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Plan of action for the Convention for the biennium 2017–2018

Draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance

Prepared by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

Summary

At its eighth meeting (Geneva, 3–5 December 2014), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents adopted decision 2014/3 on guiding principles for financial assistance to allow for the participation of experts in meetings under the Convention, in particular from countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, depending on the availability of funds. The Conference of the Parties agreed that the guiding principles for financial support would be tested in the biennium 2015–2016 and reviewed at the present meeting. The Bureau was entrusted with monitoring the application of the guiding principles.

The draft decision contained in the present document was drafted by the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat, in the light of changes regarding the secretariat's ability to cover miscellaneous costs and the proposed amendment of the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt the draft decision.

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The Conference of the Parties,

Decides that the countries of Eastern Europe (Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) are eligible, depending on the availability of funds, to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the framework of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and under the Assistance Programme, as follows: the secretariat will provide participants with financial support and airplane tickets to help them cover the expenses related to their participation, including accommodation,

Also decides that least developed countries outside the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe having expressed an interest in the Convention are eligible, depending on the availability of earmarked funds, to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the Convention's framework,

Agrees to apply these guiding principles for financial assistance in the biennium 2017–2018 and to review them at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2018.
