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##### **Plan of action under the Convention: workplan and resources in 2011–2012**

#### **Draft workplan and resources for 2011–2012**

1. This document sets out the proposed activities under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents for 2011–2012 and the resource requirements to implement them. The proposal is being submitted by the Bureau upon the request of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/19, para 78 (l)) for its consideration and subsequent adoption.
2. The workplan includes activities per the priority areas identified under the Convention which the Bureau considers necessary in order to maintain the high relevance of the Convention for enhancing industrial safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region.
3. The workplan foresees that the Conference of the Parties (CoP) would maintain the “Guiding principles for financial assistance to support the participation of experts and representatives from countries with economies in transition in meetings organized within the framework of the Conference of the Parties and in the activities under the Assistance Programme”, as adopted at the fifth meeting of the CoP (ECE/CP.TEIA/19, annex III).
4. The implementation of the activities in the workplan requires not only regular budget (RB) but also extrabudgetary (XB) resources. Therefore Parties, other UNECE member countries and other stakeholders are invited to support the Convention’s activities in 2011–2012 by contributing to the Convention’s trust fund, by financing activities directly and/or by making in-kind contributions. Parties are also invited to take the lead in supporting the specific activities substantially. The final workplan will contain the names of leading and supporting countries.
5. The management of the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division of UNECE is taking steps to establish a second Professional RB post to service the Convention. Member States, in particular, the Parties to the Convention, are invited to support this effort. Nevertheless, this post will not be available before 2013 at the earliest.

Table 1  
**Workplan and resources for 2011–2012**

Area	Activities, lead/supporting countries	XB financial resources	RB/XB human resources in work- months of Professional [P] and General Service [G] secretariat staff	
		US\$	P	G
<b>I. Core activities of the Convention</b>				
Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders	Targeted communication (newsletter, press-release, leaflet, website, participation in forums)	15 000		
	<i>Support</i> [ ]			
	Working visits and high-level meetings to Parties	9 000		
	<i>Support</i> [ ]			
	Working visits to other stakeholders	6 000		
	<i>Support</i> [ ]			
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>30 000</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>
Exchange of information	Workshop on sharing good practices for improving costs-effectiveness for major accident prevention policies	50 000		
	<i>Lead/supporting countries</i> [ ]			
	Workshop on sharing good practices for increasing public involvement in national work on industrial safety	50 000		
	<i>Lead/supporting countries</i> [ ]			
	Exchange of experience in preparedness and response	15 000		
	<i>Lead/supporting countries</i> [ ]			
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>115 000</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>3.25</b>
Strategic partnerships	Workshop with the Water Convention to discuss the progress achieved in prevention of accidental water pollution 25 years after the Schweizerhalle accident	50 000		
	<i>Lead/supporting countries</i> [ ]			
	Meeting with partner organizations to coordinate joint activities	20 000		
	<i>Lead/supporting countries</i> [ ]			
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>70 000</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>2.25</b>
Financing	Meetings to establish financing mechanism	10 000		
	<i>Support</i> [ ]			
	Donor meetings	10 000		
	<i>Support</i> [ ]			
	Bilateral visits	15 000		
	<i>Support</i> [ ]			
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>35 000</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.50</b>

Area	Activities, lead/supporting countries	XB	RB/XB human resources in work-	
		financial resources	months of Professional [P] and General Service [G] secretariat staff	
		US\$	P	G
Other activities	Seventh meeting of the CoP	80 000		
	Support [ ]			
	Meetings of the Bureau	75 000		
	Support [ ]			
	Meetings of the Working Group on Implementation	25 000		
	Support [ ]			
	Meetings to review the progress achieved within the Assistance Programme	60 000		
	Support [ ]			
	Consultation for Points of Contact to review of effectiveness of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Notification System	50 000		
	Support [ ]			
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>290 000</b>	<b>19.50</b>	<b>10.00</b>
	<b>Subtotal Section I</b>	<b>540 000</b>	<b>37.50</b>	<b>19.00</b>
<b>II. Assistance activities of the Convention</b>				
Assistance Programme	Project on improvement of the legal basis for Georgia	40 000		
	On-site inspections for Croatia, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	90 000		
	Workshop on indicators and criteria for Assistance Programme beneficiary countries	100 000		
	Danube Delta project involving Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Romania	300 000		
	Other projects as approved by the Bureau and Working Group on Implementation, subject to availability of human resources	150 000		
	Two advisory missions	20 000		
	<b>Subtotal Section II</b>	<b>700 000</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>
<b>III. Other secretariat activities</b>		–	<b>4.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Total activities (Sections I+II+III)</b>		<b>1 240 000</b>	<b>62.50</b>	<b>28.00</b>

*Note:* One post (P or G) translates into 21 work-months per biennium. Therefore, in terms of human resources, the implementation of the workplan, apart from one P-3 RB post, requires two additional posts (P-4 and P-2) financed from XB resources. The estimated financial requirements for the two posts amount to US\$ 640,000 per biennium. In addition, one third of a General Service post, amounting to US\$ 70,000 per biennium, is also required.

Table 2  
**Total resources for 2011–2012**

<i>Items/Activities</i>	<i>Amounts in US\$</i>
Core activities of the Convention	540 000
Assistance activities of the Convention	700 000
Staff:	
RB, Professional	(provided by United Nations RB)
RB, General Service	(provided by United Nations RB)
XB, Professional	400 000
XB, Professional (Assistance Programme)	240 000
XB, General Service (Assistance Programme)	70 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 950 000</b>