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Focal points to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of

Industrial Accidents

Subject: Fifth meeting of the Working Group on Development of the Convention

(11-13 May 2015)

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Development to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents will be held from 11 to 13 May 2015 at the premises of the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to commence the discussion on draft text of an amendment to the Convention, to lay the groundwork for the development of guidance by the Conference of the Parties and to continue considering issues related to the opening of the Convention. Please note that the meeting will last 2.5 days, starting at 10 am on 11 May 2015 and ending at 12.30 pm on 13 May 2015.

The provisional agenda and all meeting documents are available in English on the Convention's website: www.unece.org/index.php?id=36736#/. The French and Russian translations will be published in advance of the meeting, as they become available.

Each meeting participant should register for the meeting by 1 May 2015, using the new online registration procedure accessible through the above-mentioned website. The registration code for the meeting is 70292. Participants using this procedure for the first time, have to create a new account. For assistance, please see the instructions on the meeting website or contact the secretariat by e-mail (teia.conv@unece.org).

Funding will be available to support the participation of one representative from each of the eligible countries from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, in accordance with the guiding principles for financial support adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

Requests for financial support should be made to the secretariat at the earliest and no later than 1 April 2015 by completing and returning the financial support request form, available at the Convention's website, to the secretariat by e-mail (teia.conv@unece.org).

We look forward to the participation of your country's representative in the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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