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Recent developments in Swedish Energy Policy

Commission for Climate Change and Development

The Government has appointed Minister for International Development Cooperation Gunilla Carlsson to lead the new Commission for Climate Change and Development. The Commission is to put greater focus on the links existing between climate change and development in poor countries.

The Commission's task is to present proposals for how development assistance can be 'climate-proofed' by integrating risk reduction and adaptation to climate change in the development and poverty reduction plans of poor countries. It is also to present proposals on how to design development assistance which takes account of climate impact and the risk of natural disaster in the developing countries.

The Commission will include representatives from different parts of the world, areas of expertise and social sectors. The Commission's work is to supplement the processes that are already underway within the context, for example, of the UN, the OECD and the EU. The results will be presented in the spring of 2009. A Secretariat to support the Commission will be established in Stockholm.

Report from the Commission on Climate and Vulnerability

Sweden will be greatly affected by climate change. Adaptation to climate change should start now. This is the conclusion drawn by the Commission on Climate and Vulnerability in its final report, which makes recommendations including increased responsibility for municipalities and county administrative boards and government support for large-scale high-cost initiatives.

The report M2007:60 "Sweden and Climate Change - Threats and Opportunities" will be translated into English and published in December 2007.

For further information and access to the report please visit the website <http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb/d/8202/a/89524>

China and Sweden to cooperate on sustainable energy

Minister for Enterprise and Energy Maud Olofsson and Chen Deming, Vice-Chairman and Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) agreed in October on deeper cooperation between China and Sweden on

renewable energy. China and Sweden share the opinion that the development of sustainable energy systems and clean energy technologies is necessary to deal with climate change. Cooperation will benefit both countries while also playing a role in global climate issues.

District heating referred to the Council on Legislation

On 15 November the Swedish Government referred a proposed district heating legislation for consideration to the Council on Legislation.

Publication “Energy in Sweden – Facts and figures 2007”

The statistics and figure part of the publication *Energy in Sweden 2007* is now available at the website <http://www.energimyndigheten.se> under Publications.

The full publication will be available at the same web address at the turn of the year.