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Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the  
Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

### Working Group on the Development of the Convention

#### Seventh meeting

Geneva, 12–14 April 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m.  
on 12 April 2016\*

### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Amendment to the Convention.
3. Joint guidance and workshop on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects.
4. Input from the Working Group to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
5. Review of decisions taken and closure of the meeting.

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\* Delegates attending the meeting at the Palais des Nations are requested to register by 22 March 2016 using the electronic procedure. Registration is available through the following weblink: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=m4I8fh>. The registration code for this meeting is 14054. For assistance, please see the instructions on the web page for the meeting (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41518>) or contact the secretariat by e-mail ([teia.conv@unece.org](mailto:teia.conv@unece.org)). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website: [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html)). This will be a paperless meeting. All the documentation for the meeting and related information will be made available on the meeting web page specified above. Delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies of any meeting documentation they will require.



## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

1. The provisional agenda set out in the present document was prepared by the secretariat to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) in cooperation with the Chair of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (Working Group on Development).

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

2. The Chair of the Working Group will open the seventh meeting and invite members to adopt the agenda for the meeting, as set out in the present document.

### **2. Amendment to the Convention**

3. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention, at its eighth meeting, requested the Working Group to prepare a draft amendment to the Convention relating to articles 1, 9, 18 and 29, considering also related provisions of and annexes to the Convention, for review and adoption at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/30, paras. 40–41). The Working Group was also requested to prepare draft text on opening the Convention for accession by Member States of the United Nations beyond the ECE region, as part of the above amendment (*ibid.*, para. 52).

4. At its fifth and sixth meetings, the Working Group considered draft text for an amendment to the Convention, prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with a small group of legal experts and a legal consultant, as well as draft text submitted by Parties. Parties provided comments and agreed on the majority of the draft text. Agreement remains to be reached on the proposed changes to the preamble and some elements of article 9.

5. The Working Group on Development will be invited to discuss and reach agreement on the outstanding draft text for the amendment, including the draft decision to which it will be annexed, for forwarding to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### **Documentation**

Proposed amendment to the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/WG.1/2016/3)

### **3. Joint guidance and workshop on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects**

6. The Working Group on Development was requested by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting to review a draft guidance document on land-use planning to be drawn up with external expertise. The guidance document will seek to support Parties in addressing key challenges in the area of safety and land-use planning, highlighting and addressing the synergies with the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) in this regard. The European Investment Bank, acting as lead organization for the preparation of the document, has engaged a consultant to draft the guidance, based on terms of reference prepared in cooperation with the secretariats of the Industrial Accidents and Espoo Conventions and the Protocol on SEA.

7. A one-day workshop on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (Geneva, 13 April 2016) will be held in the framework of the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Development and the fifth meeting of the Working

Group on Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment under the Espoo Convention. The workshop, organized in cooperation with the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management and the European Investment Bank, will provide a forum to discuss the draft guidance currently being prepared under the leadership of the consultant. As identified through a survey, national approaches, experiences, lessons learned and good practices regarding safety and land-use planning, in particular in relation to the siting of hazardous activities, will also be presented.

8. The Working Group will be invited to comment on and supplement the information provided, with a view to assisting the further development of the draft guidance. Detailed information on the workshop will be made available in advance.

#### **Documentation**

Joint guidance and workshop on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (ECE/CP.TEIA/WG.1/2016/4)

#### **4. Input from the Working Group to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

9. The Working Group will be invited to discuss and agree on its input to be forwarded to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### **5. Review of decisions taken and closure of the meeting**

10. The Chair of the Working Group will summarize the decisions taken before closing the meeting no later than 1 p.m. on Thursday, 14 April 2016.

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