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#### Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

##### Sixth meeting

The Hague, 8–10 November 2010

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth meeting

To be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, on Monday,  
8 November 2010, starting at 10 a.m.<sup>1</sup>

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda:
2. Representation and credentials.
3. Report of the Bureau on the activities under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents since the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
4. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
5. Implementation of the Convention:
  - (a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and the fifth report on the Convention's implementation;
  - (b) Election of members of the Working Group on Implementation for 2011–2012.

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<sup>1</sup> Delegates attending the meeting are requested to complete the registration form available on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website (<http://www.unece.org/env/teia/welcome.html>) and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than three weeks before the meeting by e-mail ([teia.conv@unece.org](mailto:teia.conv@unece.org)).

6. Long-term strategy for the Convention.
7. Assistance Programme:
  - (a) Progress report on the activities carried out within the Programme's preparatory and implementation phases;
  - (b) Indicators and criteria for the Strategic Approach for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme.
8. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification System.
9. Prevention of accidental water pollution:
  - (a) Technical workshop on joint management of transboundary emergencies involving international waterways;
  - (b) Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents;
  - (c) Activities related to the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters.
10. Plan of action under the Convention:
  - (a) Resources in 2009–2010;
  - (b) Workplan and resources in 2011–2012.
11. Date and venue of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
12. Other business.
13. Review of decisions.
14. Final statements and closing of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Chair of the Conference of the Parties will open the sixth meeting.

Representatives of the Netherlands, the host country, and of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) will be invited to make opening statements.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the agenda for its sixth meeting as set out in the present document.

### **2. Representation and credentials**

The Conference of the Parties will be informed about the current status of ratification of the Convention.

The Chair will report to the Conference on the representation at its sixth meeting and the credentials submitted by the representatives of the Parties.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take a decision on the credentials of representatives participating in the meeting.

Parties to the Convention are therefore invited to inform the secretariat of the name(s) of their representative(s) at their earliest convenience, and to submit the credentials to the secretariat before the opening of the meeting.

#### **Background document**

Ratification status of the Convention and the List of Signatories and Parties to the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/1)

### **3. Report of the Bureau on the activities under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents since the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

The Chair will report on the activities of the outgoing Bureau in 2009–2010.

#### **Document for adoption/endorsement**

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/2)

#### **Background documents**

##### *Informal documents*

Minutes of the Bureau (seventeenth meeting) (COPB35)

Minutes of the joint meetings of the Bureau (respectively, the sixteenth, fifteenth and fourteenth meetings) (COPB33, 31 and 29) and the Working Group on Implementation (respectively the twelfth, eleventh and tenth meetings) (WGI24, 22 and 20)

### **4. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties**

In accordance with its rules of procedure (ECE/CP.TEIA/3), as amended at the fourth meeting ((ECE/CP.TEIA/15, Part I, paras. 12–13), the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs as its officers. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to elect up to seven other members of the Bureau from among the representatives of the Parties and/or representatives of other UNECE member countries present at the meeting.

At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Mr. Chris Dijkens (Netherlands) as Chair; Mr. Cristiano Piacente (Italy) and Mr. Bernard Gay (Switzerland) as Vice-Chairs; and Ms. Irma Gurguliani (Georgia), Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany), Ms. Cathy Bieth (France), Mr. Altynbek Yegizbaev (Kazakhstan), Ms. Suzana Milutinovic (Serbia), Ms. Jasmina Karba (Slovenia) and Mr. Tobias Biermann (European Commission) as Bureau members. In accordance with the rules of procedure, all those elected are eligible for re-election.

### **5. Implementation of the Convention**

The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, established the Working Group on Implementation (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex III, decision 2000/2) to monitor implementation

of the Convention, prepare reports on the Convention's implementation, and draw conclusions and make recommendations.

The Conference of the Parties may wish to take decisions related to implementation of the Convention, taking into account the outcome of the discussion under this item.

### **Document for adoption**

Fifth report on the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/3)

### **Background documents**

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/2)

### *Informal documents*

Minutes of the Working Group on Implementation (thirteenth meeting) (WGI26)

Minutes of the joint meetings of the Bureau (respectively, the sixteenth, fifteenth and fourteenth meetings) (COPB33, 31 and 29) and the Working Group on Implementation (respectively the twelfth, eleventh and tenth meetings) (WGI24, 22 and 20)

### **(a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and the fifth report on the Convention's implementation**

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will report on the work of the Working Group in the period since the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including the elaboration of the new format for reporting.

The Chair of the Working Group will inform the Conference of the Parties on the status of reporting on the implementation of the Convention by Parties and other UNECE member countries within the fifth round of reporting. He will then introduce the fifth report on the implementation of the Convention, including its conclusions and recommendations, prepared by the Working Group on the basis of the national implementation reports received from Parties and other UNECE member countries.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss and evaluate the process of reporting on implementation, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group.

Parties and/or countries which expressed commitment to reporting but which did not report on the implementation of the Convention will have an opportunity to explain their failure to comply with the reporting obligations or commitments.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the fifth report on implementation of the Convention as contained in document ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/3.

### **(b) Election of members of the Working Group on Implementation for 2011–2012**

According to the terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex III, decision 2000/2, appendix), the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect up to 10 members of the Working Group from among the candidates nominated by Parties, for a term to last until its next meeting.

At its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan (Armenia), Mr. Vadim Lozhechko (Belarus), Mr. Hrvoje Buljan (Croatia), Mr. Pavel Forint (Czech Republic), Mr. Massimo Cozzone (Italy), Mr. Francisc Senzaconi (Romania), Mr. Gunnar Hem (Norway) Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova), Mr. Tomas Trcka (Slovakia) and Ms. Sandra Ashcroft (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern

Ireland) as members of the Working Group on Implementation. In accordance with the terms of reference, the members of the Working Group are eligible for re-election.

## **6. Long-term strategy for the Convention**

At its fifth meeting the Conference of the Parties requested its Bureau to review the long-term programme of work for the Convention.

The outgoing Chair will present a long-term strategy for the Convention, which was elaborated in the process of review of the long-term programme of work. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the long-term strategy for the Convention.

### **Document for adoption**

Long-term strategy for the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/4)

## **7. Assistance Programme**

The Conference of the Parties adopted and launched at its third meeting (Budapest, 27–30 October 2004) the internationally supported Assistance Programme to assist the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe in strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties, after having discussed sub-items (a) and (b) may wish to take decisions related to the Assistance Programme.

### **Documents for adoption/endorsement**

Progress report on the Assistance Programme for 2009–2010 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/5)

Benchmarks for implementing the Convention (ECE/CP.TEA/2010/6)

### **Background documents**

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/2)

#### *Informal documents*

Report of the training session on integrated approaches to major hazard prevention

Report on the project on joint management of transboundary emergencies of spills of hazardous substances into the Danube River

Report on the training session for the evaluation of safety reports

Report on the national training session on identification of hazardous activities for the Republic of Moldova

Report on the national training session on identification of hazardous activities for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Report on the awareness-raising mission to Albania

Report on the awareness-raising mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

(a) **Progress report on the activities carried out within the Programme's preparatory and implementation phases**

The secretariat, on behalf of the outgoing Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, will report on the outcome of the key assistance activities organized for eligible countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe within the implementation phase of the Programme, as well as on the awareness-raising missions and other events which took place within the preparatory phase after the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Countries beneficiaries of the Assistance Programme will report on their progress in strengthening the implementation of the Convention and/or on important assistance projects.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the progress report on the Assistance Programme.

(b) **Indicators and criteria for the Strategic Approach for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme**

The Chair of the task force on indicators and criteria, established jointly by the outgoing Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, will present the guidelines on benchmarks for implementing the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the document and subsequently to adopt it.

## **8. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification System**

The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, established the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification (IAN) System (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex II, decision 2000/1) to enable UNECE member countries to notify each other in case of an industrial accident.

The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, also decided that the points of contact designated for the purpose of accident notification and mutual assistance within the UNECE IAN System should review the System regularly to monitor its operability and effectiveness (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex I, decision 2000/1, para. 5).

A report on the outcome of the fourth consultation for the points of contact for the purpose of accident notification and mutual assistance designated within the IAN System, held from 25 to 26 March 2010 in Zagreb will be presented at the meeting.

The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the outcome of the fourth consultation, and endorse the arrangements made for further tests on and exercises using the IAN System.

### **Background documents**

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/2)

Report of the fourth consultation for points of contact (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/7)

## **9. Prevention of accidental water pollution**

The Bureau decided to hold a workshop on addressing the issue of prevention of accidental water pollution to identify the needs of Parties in this area of work.

A Joint Expert Group has been established under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) to cooperate on issues related to accidental water pollution.

The Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters was negotiated under the Industrial Accidents and Water Conventions. The Protocol was signed in Kyiv in 2003, but has not yet entered into force.

The Conference of the Parties, after having discussed sub-items (a), (b) and (c) may wish to take decisions related to the prevention of accidental water pollution.

### **Background documents**

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/2)

Report of the workshop on joint management of transboundary emergencies involving international waterways (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/8)

### *Informal documents*

Strategy for the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

#### **(a) Technical workshop on joint management of transboundary emergencies involving international waterways**

Representatives of Germany and Poland will report on the outcome of the workshop on joint management of transboundary emergencies involving international waterways (Slubice, Poland, 8–10 September 2009) and inform participants about the workshop's recommendation to elaborate a sound methodology for building an effective crisis management system.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the outcome of the workshop.

#### **(b) Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents**

During the period 2009–2010 a strategy for the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents was elaborated by the Bureaux to both Conventions. The Industrial Accidents Convention Bureau adopted the strategy, which was also adopted by relevant bodies of the Water Convention.

The Bureaux to both Conventions have been in discussion on a priority task to be assigned to the Joint Expert Group in accordance with the strategy adopted. An oral report on this discussion will be presented, including also the outcome of the meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 7–9 July 2010) and steps undertaken by both Bureaux in follow-up to that meeting.

#### **(c) Activities related to the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters**

An oral report will be presented on the consultations with the Bureau to the Water Convention with regard to the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters and possible developments under the Protocol, including information on related outcomes of the meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management.

## **10. Plan of action under the Convention**

The Conference of the Parties, in accordance with its terms of reference, will take a decision regarding its workplan and resources allocated under the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties is invited to decide on the workplan and resources under the Convention for 2011–2011, taking into account the outcome of the discussions under sub-items (a) and (b).

### **Documents for adoption/endorsement**

Use of financial resources in 2009–2010 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/9)

Workplan and resources for 2011–2012 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/10)

#### **(a) Resources in 2009–2010**

The secretariat will report on the use of financial resources under the Convention in 2009–2010 on the basis of a note (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/9), which the Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse.

#### **(b) Workplan and resources for 2011–2012**

The Conference of the Parties is invited to decide on the elements of the workplan for 2011–2012 on the basis of a proposal made by the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/10). In doing so, the Conference of the Parties may also wish to take into account the discussions and decisions with regard to the previous agenda items and in particular the long-term strategy (item 6).

The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to decide on relevant funding arrangements under the Convention and the budget for the implementation of the workplan for 2011–2012 on the basis of the Bureau's proposal.

The Conference of the Parties may also wish to make arrangements to support the participation of experts from countries with economies in transition in the meetings held under its auspices and in the activities within the Assistance Programme. The Conference of the Parties will therefore be invited to decide on criteria for such support, taking into account the Bureau's proposal.

## **11. Date and venue of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

The Conference of the Parties is invited to take a unanimous decision to hold its seventh ordinary meeting in 2012. Delegations are encouraged to offer to host the seventh meeting, so that the Conference of the Parties can decide on its next venue.

## **12. Other business**

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item.

## **13. Review of decisions**

The Chair will review all the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting. The Conference of the Parties is invited to entrust the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its sixth meeting.



**14. Final statements and closing of the meeting**

The Chair and a representative of UNECE will be invited to make final statements. The Chair will then officially close the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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