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

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

Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability

Seventh meeting,
Geneva, 26-27 February 2003

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTH MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 February 2003

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Adoption of the report of the sixth meeting (MP.WAT/AC.3/2003/3 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2003/3).
4. Drawing up of a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of both Conventions.
5. Other business.
6. 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), its second meeting on 4-6 February 2002 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/3 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/3), its third meeting on 6-8 May 2002 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/6 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/6), its fourth meeting on 2-4 September 2002 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/11 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/11), its fifth meeting on 11-13 November 2003 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/14 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/14), and its sixth meeting on 15-17 January 2003 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2003/3 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2003/3).

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 or www.unece.org/env/water by selecting "civil liability".

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The seventh meeting will be opened by the Chairperson of the Working Group, Mrs. Phani DASKALOPOULOU-LIVADA (Greece).

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

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

Item 3: Adoption of the report of the sixth meeting

The Working Group will adopt the report of its sixth meeting (MP.WAT/AC.3/2003/3 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2003/3), prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson and the Rapporteur.

Item 4: 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 is expected to finalize its work on a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities.

The main body of the revised version of the draft instrument will be issued as document MP.WAT/AC.3/2003/5 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2003/5. For technical reasons, the annexes I to III to the draft instrument will be issued as a separate document MP.WAT/AC.3/2003/6 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2003/6.

The secretariat will inform the Working Group about the further preparatory process for the adoption and signature of the instrument on the occasion of the Kiev Ministerial Conference (21-23 May 2003).

Item 5: Other business

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

Item 6: Closing of the meeting

The Chairperson will close the meeting.