

**Joint meeting of the Bureau (twenty first meeting)  
and the Working Group on Implementation (seventeenth meeting)**

**Edinburgh, 29 February -1 March 2012**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA<sup>1</sup> FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
BUREAU AND THE WORKING GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION**

To be held at the premises of the Health and Safety Executive,  
Belford House, 59 Belford Road,  
Edinburgh EH4 3UE  
(beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 February 2012)

**1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

Mr. Chris Dijkens, Chair of the Conference of the Parties (CoP), will open and chair the joint meeting of the Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation (WGI). He will ask the meeting to adopt the agenda.

**2. Implementation of the Long-term strategy**

The Bureau, WGI and the secretariat are invited to continue the discussion on the implementation of the Long-term Strategy (LTS) as adopted at the CoP-6.

**(a) Strategic partnerships and involvement of Parties and other stakeholders**

The task force members and the secretariat will be invited to brief on the revision of initiatives for cooperation with the identified partner organisations and to make suggestions as to the next steps. They will be also expected to brief on the meetings for exploring partnership that may take place in the period until the joint meeting.

The Chair will report on the outcome of the meeting of UNECE Conventions' Chairs that took place in Geneva on 22 November 2011.

The Bureau and WGI will be expected to take decisions on the next steps.

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<sup>1</sup> Prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Conference of the Parties.

**(b) Sustainable financial system**

The secretariat on behalf of the task force will introduce the most updated version of the document on the sustainable financial system. Also a note with a suggestion for managing the consultation process on the sustainable financial system will be presented.

The Bureau and WGI will be invited to finalised the document with the sustainable financial system and agree on the consultation process for it.

**(c) Evaluation of the management arrangements of the Convention including the Assistance Programme**

The Assistance Programme core group will present a proposal for effective management arrangements for the Assistance Programme.

The Bureau and WGI will be invited to discuss the proposal and agree the management procedures. Depending on these agreed procedures the membership for the Bureau and WGI after the CoP-7 may need to be discussed.

**3. Implementation of the 2011-2012 workplan**

**(a) Communication**

No items to report under this item.

**(b) Financing**

The secretariat will present the information on the financial situation of the Convention's trust fund as of the end of 2011. The information will also include a projection of available resources until the end of 2012, taking in consideration the foreseen implementation of the workplan by the end of the biennium.

On the basis of the information received, the Bureau and WGI, taking into account the resources necessary for the full implementation of the 2011-2012 workplan, may wish to decide on activities to be postponed or terminated.

**(c) Workshops and seminars**

The secretariat will introduce the recommendations of the 2011 workshops on costs-effectiveness for major accident prevention and on the occasion of the 25 years anniversary of the Sandoz accident (Sandoz workshop) as stipulated in their reports.

The Bureau and WGI may wish to discuss these recommendations in view of the activities to be contained in the future Convention workplan. With regard to the recommendations of the Sandoz workshop particular attention should be provided to those recommendations that require a consultation process with the Bureau of the Water Convention.

The Bureau and WGI members will be invited to report on their efforts for identifying lead countries for the activities initially planned for 2012 (workshop on sharing good practices for increasing public involvement in national work on industrial safety and exchange of experience in preparedness and response). An attempt to identify lead countries should be undertaken by the members following the receipt of information on

the rationale, objectives and scope for the activities as circulated by the secretariat on 18 November 2011.

**(d) Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

The Bureau and WGI will be invited to continue discussion and decide on the format for the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The celebration of the 20 years anniversary of the availability of the Convention or the organization of partner-coordination meeting can be taken into account and become part of the agenda.

Ms. Ann-Sofie Erikson will provide a brief information regarding preparations by Sweden to host the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**(e) Other activities and meetings**

The Bureau and WGI will be invited to further discuss the organization of the Fifth consultation of points of contact and identify a lead country.

The secretariat will present the conclusion of a study prepared by an independent expert on the national legislation needed to implement the UNECE Civil Liability Protocol.

The secretariat will inform about the status of submission of national implementation reports in the 6<sup>th</sup> round of reporting on implementation of the Convention.

The secretariat will report on the internal communication with the secretariat servicing the Committee on Housing and Land Management and referring to the proposal for a joint follow-up to the seminar on land use planning around hazardous industrial sites held in November 2010.

**4. Assistance activities of the Convention**

The Assistance Programme core group will report on the review of the self-assessments and the feedback provided to the Programme's beneficiary countries.

Update as relevant will be provided on the ongoing/earlier accepted or pre-accepted assistance activities, among such:

- Danube Delta project – progress and challenges faced,
- Project on legislation for Georgia – merge with the EC project, and
- Follow-up project on inspections – supplementary information on the project budget.

**5. Development of the Convention**

The Bureau and WGI are expected to continue the discussion with regard to the revision of the Annex I to align it with Globally Harmonized System and agree on the modalities to execute this work as well as to prepare a paper specifying provisions for potential amendment (definition of scope, opening up of the Convention, etc.) to serve as discussion paper at the upcoming CoP-7 meeting.

## **6. Other business**

The members of the Bureau and of the Working Group on Implementation will be requested to inform on their availability and commitment for the next term.

The Bureau and WGI are expected to review the list of action items and to update it.

Following the presentation of Ms. Lisbeth Hall, Project Manager, Centre for Environmental Health, the Netherlands, at the Bonn joint meeting on the Cross-border Exposure characterisation for Risk Assessment in Chemical Incidents (CERACI), the Bureau and WGI may wish to reflect on the follow-up.

## **7. Closing of the meeting**

Mr. Dijkens is expected to close the meeting on 1 March at around 2 p.m.