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## Summary for the workshop on accession to and implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents in Kyrgyzstan

The workshop on accession to and implementation of the ECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) in the Kyrgyz Republic was held on 28 -29 October 2013 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. It was organised by the secretariat of the Industrial Accidents Convention with the cooperation of the secretariat of the ECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. Financial support was provided by the German Society for International Cooperation (Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ). The workshop was organised by the Kyrgyz NGO Youth Ecological Movement "BIOM" and the Kyrgyz State Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources.



The workshop was attended by than 40 representatives of Kyrgyz national competent and enforcement authorities (State Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Agriculture, State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry, State Inspection on Environmental and Technical Safety), the industry and NGOs.

The workshop was opened by Sherikul Sultanov, State secretary of Geology and Mineral Resources. Mr Sultanov expressed the interest of Kyrgyzstan in participating in the Assistance Programme under the Industrial Accidents Convention and the country's commitment to industrial accidents prevention, preparedness, response and mutual assistance. Representatives of the ECE secretariat and GIZ also addressed participants. The workshop had three main topics for discussion:

### 1. Accession to and implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention.

During this session the ECE secretariat and representatives of the State Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources of Kyrgyzstan delivered presentations on the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and its goals, scope, main requirements and relevant stakeholders, on the organisation of the activities in the area of industrial accidents' prevention, preparedness and response in Kyrgyzstan, the scope of the Convention and further development of Annex I and on the benefits of acceding to the Convention.

## 2. Hazardous activities, capable of causing transboundary water pollution

The ECE secretariat delivered presentations on water pollution as a consequence of industrial accidents, on synergies between and on joint actions of the Industrial Accidents and Water Conventions, identification of hazardous activities, capable of causing transboundary water pollution in the event of an accident, on the Safety Guidelines and Good Practices for tailing management facilities, pipelines and oil terminals, and on the management of tailing management facilities in the Kyrgyz Republic and the ECE region.

## 3. The Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents' Assistance Programme.

Presentations were also delivered on the Industrial Accidents Convention Assistance Programme and its strategic approach, incl. preparation of a self assessment and a national action plan. The Kyrgyz representatives discussed case studies and provided feedback on the progress of the Kyrgyz Republic in implementing of the Convention.

### **Conclusions**

The participants highly evaluated the results of the workshop and expressed interest in participating in further activities under the Industrial Accidents Convention Assistance Programme. Information about the workshop was published in several national print and electronic media ([http://www.knews.kg/society/38744\\_v\\_bishkeke\\_proydet\\_konferentsiya\\_o\\_transgranichnom\\_vozdeystvii\\_promyshlennyih\\_avariy\\_v\\_kyrgyzstane/](http://www.knews.kg/society/38744_v_bishkeke_proydet_konferentsiya_o_transgranichnom_vozdeystvii_promyshlennyih_avariy_v_kyrgyzstane/), <http://news.rambler.ru/21764799/>). The participants discussed the way forward and possible next steps towards the accession to and implementation of the Convention.

The main conclusions of the discussion were the following:

1. Kyrgyzstan should nominate a focal point in order to facilitate its accession to and implementation of the Convention. There are several opportunities, since representative from the State Agency of Geology and Mineral Resources and the Ministry of Economy have expressed interest in nominating a focal point.
2. Kyrgyzstan officials expressed interest in receiving further information regarding the key requirements of the Convention through national and/or regional workshops. The country is interested in obtaining information on good practices, especially from Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation, given the similar legal, technical and administrative background.
3. Kyrgyzstan officials expressed interest and commitment to organising expert group meetings and advisory services to support the preparation of a self assessment and a national action plan within the Assistance Programme activities
4. Kyrgyzstan officials expressed interest in developing tools and materials on the implementation of the Convention

### **Next steps:**

Participants of the workshop agreed on the following steps forward:

1. The ECE secretariat to invite Kyrgyzstan to nominate a focal point in order to facilitate the accession to the Convention.
2. The ECE secretariat to involve representatives of Kyrgyz competent authorities in training activities on the key requirements of the Convention through the means of national and/or regional workshops, incl. good practices from Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation.
3. The ECE secretariat to deliver guidance to the Kyrgyz competent authorities on the preparation of self assessment and national action plan within the Assistance Programme.
4. The ECE secretariat to involve representatives of Kyrgyz competent authorities in projects on developing tools and information and training materials within the Assistance Programme activities.