one of the main mechanisms to implement the Paris Declaration. The relay race, initiated by the Amsterdam Declaration of 2009, is intended to share experience and best practice in sustainable and healthy transport and mobility.

Delegations might hear from relay races workshops held in 2018.

Delegations are invited to discuss opportunities to host future workshops in 2019 and beyond.

**Documentation**

(c) **THE PEP Partnerships**

The PEP Partnerships provide THE PEP with an effective mechanism to support the implementation of the workplan in aspects related to the development of tools and methods as well as to provide technical capacity to support member States in implementing THE PEP at the national level.

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee decided to continue exploring the
potential of green transport for job creation and decided to create a steering group to support the identification of the scope of the third phase of the Partnership. The secretariat and representatives of France and International Labour Organization (ILO) will present a summary of an inaugural meeting of the steering group (Paris, 20 March 2018).

The delegation of Austria will inform the Committee about progress with THE PEP Partnership on cycling, THE PEP Partnership on eco-driving and THE PEP Partnership on TRANS DANUBE.

At its fifteenth session, THE PEP Steering Committee discussed a proposal for a publication on case studies and good practices on integrating transport and land-use planning in cities (THE PEP Goal 5). The secretariat and the Russian Federation will present the project proposal on integrated transport and urban planning.

The secretariat will inform the Committee about revisions to the Health Economic Assessment Tools (HEAT) for walking and cycling. HEAT is a user-friendly on-line tool designed to help urban planners, transport authorities and health practitioners to quantify the economic value of active mobility. The newest version of HEAT (HEAT 4.0) includes new modules on mortality from air pollution, and road traffic injury, along with a module to estimate changes in carbon emissions resulting from modal shifts towards cycling and walking.

The secretariat will present a draft publication on THE PEP Partnerships. The publication is to be part of promotional material for the Fifth Transport, Health and Environment High-level Meeting.

**Documentation**

Draft Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion (Partnership on Cycling) (informal document No)

Concept Note for the project Proposal “Improved knowledge of the UNECE member States on integrated transport and urban development including environmental, health and quality of life perspective” (informal document No)

Draft publication on THE PEP Partnerships (informal document No).

HEAT 4.0 User Manual, edition 2017

**THE PEP Academy**

The Paris Declaration provided for the establishment of a new implementation mechanism, THE PEP Academy. The objective of THE PEP Academy is to link science, policy and practice, and serve as a platform to strengthen capacities for integrated transport, health, environment and spatial planning. It should thereby facilitate the uptake of new knowledge and capitalize on the achievements and experience of THE PEP.

The Committee may wish to discuss the progress and challenges with regard to THE PEP Academy. The secretariat will present the proposed workplan activities for THE PEP Academy in the period 2018-2019.

**Documentation**

Workplan for activities of THE PEP Academy in 2018-2019 (informal document No)
Exploring new tools for the implementation of the Paris Declaration

The secretariat will inform the Committee on progress with the use of the “For Future Inland Transport Systems” (ForFITS) tool and how it has been implemented to date. ForFITS was developed by the ECE Sustainable Transport Division as part of a United Nations Development Account project with the goal of enhancing international cooperation and planning towards sustainable transport policies, facilitating in particular climate change mitigation.

Documentation

Progress with the ForFITS (For Future Inland Transport Systems) carbon dioxide assessment tool (informal document No.)

Managing THE PEP

Monitoring progress in the implementation of THE PEP Priority Goals

At its fifteenth session, the Steering Committee considered the results of the annual survey among the member States on the implementation of THE PEP Priority Goals and agreed to recirculate it in 2018.

The Steering Committee will present the results of the 2018 survey. Delegations may wish to report on projects and activities in their countries that have been or are planned to be undertaken. They are encouraged to report not only on good practices and experience gained, but also on the challenges they face in implementing environment and health-friendly transport policies in their countries. The Steering Committee may wish to discuss a need to identify the challenges and limitations that non-engaged countries face in the process and find ways to address these aspects through THE PEP work programme.

Regional overview of 2018 on the implementation of the Paris Declaration (informal document No.)

Communication strategy

The secretariat will present a list of proposed communication activities for THE PEP in 2019.

The Steering Committee may wish to discuss opportunities for increasing the visibility of THE PEP in view of forthcoming High-level Meeting, while at the same time promoting further involvement of all potential stakeholders.

The member States will be invited to consider and suggest innovative approaches and share good practices that can be applied for dissemination and visibility opportunities for THE PEP and its achievements.

Documentation

Proposed communication activities for 2019 (informal document No.)

THE PEP programme of work for 2018-2019

The Committee is invited to review activities completed in 2018 and to adopt its programme of work for 2018-2019.
**Financial matters**

The secretariat will inform the Committee about the use of funds in 2018 and provide an outlook for planned expenditures in 2019 based on its programme of work. Delegations are expected to pledge contributions, in cash or in kind, to support the implementation of THE PEP activities.

**Strengthening synergies with other international processes and organizations**

The Committee will be informed about collaboration between THE PEP and related international processes with a view to strengthening synergies.

The secretariat will report on the outcome of THE PEP Technical Briefing held at the Sixty-eighth session of the WHO Regional Committee (Rome 17-20 September 2018) and on other occasions when it promoted THE PEP in international processes.

The Committee may wish to discuss ways to promote THE PEP as a model for other regions and to strengthen collaboration with international organizations and processes.

**Other business**

The Committee may wish to consider other issues of interest in the field of transport, health and environment.

**Date and venue of the next session of the Committee and meetings of the Bureau**

An extraordinary session of the Steering Committee is scheduled to take place the day before the High-level Meeting, on 21 October 2019. The seventeenth session of the Steering Committee is tentatively scheduled to take place in 2020 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva: beginning with THE PEP 2020 Symposium and followed by a meeting of the Bureau.

The thirty-fourth meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee of THE PEP is provisionally scheduled to be held in Copenhagen in the summer of 2019, unless differently decided.
### III. Organization of work\(^1\)

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\(^1\) The session will be followed by the thirty-fourth meeting of the Extended Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee on Friday, 14 December, beginning at 3.0 p.m.
Annex

Composition of the Bureau

The current composition of the Bureau is as set out below.

Health sector

• Mr. Mihail Kochubovski (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
• Ms. Vigdis Ronning (Norway)
• Mr. Ion Salaru (Republic of Moldova)

Transport sector

• Mr. Vadim Donchenko (Russian Federation)
• Mr. Julien Fernandez (France)
• Mr. Matthias Rinderknecht (Switzerland)

Environment sector

• Ms. Biljana Filipovic (Serbia)
• Ms. Nino Tkhilava (Georgia)
• Mr. Robert Thaler (Austria)