
Economic Commission for Europe**Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Transboundary
Effects of Industrial Accidents****Bureau****Twenty-second meeting**
Stockholm, 27–28 June 2012**Annotated provisional agenda****To be held in the Lindgrenrummet Room, Münchenbryggeriet Event &
Konferens (The Brewery Conference Centre), Torkel Knutssonsgatan 2,
Stockholm, starting at 10 a.m. on 27 June 2012*****I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Financing.
3. Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Report of the Bureau;
 - (b) Sixth report on the implementation of the Convention;
 - (c) Sustainable financial system;
 - (d) Progress report on the Assistance Programme;
 - (e) Recommendations from workshops and seminars in 2011 and 2012;
 - (f) Use of financial resources;
 - (g) Priorities, workplan and resources under the Convention for 2013–2014;
 - (h) Implementation of the decision of the Conference of the Parties concerning the Protocol on Civil Liability;
 - (i) Possible amendments to the text of the Convention.
4. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders.
5. Exchange of information.
6. Strategic partnerships.
7. Assistance activities under the Convention.
8. Other activities and meetings.

* Members of the Bureau are requested to confirm their participation to the host country and the Convention secretariat, at the latest two weeks prior to the meeting.

9. Other business.
10. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chair. The Bureau will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

2. Financing

2. The secretariat will report on contributions to and expenditure from the Convention's trust fund, and will present a draft paper on the use of financial resources in the format agreed by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the document.
3. The secretariat will report on any progress in organizing a meeting with the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation in Geneva regarding possible funding of activities, for example those linked with adequate and proper application of the Convention's indicators and criteria by the Assistance Programme beneficiary countries.
4. The secretariat will report on progress with the recruitment of an additional extrabudgetary staff member.
5. The Bureau is expected to examine how to ensure additional funding in order to build a financial reserve for implementation of the 2013–2014 workplan.

3. Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

6. The focal point in the host country, Sweden, will be invited to provide an update on the practical arrangements for the holding of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Stockholm. She and the secretariat are expected to report also on the negotiation of the host country agreement for the meeting. The Bureau is expected to discuss the financing of the participation of delegates from Parties with economies in transition following a contribution by Switzerland for this purpose.
7. A representative of Sweden will be invited to describe a proposed event on the rendering of support to the local level from national authorities in preparedness and response, including how it would be organized within the framework of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, what would be its goals and what would be expected of the Bureau. The Bureau will then be invited to decide on arrangements for an -event to be held during the meeting. The Bureau will also examine the possible holding of a multi-stakeholders event to discuss synergies in industrial safety that might be organized back to back with the meeting. In addition, the Bureau is expected to agree on how to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Convention during the meeting, including by the issue of a publication, following its earlier decision to include the anniversary in the meeting agenda.
8. The secretariat will also report on its contact with the Water Convention secretariat and Finland to explore possibilities for organizing a joint event for celebration of the anniversary of both Conventions in Helsinki, where they were both adopted in 1992.
9. The Bureau is expected to discuss and eventually agree on a proposal for the composition of the Bureau and of the Working Group on Implementation.

10. The secretariat will present an overview of the expected official documentation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties, comprising:

- Provisional agenda
- Ratification status
- Report of the Bureau
- Sixth report on the implementation of the Convention
- Sustainable financial system
- Progress report on the Assistance Programme
- Recommendations from workshops and seminars in 2011 and 2012
- Use of financial resources
- Priorities, workplan and resources under the Convention for 2013–2014
- Implementation of the decision of the Conference of the Parties concerning the Protocol on Civil Liability
- Possible amendments to the text of the Convention

11. The Bureau is expected to review and agree on the preparation of the above-listed documents, as outlined below:

(a) Report of the Bureau

12. The Bureau is expected to discuss the elements to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties on the Bureau's work during the biennium 2011–2012, as well as the key messages to convey. The Bureau is also expected to decide on whether to continue its previous practice of backing up its written report to the Conference with a presentation by the Chair. The Bureau might also consider including in annex to its report draft text on possible decisions to be taken by the Conference.

13. In this regard, the secretariat will report on the results to date of discussions by electronic mail between representatives of points of contact on the effectiveness of the Industrial Accident Notification System and on its future, as well as reporting on the carrying out of tests and analytical exercises. The secretariat will present any recommendations in this regard. The Bureau is expected to decide upon further steps regarding the future of the System in the light of the discussions at the previous meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/22, part VIII).

(b) Sixth report on the implementation of the Convention

14. The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will inform the Bureau on the status of reporting within the 2010–2011 reporting round on the implementation of the Convention, and on progress in the preparation of the sixth report on implementation to the Conference of the Parties. He will also present the report's conclusions and recommendations.

15. The Bureau might discuss further action necessary to ensure full compliance with the Convention's requirement to report. The Bureau might also review whether national reports might be made available to the public in the light of the obligations that most Parties have under the Aarhus Convention.¹

¹ Monaco, the Russian Federation and Switzerland are Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention but not the Aarhus Convention. The Russian Federation and Switzerland are in the process of,

16. The Bureau might wish to advise on the presentation to the Conference of the report on implementation, and on conclusions and recommendations that should be emphasized. The Bureau is then expected to identify possible decisions regarding implementation of the Convention as well as possible related workplan activities.

(c) Sustainable financial system

17. The Bureau will discuss the draft document on the sustainable financial system, as well as any comments received from competent authorities if the document would by then have been circulated for consultation. The Bureau is expected to decide on the finalization of the document for submission to the Conference of the Parties.

(d) Progress report on the Assistance Programme

18. The Bureau is expected to decide on how to report progress under the Assistance Programme in the biennium 2011–2012, including whether to continue the previous practice of a presentation by the secretariat of the report highlights, and to identify key messages to convey. The Bureau might also examine what progress has been made under the Programme. The Bureau members representing the beneficiary countries might be invited to present their perspective on the Assistance Programme activities, including their progress in strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

(e) Recommendations from workshops and seminars in 2011 and 2012

19. The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will present a paper clustering the recommendations from three workshops and seminars held in 2011 and 2012: addressing the area of industrial safety and land use planning (The Hague); on cost-effectiveness for major accident prevention (Warsaw); and on the occasion of the 25 years anniversary of the Sandoz accident (Bonn, Germany). He will also describe the Working Group's suggestions for specific activities to be considered for inclusion in the 2013–2014 workplan also taking into account the initiatives of partner organizations. In addition, the Chair of the Bureau is expected to report on his consultation of the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention on the recommendations in the area of prevention of accidental water pollution.

20. The Bureau is expected to take this information into account in its later discussion on the workplan.

(f) Use of financial resources

21. The document on the use of financial resources will have been addressed under agenda item 2.

(g) Priorities, workplan and resources under the Convention for 2013–2014

22. The secretariat will present an outline document for the next workplan, structured according to the long-term strategy. The Bureau will be invited to elaborate a draft workplan, indicating priorities and resources, taking into account the information provided by the secretariat on financial and staff resources as well as the on-going activities, the recommendations in the sixth report on implementation, the clustering of workshop recommendations, the action plans of beneficiary countries and possible synergies with the workplans of other ECE multilateral environmental agreements.

respectively, acceding to and ratifying the Aarhus Convention.

(h) Implementation of the decision of the Conference of the Parties concerning the Protocol on Civil Liability

23. The secretariat will present a proposal on the implementation of the second of the three steps in the approach adopted by the Conference of the Parties to help countries with economies in transition to ratify the Civil Liability Protocol. The Bureau is expected to decide upon further action.

(i) Possible amendments to the text of the Convention

24. The secretariat will present a one-page discussion paper outlining possible amendments to the Convention (except annex I) and providing justification. The Bureau is expected to decide on proposals to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties, including the reactivation of the Working Group on Development to revise annex I in line with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and possibly to address other possible amendments.

4. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders

25. Members of the Bureau and the secretariat will be invited to report on activities to promote the Convention and its mechanisms for improving industrial safety.

5. Exchange of information

26. The secretariat is expected to report on its circulation to all focal points for the Convention of the notes with information on the rationale, objectives and scope for two activities initially planned for 2012 that had yet to attract proposals for lead countries: a workshop on sharing good practices for increasing public involvement in national work on industrial safety; and a workshop on the exchange of experience in preparedness and response.

6. Strategic partnerships

27. The task force on strategic partnerships and financing, and the secretariat, will be invited to report on steps undertaken to progress the establishment of partnerships with the organizations identified as priority partners, and on proposals for specific activities with partner organizations to be included in the Convention's workplan for 2013–2014.

28. In particular, the Chair and the secretariat will report on a meeting of Directors of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Environment Division and the European Commission (EC) Environment Directorate-General, held in Brussels on 26 March 2012. The Chair and the secretariat will report on their participation in the workshop on management of Natech accidents,² organized by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in May 2012. The Bureau might discuss further cooperation with OECD and the European Process Safety Centre.

29. The secretariat will report on progress with the development of an on-line training course on prevention, preparedness and response to industrial accidents, being undertaken jointly with the Joint Environment Unit, a collaborative effort between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and UNEP's Sustainable Production Branch.

² Accidents initiated by a natural hazard or disaster that result in the release of hazardous materials.

30. The Chair will brief the Bureau on the outcome of the 16 April 2012 meeting between chairs of the five ECE environmental conventions and the Chair of the Committee on Environmental Policy, and on his presentation to the Committee on the following day.

7. Assistance activities of the Convention

31. A representative of the core group established to, *inter alia*, evaluate the self-assessments provided by beneficiary countries under the Assistance Programme will be invited to report on the group's activities. In particular, the group is expected to inform the Bureau of the number and quality of the self-assessments and action plans received. The secretariat will present a template for project proposals under the Assistance Programme.

32. The Bureau members representing the beneficiary countries, other involved Bureau members and the secretariat, will be invited to report briefly on the developments with regard to the on-going or upcoming assistance activities, including: the Danube Delta project; the project on safety evaluation in the Balkans; and the project on safety of tailing management facilities.

8. Other activities and meetings

33. The Bureau is expected to review progress with the development of guidelines for crisis management on transboundary waters, following a report by the secretariat.

34. The Chair is expected to report on correspondence with the Chair of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on issues of industrial safety and land-use planning.

35. The Bureau is expected to consider a report provided by the member of the Working Group on Implementation from the Republic of Moldova on her participation in a workshop organized under the project on the Cross-border Exposure characterisation for Risk Assessment in Chemical Incidents (CERACI).

9. Other business

36. Members of the Bureau wishing to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

10. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting

37. The Bureau is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting and to confirm the date and location of its next session, expected to be held in Stockholm on 13 November 2012, before the Chair formally closes the session.
