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PLAN OF ACTION UNDER THE CONVENTION

**Draft decision on the priorities, workplan and resources
under the Convention for 2009–2010**

Draft decision by the Bureau and the secretariat

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Entrusts* the Bureau, supported by the secretariat, to review the long-term programme of work under the Convention in view of the adoption of the strategic approach under the Assistance Programme and other decisions taken at the meeting, and to reflect in it the outcome of the work carried out under the Convention.
2. *Sets* the following priorities for its activities in the biennium 2009–2010:
 - (a) Provision of assistance, on a needs-driven basis and when applicable in accordance with the strategic approach, to Parties in implementing the Convention and to other UNECE member countries in ratifying or acceding to it;
 - (b) Further promotion of measures to ensure progress in the identification of hazardous activities and their notification to neighbouring Parties;

- (c) Further promotion of measures to prevent industrial accidents, including accidental water pollution;
- (d) Further promotion of bilateral cooperation under the Convention, in particular in implementing preparedness and response measures;
- (e) Further improvement of the efficiency and enhancement of the communication procedures within the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System.
3. *Accepts* the secretariat's report on the use of financial resources under the Convention in the period 2000–2008 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/10).
4. *Adopts* the workplan for 2009–2010 as set out in annex I to this decision.
5. *Requests* the Parties, and invites Governments of other UNECE member countries, to participate actively in the implementation of the workplan for 2009–2010, and invites Parties to take the lead in specific projects within the workplan.
6. *Adopts* the budget of the Convention for 2009–2010 as set out in annex II to this decision.
7. *Decides* that financial and in-kind support for the 2009-2010 workplan under the Convention will remain on a voluntary basis.
8. *Urges* Parties to provide voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to the budget of the Convention, so as to enable the implementation of the workplan for 2009-2010.
9. *Invites* other UNECE member countries to contribute to this budget as well.
10. *Welcomes* the contributions to the budget pledged at the meeting by Parties to the Convention and by other UNECE member countries listed in annex II.
11. *Endorses* the guiding principles for financial assistance to ensure the effective participation of experts and representatives from countries with economies in transition in meetings organized within its framework and in the activities under the Assistance Programme, depending on the availability of funds, as set out in annex III to this decision.
12. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of UNECE to continue to provide secretariat support for the tasks outlined in the workplan for 2009–2010.
13. *Requests* the UNECE secretariat to manage voluntary financial contributions in agreement with the donor countries/institutions.
14. *Mandates* the Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, with the support of the secretariat, to raise funds for activities under the Assistance Programme in accordance with

the strategic approach, to establish and implement policies aimed at further strengthening implementation of the Convention by countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe.

15. *Requests* its Bureau to draw up, with the support of the secretariat, a budget for the next two-year period for adoption at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex I

WORKPLAN UNDER THE CONVENTION FOR THE YEARS 2009–2010

The following are specific elements of the workplan under the Convention for 2009–2010, selected, on the basis of priorities agreed by the Conference of the Parties, from the long-term programme of work under the Convention.

The following abbreviations are used throughout annexes I–II: Working Group on Implementation – WGI; Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents – JEG; Bureaux and secretariats of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes – Bureaux and secretariats; Eastern Europe Caucasus and Central Asia – EECCA; South-Eastern Europe – SEE.

PROGRAMME AREA 1: Monitoring of and assistance in the implementation of the Convention

1.1 Implementation of the Convention

- 1.1.1 Maintenance of the list of competent authorities and of the password-protected folder containing national implementation reports within the Convention's website (secretariat);
- 1.1.2 Implementation of the strategic approach for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);
- 1.1.3 Evaluation of the reporting procedure, establishment of a new procedure and preparation of the fifth report on the implementation of the Convention (WGI);
- 1.1.4 Drawing up of draft conclusions and recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the basis of the report on the Convention's implementation (WGI).

1.2 Assistance to Parties in implementing the Convention and to Signatories and other UNECE member countries wishing to become Parties by ratifying the Convention

- 1.2.1 Organization of fact-finding missions to those EECCA and SEE countries eligible for assistance under the Assistance Programme that have yet to host fact-finding teams. Reporting on the outcome of the fact-finding missions to the Bureau (EECCA and SEE countries not yet visited/fact-finding teams/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);
- 1.2.2 Organization of needs-driven capacity-building activities, advisory missions, training sessions and similar activities within the implementation phase of the

Assistance Programme for the EECCA and SEE countries in accordance with the strategic approach (ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/5) or advisory missions within the preparatory phase (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 2: Scope of the Convention

2.1 Hazardous activities

2.1.1 Further assistance in the application of the amended annex I to the Convention, in particular to EECCA and SEE countries in accordance with the strategic approach (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);

2.1.2 Maintenance of information on hazardous activities in a password-protected folder on the Convention's website (WGI/secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 3: Prevention of industrial accidents

3.1 Prevention of industrial accidents

3.1.1. Organization of needs-driven Assistance Programme activities, in accordance with the strategic approach, related to the prevention of industrial accidents (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);

3.1.2. Exchange of good practice with respect to new developments related to the prevention of industrial accidents (Parties/Bureau/secretariat);

3.1.3. Continuation of work on the prevention of accidental water pollution, addressing common needs of Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Bureaux/JEG/secretariats).

PROGRAMME AREA 4: Points of contact and industrial accident notification

4.1 UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System

- 4.1.1 Maintenance of the Industrial Accident Notification (IAN) System's Web-based application used for points of contact for industrial accidents notification and mutual assistance request (secretariat);
- 4.1.2 Testing of the IAN System through communications tests and comprehensive analytical exercises (points of contact/secretariat);
- 4.1.3 Organization of fourth consultation for personnel of points of contact (Bureau/points of contact/secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 5: Emergency preparedness, response and mutual assistance

5.1 Emergency preparedness and response

- 5.1.1 Organization of needs-driven Assistance Programme activities, in accordance with the strategic approach, related to emergency preparedness and response (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);
- 5.1.2 Promotion and organization of transboundary response exercises to a simulated industrial accident (host countries/Bureau/JEG/secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 6: Responsibility and liability

6.1 Responsibility and liability regime

- 6.1.1 Further exploration of ways to progress towards the entry into force of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (Bureaux/secretariats).

PROGRAMME AREA 7: Scientific and technological cooperation

7.1 Exchange of information and safety technologies

- 7.1.1 Promotion of multilateral and bilateral cooperation aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and safety technologies among the Parties to the Convention (Bureau/secretariat);
- 7.1.2 Establishing and maintaining contacts with institutions and experts capable of providing assistance regarding preventive, preparedness and response measures (Parties/secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 8: Past industrial accidents

8.1 Reporting on past industrial accidents

- 8.1.1 Operation of the UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System, within the framework of the existing Major Accident Reporting System (MARS) of the European Union, and distribution of information on past industrial accidents (Major Accident Hazards Bureau/secretariat).

Annex II**RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2009–2010**

Activities	Programme area and steering	Estimated minimum budget¹	Countries pledging assistance or ensuring lead for activities
Activities in the framework of the Assistance Programme including: training sessions, exercises, advisory missions, workshops	Reference to areas: 1.2 (assistance to Parties); 2.1.1 (application of annex I); 3.1.1 (prevention); 5.1.1 (preparedness and response) Steering: Bureau, WGI supported by the secretariat	US\$ 450,000 ² , with the assumption of 25 per cent ³ increase in activities in EECCA and SEE countries related to the application of the strategic approach	Financial support: [names of countries and amounts] In-kind support: [names of countries] Lead for activities [names by countries]
Prevention and preparedness (other than under the Assistance Programme)	Reference to areas: 3.1.2 (exchange of good practice), 3.1.3 (prevention of accidental water pollution) and 5.1.2 (promotion of response exercises) Steering: Bureaux, JEG supported by the secretariat	\$50,000 – organization of activities aimed at exchange of good practice and joint activities related to water and industrial accidents	Financial support:[names of countries and amounts] In-kind support: [names of countries] Lead for activities [names by countries]
IAN System	Reference to area 4 (points of contact and IAN) Steering: Bureau, points of contact supported by the secretariat	\$30,000 – organization of fourth consultation; \$10,000 – funds to support comprehensive analytical exercises	Financial support:[names of countries and amounts] In-kind support: [names of countries] Lead for activities [names by countries]
Promotion of the Convention	Reference to areas 7.1 (promotion of cooperation), promotion in general; Steering: Bureau, WGI	\$15,000	

¹ The figures are calculated based on resources spent in the biennium 2007–2008.

² Three capacity-building activities and five expert (fact-finding, awareness-raising) missions took place in the biennium 2007–2008.

³ Intensification of the activities under the Assistance Programme would require hiring consultants or an additional staff member in the Convention secretariat.

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Bureau and WGI meetings	Reference to areas 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.4, and steering in general Steering: Bureau, WGI and secretariat	\$20,000 – 3–4 joint meetings of the Bureau and WGI, preparatory Bureau meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, WGI meeting	
Organization of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties	Steering: Bureau supported by the secretariat	\$30,000 or in-kind support	Financial support:[names of countries and amounts] In-kind support: [names of countries]
TOTAL		\$605,000	

Annex III

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

1. The following countries of Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, as well as the following countries of South-Eastern Europe, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, are eligible for full financial assistance (travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance (DSA)) to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the framework of the Conference of the Parties. Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkmenistan are eligible for partial financial assistance (DSA only)
2. The countries of Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe, as accepted by the Conference of the Parties as recipient countries in the Assistance Programme under the Convention, are eligible for full financial assistance (travel expenses and DSA) to support the participation of their experts and representatives in the capacity-building activities organized within the programme.
