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**CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY
EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

Second meeting, 6-8 November 2002
(Item 5 (c) and (d) of the provisional agenda)

**DRAFT DECISION
ON STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

Prepared by the Working Group on Implementation and endorsed
by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the provisions of articles 18 and 23 of the UNECE Convention on the
Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents,

Recognizing that seventeen Parties and two other UNECE member countries reported
on the implementation of the Convention according to its decision 2000/2,

Acknowledging the work done by the Working Group on Implementation to facilitate
the review of the implementation of the Convention, including the analysis of the responses from
the different countries and the compilation of the "First report on the implementation of the
Convention",

1. Endorses the "First report on the implementation of the Convention" as prepared
and submitted by the Working Group on Implementation (CP.TEIA/2002/9);

2. Invites the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, with the support of the Chairperson of the Conference of the Parties, to contact the Governments of those Parties that have not submitted a report, i.e. Albania, Denmark, Greece, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco and Spain, in order to ensure that they comply with their reporting obligations under the Convention in the future;

3. Encourages in particular the member States of the European Union and the EU applicant countries that are not yet Parties to ratify or accede to the Convention and to implement it as soon as possible, as compliance with the “Seveso II” Directive in practice also implies compliance with the Convention;

4. Requests all Parties to assign the highest priority to the identification, and notification to all potentially affected Parties, of the hazardous activities within their jurisdiction as a starting point for effective cooperation between neighbouring Parties;

5. Entrusts:

(a) The Working Group on Implementation with the preparation of a document to address the difficulties in identifying hazardous activities, e.g. in collecting data on hazardous substances at hazardous activities, applying annex I to the Convention, and interpreting the location criteria contained in the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex IV, appendix);

(b) The Bureau, together with the Working Group on Implementation, to prepare a workshop addressing the difficulties in implementing the Convention highlighted in the “First report on the implementation of the Convention”, in particular in: (i) identifying hazardous activities, (ii) notifying neighbouring Parties, (iii) establishing bilateral cooperation, and (iv) informing the public and enabling it to participate as required by the Convention;

(c) The Working Group on Implementation to amend the reporting format to be used for the next period of reporting by clarifying certain questions;

(d) The Convention’s secretariat to coordinate a test of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System and to organize a consultation among the points of contact within its framework;

6. Elects, on the basis of nominations by the Parties, the following persons to serve as members of the Working Group on Implementation until the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties: