



**Economic and Social
Council**

Distr.
GENERAL

ECE/MP.EIA/2008/9
21 February 2008

Original: ENGLISH

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT

Fourth meeting
Bucharest, 19–21 May 2008
Item 8(e) of the provisional agenda

REVIEW OF THE WORK DONE BY THE WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

CAPACITY-BUILDING IN EASTERN EUROPE, CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA

Draft decision IV/5 on capacity-building in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

Draft decision proposed by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment

The following draft decision, which was discussed and endorsed by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment at its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 21–23 November 2007), is recommended for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth meeting.

The Meeting of the Parties,

Recalling its decision III/4 on guidelines on good practice and on bilateral and multilateral agreements and its decision III/9 on adoption of the workplan up to the fourth meeting of the Parties,

Having considered the outcome of the workshops for the development of guidelines for transboundary environmental impact assessment in Central Asia, national workshops and

training courses in Central Asia, the pilot study involving Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, and subregional workshops in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia,

Recognizing that these activities promote the implementation and practical application of the Convention in the subregion,

1. *Welcomes* the reports prepared by the lead countries for the capacity-building workshops, as made available on the website of the Convention;
2. *Endorses* the Guidelines on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for Central Asian countries (ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/6);
3. *Proposes* that activities for further capacity-building in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia should be included in the workplan;
4. *Invites* Parties and non-Parties to lead and contribute to work under this activity;
5. *Requests* the lead countries to prepare a one-page summary of the findings of each workshop held for inclusion in a report on capacity-building in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia;
6. *Invites* Parties, non-Parties, multilateral lending institutions and bilateral aid agencies to take other appropriate measures to support capacity-building in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

* * * * *