



## **Recommendations and Next Steps:**

### **Conference on Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)**

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*The participants of the Conference on Cleaner Fuels and Vehicles for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, as an outcome of discussions during the general working group session on 25 January 2008, recommend that:*

1. Each country in the EECCA region monitor fuel quality at fuel/retail stations, with a specific government body responsible for this and independent auditing to be carried out under government oversight. International transport corridors should be prioritized for fuel quality monitoring.
2. Countries carry out periodic vehicle technical emission inspections (including the environmental parameters) and testing in centralized facilities for all classes of vehicles under oversight of the government. It is important for this to be a high priority step in controlling the emissions of in-use vehicles in every country. Vehicles that fail must be repaired sufficiently to meet standards or otherwise scrapped.
3. When vehicles are imported into a country, the importer must assure the importing country that the vehicle has a functioning catalytic converter.
4. Vehicles over 12 years old are inspected at least every six months.
5. Countries strive to introduce fuel and vehicle requirements together as a corresponding system. As sulphur levels in fuels are reduced to those required for Euro II, III, IV or higher, corresponding new vehicle emission requirements should follow rapidly. Alternately, if new vehicle requirements for Euro II, II, IV, etc. are introduced, fuel parameters meeting those requirements should follow rapidly or simultaneously.
6. In order to receive full information on compliance of fuel with appropriate 'Euro' standards, it is necessary to clearly label the fuels in retail points.
7. Taxation policies and incentives serve to stimulate production, import, and consumption of cleaner fuels.
8. Countries consider sustainable alternative fuels in addition to conventional petrol and diesel fuels in order to reduce emissions.
9. Countries consider and support a transition to sustainable alternative fuels that improve environmental parameters.
10. Countries strengthen the systems for enforcement and compliance of the above.

And propose the following next steps:

1. Each country should consider putting in place a roadmap by which it will adopt cleaner fuels and vehicles within specific timeframes, providing lead time to both the fuel and vehicle industries. The Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (PCFV), whose Clearing-House is hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme, may provide assistance in this process at the national level, as requested.
2. In laying out this roadmap countries may consider the possibility of leapfrogging from early 'Euro' standards right to Euro IV through Euro V.
3. Early introduction of cleaner fuels and vehicles can be encouraged through incentives, which can be part of the roadmap.
4. Participants/national focal points assist in finalizing the national questionnaires on fuels and vehicles and that the Conference organizers ensure that this information is provided to participants.
5. The organizers ensure that all participants receive the Conference information and recommendations to report to their respective governments.
6. The organizers and participants should plan to report on the progress of implementation of clean fuel and vehicle roadmaps during the next EECCA regional event and/or subregional events, as appropriate.
7. The organizers may ask for periodic updates on fuel and vehicle planning and progress from each country, on at least a semi-annual basis.
8. The organizers will develop an informal network through the REC Caucasus office on EECCA fuel and vehicle experts - to include Conference participants and other interested parties.
9. The PCFV will assist countries to disseminate outcomes of meeting at their request and will routinely update EECCA information on the PCFV website ([www.unep.org/pcfV](http://www.unep.org/pcfV)), with additional information on the benefits of clean fuels and vehicles.
10. The PCFV and other international forums are asked to help disseminate outcomes of the EECCA Conference (e.g. the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, the World Health Organization PEP, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization) and to assist in leveraging additional international support for these actions and recommendations.
11. The organizers will assist in collection and dissemination of national level information on liquid biofuels (simple questionnaire on plans, incentives, etc.) to all Conference participants.

*For a full list of EECCA Conference participants, please consult  
<http://www.unep.org/pcfV/regions/CEEregional.asp>*