

Short summary of the meeting of the drafting group (The Hague, 6-7 June 2019)

I. Introduction and participation

1. The Bureau, at its 35th session (Valletta, 2-3 May 2019), decided to convene a second meeting of the drafting group to finalise the documents for the Fifth High-level Meeting.
2. The drafting group met in The Hague, on 6-7 June, at the invitation of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands.
3. Representatives of Austria, Georgia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia and Serbia attended the meeting, which was serviced by THE PEP secretariat.

II. Summary of discussions and decisions

4. The Chair of THE PEP Bureau, representing Austria, presented a suggestion from the host country to postpone the Fifth High-level Meeting to 2020 in consideration of the political situation in the country and of the need for new elections.
5. Furthermore, the Chair suggested that the meeting previously scheduled to take place in Tbilisi as preparatory meeting to the High-level Meeting, be replaced by a regular Bureau meeting. The Bureau would consequently need to:
 - (a) Agree on a new timeline for the preparations for the High-level Meeting; and
 - (b) Prepare the meeting of the Steering Committee, which must be convened in 2019 as the High-level Meeting would not take place. The meeting of the Steering Committee could be organized in Geneva in the week of 21 October.
6. The WHO secretariat offered to host the Bureau meeting in Bonn, Germany, on 1–2 July 2019. Bureau members attending the meeting agreed with the proposal and with the postponement of the High-level Meeting. They also asked the secretariat to contact all Bureau members to confirm their agreement. After that, the secretariat was to send an email to focal points informing them of the changes.

Discussion on the draft documents for the High-level Meeting

Discussions on the annexes to the draft declaration:

7. Annex I: Challenges, opportunities, vision and goals. The group decided to update the annex after a final agreement on the corresponding part in the draft declaration. In parallel, it decided to collect facts and figures related to the challenges identified in the declaration. In addition, it decided that:

(a) The fact and figures could also be used for the planned brochure for the High-level Meeting;

(b) The Bureau member from the Netherlands suggested that scientific journalists be hired to collect information on transport, health and environment in the UNECE region, also involving EEA and OECD. The Netherlands could provide funding;

(c) A preliminary result should be ready by the meeting of the Steering Committee. Infographics could illustrate the findings;

(d) The representative from the Netherlands was to work with the secretariat to prepare a draft layout of the content of the study and present it at the Bureau meeting in July.

8. Annex II: Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion. The drafting group took note that the Partnership on cycling promotion was to work on the revised wording during its meeting on 24 June.

9. Annex III: Policy Recommendations for Eco-Driving. The group agreed with the changes proposed by member States.

10. Annex IV: Conclusions and recommendations of the Handbook on Sustainable Transport and Urban Planning. The group commended the draft received and requested the secretariat to forward its comments to the consultants working on the study. They requested that the new draft be ready for discussion at the Bureau meeting in July.

11. Annex V: Workplan for the period 2019–2024. In view of the postponement of the High-level Meeting, the drafting group suggested re-formulating the workplan for 2020–2025. They also agreed that all the Partnerships should be invited to send to the Bureau their draft workplans, so that elements could be included in the overall workplan for THE PEP.

Discussion on the draft declaration

12. The group discussed the content of the draft declaration and agreed to:

- (a) Have a 2020–2030–2050 timeline for the vision of the declaration;
- (b) Focus the draft declaration on the transition to a new concept of sustainable mobility;
- (c) Re-draft the parts on the:
 - (i) Vision;
 - (ii) Strategy to achieve the vision;
- (d) Change some of the titles of the paragraphs.

12. The drafting group also took note of the deadlines to provide comments on the study on green jobs and on the one on managed mobility. The representatives from Austria

planned to send comments and examples of good practices. They would provide comments on the study on managed mobility, to ensure consistency with the work conducted within the framework of the European Platform for Mobility Management.

Programme for the High-level Meeting

13. The group agreed that the programme for the event would need to be tailored to the number of days for which the meeting facilities would be available. It could also be organized in two full days, with the meeting of the Steering Committee being organized in another venue.

14. Representatives from Austria informed the group about facilities for exhibitions. They informed that:

(a) There will be booths for exhibitions. Each booth will be 4 m² and will have basic equipment such as a desk;

(b) One booth will be specifically for the host country and for the United Nations;

(c) The Partnerships could consider having a booth to display their work.

15. Members of the drafting group decided to send to the secretariat their proposals for speakers for the High-level Meeting, before the Bureau meeting in July.

16. The group also discussed possible side events and drafted criteria for their approval, which needed to be agreed upon by the Bureau. The selected side events should:

(a) Focus on vision of the draft declaration;

(b) Be solutions-oriented

(c) Be related to transport, health and environment

(d) Focus on tangible results, have ambitious solutions and present good practices.

Other business

17. The representative from Georgia informed the group that her authority was considering becoming a member of the partnership on cycling promotion. The group welcomed the information.