



Accident reporting and the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents





History, rationale and status of the Industrial Accidents Convention



- UNECE focused on prevention of industrial accidents and their transboundary effects in the early 1990s
- Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents:
 - Adopted on 17 March 1992
 - Signed by 26 UNECE member countries and the EU
 - Entered into force on 19 April 2000
 - Currently 41 Parties to the Convention, including EU





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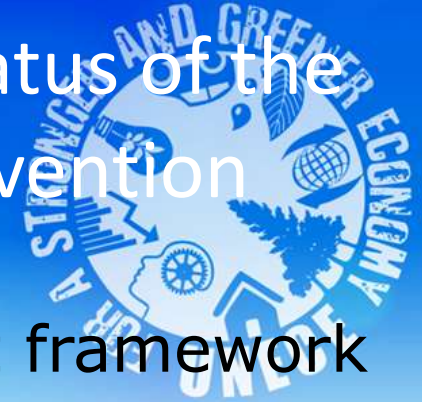
- **Goals of the Convention**

- Protection of human health and the environment against industrial accidents
 - Prevention of major accidents
 - Preparedness to major accidents
 - Response to major accidents
- Active international cooperation between the contracting Parties, before, during and after an industrial accident





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- Part of a pan-European legal environment framework
 - Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its eight Protocols;
 - Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes and its Protocol on Water and Health;
 - Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context; and
 - Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters





Main requirements of the Industrial Accidents Convention



- Identification of HAs capable of causing transboundary effects and notification to potentially affected countries
- Prevention of accidents through technical, organisational and management measures
- Preparedness to IAs through availability of up-to-date and tested emergency plans and procedures
- Response through effective mitigation, cooperation and coordination and notification to affected stakeholders
- Land use planning as part of the major accident prevention and preparedness
- Public awareness, information and participation





Accident notification and reporting

- Article 10 - Industrial Accident Notification Systems
 - Annex IX – Information contained in the notification
- Article 15 - Exchange of Information
 - Annex XI - (e) Experience with industrial accidents
- Article 18 (4) – Programme of work
 - Annex XII - database industrial accidents, including their effects, and also on measures applied and their effectiveness
- CoP Decision 2000/4 on the reporting of past industrial accidents
 - ToR for cooperation between UNECE and MAHB





Why do we need accident notification and reporting

- Improved emergency preparedness and response
- Improved mutual assistance
- Learning from past accidents and improving prevention measures
- Improvement of the implementation tools





Thank you!

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