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**CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND USE
OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERCOURSES AND
INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

**CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS
OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability

Second meeting,
Geneva, 4-6 February 2002 (6 February a.m. only)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND MEETING */

to be held at the Palais des Nations
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 February 2002

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.

*/ This document has not been formally edited.

3. Adoption of the report of the first meeting (MP.WAT/AC.3/2001/2 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2001/2).
4. Election of officers.
5. Further preparation of a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of both Conventions.
6. Date and venue of future meetings of the Working Group.
7. Other business.
8. Closing of the meeting.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Intergovernmental Working Group to draw up a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of the UNECE Conventions on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) was established by the Parties to both Conventions at their joint special session at Geneva on 2-3 July 2001 (ECE/MP.WAT/7 - ECE/CP.TEIA/5). Its first meeting took place at Geneva on 21-23 November 2001 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2001/2 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2001/2).

Documents of the joint special session and the Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability can be downloaded from the Conventions web sites at:
www.unece.org/env/teia by selecting "civil liability".

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The second meeting will be opened by the Chairperson of the Working Group, Mrs. Phani DASKALOPOULU-LIVADA (Greece). A representative of the secretariat will address the Working Group.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

The Working Group is expected to adopt the agenda for its second meeting as set out in the present document.

Item 3: Adoption of the report of the first meeting

The Working Group will adopt the report of its first meeting (MP.WAT/AC.3/2001/2 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2001/2), prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson and the rapporteur.

Item 4: Election of officers

Following the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Working Group shall, at its first meeting of each year, elect its officers – a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons. They shall be eligible for re-election.

At its first meeting in 2001, the Working Group elected Mrs. Phani DASKALOPOULU-LIVADA (Greece) Chairperson, and Mr. Jürg BALLY (Switzerland), Mr. Attila TANZI (Italy) and Mr. Jürgen WETTIG (European Community) Vice-Chairpersons. The Working Group designated Mr. BALLY as its rapporteur.

Item 5: Drawing up of a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of both Conventions

The Working Group will continue its work on a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities.

At its first meeting, the Working Group invited its rapporteur to prepare a draft instrument (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/2 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/2) on the basis of the annex to document MP.WAT/2001/3 - CP.TEIA/2001/3¹ and the outcome of the first meeting.

The Working Group will also examine proposals for individual articles of the draft instrument prepared by delegations. These will be issued as working papers under symbol MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/WP... - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/WP...).

Item 6: Date and venue of future meetings of the Intergovernmental Working Group

The Working Group is expected to set the indicative dates for its future meetings and decide on their venues. The secretariat has made preliminary arrangements for meetings to be held in Geneva on: 6-8 May 2002, 2-4 September 2002 and 11-13 November 2002.

Item 7: Other business

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

Item 8: Closing of the meeting

The Chairperson will close the meeting.

¹ Example of a protocol on liability and compensation for damage resulting from the transboundary effects of industrial accidents on the public and the environment, including transboundary watercourses and international lakes.