Invitation to the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues (TFTEI) – UN-ECE Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP)
Rome, Italy – October 20, 2017

Dear TFTEI Experts,

It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 3rd annual meeting of the Task Force on Techno-Economic Issues TFTEI, technical body of the UN-ECE Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP). The meeting will take place in Rome, Italy, on the 20th of October 2017, at ENEA (Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and the Sustainable Economic Development) Headquarters, located in L.go Tevere Thaon di Revel 76, Rome. As usual, in the last years, the annual meeting is jointly organized by Italy and France, with the French colleagues of CITEPA (Centre Interprofessionnel Technique d'Etudes de la Pollution Atmosphérique) and funds made available by ADEME (Agence de l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Energie, France).

Following the outcome of the discussion within the Working Group on Strategies and Review (WGSR), to whom TFTEI accounts for its activities, and according to the workplan 2016-2017, for the implementation of the Conventions, adopted by the Executive Body of the Convention, the core activities of the Task Force are now oriented toward the Clearing House of Technologies, the cooperation with the EECCA countries, aimed at facilitating their access, adoption and ratification of the last 3 Protocols, including a number of studies and tools related with the most relevant issues (e.g. VOC, Black Carbon etc.) and the enhancement of the relationship with the industry representatives.

The detailed agenda will be delivered later on, along with logistic info. The discussion will address the following main topics:

- Outcome of 54th session of WGSR and the 36th session of the Executive Body – News from the Convention
- Status of progress in the work of the Task Force
- Further developments of the TFTEI Clearing House on Abatement Technologies
- Cooperation with the EECCA Countries
- Presentations from the Industry Sectors, on specific issues
- Cooperation with the EU JRC IPTS Centre in Seville and other technical bodies of the Convention
- Draft workplan 2018-2019 of implementation of LRTAP (TFTEI tasks)

Interpretation Russian/English will be available, to facilitate the participation of the experts from EECCA countries. Financial support to attend the meeting will be provided to a certain number of EECCA experts in the limits of budget available. The EECCA experts interested in attending the TFTEI Annual Meeting are kindly requested to notify their intention to the Chairs, as soon as possible (for financial and VISA support) and also indicate if they would like to deliver a presentation on a specific subject, in line with the area on interest of TFTEI.

The plenary session, will take place on the 20th of October, approximately between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The meeting reserved to the members of the Evaluation Committee of the Clearing House (CHEC) on Abatement Technologies will take place on the afternoon of the 19th, chaired by Emmanuel Fiani from ADEME. Invitation to such meeting will come later on.

Looking forward to seeing you in Rome, best regards

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