

List of decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting (Geneva, 4-6 Dec 2018)

- *Prior to further editorial review and inclusion in the meeting report by the secretariat -*

Agenda item 1:

- The Conference of the Parties adopted its agenda for the meeting.

Agenda item 2:

- The Conference of the Parties welcomed the holding of the seminar on risk assessment methodologies. It took note of the conclusions presented at the seminar and asked that these be included in a separate, more detailed report on the seminar. The Conference of the Parties mandated the Bureau to determine specific follow-up activities, based on the discussions held at the seminar, the detailed seminar report and the evaluation forms.

Agenda item 3:

- The Conference of the Parties took note of the Ratification status of the Convention and the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters. It welcomed the increase in the nomination of competent authorities and points of contact. It requested the secretariat to report on the ratification status in a similar manner at the next meeting.
- The Conference of the Parties accepted the report on the credentials and noted that the number of Parties with credentials, 32, was sufficient to take decisions at the meeting.

Agenda item 4:

- The Conference of the Parties took note of the report by the Chair on the activities of the Bureau since the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the activities described therein. It requested the Bureau to prepare a similar report to present at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- The Conference of the Parties considered and adopted the decision amending the guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/4).

Agenda item 5:

- The Conference of the Parties expressed its gratitude to the outgoing Bureau and Officers of the Convention, notably the Chair of the Convention.
- The Conference of the Parties elected the following members of the Bureau for the period 2019-2020, based on the candidatures received by the secretariat up to eight weeks in advance of the meeting, in accordance with the rules of procedures, as amended at CoP-9:

Party	Name
Austria	Mr. Michael Struckl
Belarus	Mr. Evgenij Baranovskij
Czechia	Mr. Pavel Forint

European Union	Mr. Rolf-Jan Hoeve
Finland	Ms. Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund
Germany	Mr. Gerd Winkelmann-Oei
Norway	Ms. Torill Tandberg
Serbia	Ms. Suzana Milutinovic
Slovenia	Ms. Jasmina Karba
Switzerland	Mr. Martin Merkofer

- The Conference of the Parties elected the following Officers of the Convention, based on a proposal by the outgoing Bureau:

Norway, Ms. Torill Tandberg, Chair of the Conference of the Parties

Austria, Mr. Michael Struckl, Vice-Chair of the Conference of the Parties

Slovenia, Ms. Jasmina Karba, Vice-Chair of the Conference of the Parties

Agenda item 6:

- The Conference of the Parties adopted the long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030, taking account of the comments received from the Russian Federation, which had been incorporated in the draft prior to its circulation and the changes proposed by the EU (circulated in advance of the meeting) and additional changes made in session, as proposed by the Russian Federation. The text in square brackets was removed, following the discussion under agenda item 7.
- The Conference of the Parties welcomed the development of a revised long-term strategy and called upon Parties and other countries to actively foster its implementation.

Agenda item 7:

- The Conference of the Parties at its 10th meeting did not reach consensus on the draft decision on amending the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/7) as Parties did not agree on the proposed amendments to Article 9 on information to, and participation of the public.
- The Conference of the Parties encouraged the concerned Parties to continue informal consultations, in particular on the proposed amendments regarding public information, participation in decision-making as well as access to justice, and invited the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Bureau to facilitate these consultations with a view to respective positions possibly becoming closer, and to report back on the outcome of those consultations to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- The Conference of the Parties agreed that, should those consultations result in substantial progress towards consensus, the Bureau may propose addressing the issue of the amendments to the Convention at a later meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Agenda item 8:

- The Conference of the Parties took note of the information provided by the secretariat on the implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism and by the Vice-Chair from Slovenia and former Chair of the Convention, on the work of the Bureau's small group on financing. It thanked the secretariat for its report on the implementation of the mechanism in the last three bienniums, and its efforts to encourage additional funding, while noting that the

responsibility for securing financial resources rests with the Parties. It also thanked the Bureau's small group on financing for its efforts, particularly to reach out to Parties to encourage the provision of additional funds.

- The Conference of the Parties held a roundtable discussion on financing in which countries and other stakeholders reported on their envisaged financial and in-kind contributions to support the Convention's activities and the realization of the Convention's vision until 2030. The Conference of the Parties welcomed the envisaged contributions, commitments and considerations by Parties to contribute to the implementation of future workplans.
- Noting the challenges in the mechanism's implementation in the past three bienniums, it encouraged Parties to provide sustainable and predictable funding for the implementation of the biennial workplans.
- The Conference of the Parties reviewed and adopted the decision on fostering implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism under the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/6), with the changes proposed by the EU (circulated in advance of the meeting) and those made in-session.

Agenda item 9:

- The Conference of the Parties adopted the workplan for 2019-2020 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/7) and its corresponding budget, on the basis of the Bureau's proposal and with changes made in-session. The Conference of the Parties entrusted the Chair and the Vice-Chairs, with the support of the secretariat, to finalize the workplan after the meeting, on the basis of the pledges made and to be confirmed.
- The Conference of the Parties also:
 - Requested Parties and invited other UNECE member States to participate actively in the implementation of the workplan for 2019-2020, including through taking the lead in specific projects and activities contained in the workplan
 - Requested lead Parties, in cooperation with the secretariat, to coordinate their efforts on improving tailings safety in Central Asia, in order to make use of synergies
 - Welcomed the contributions to the budget pledged at the meeting by Parties to the Convention, and at the same time urged other Parties and UNECE member States to provide voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to the budget of the Convention, including for ensuring adequate human resources in the secretariat
 - Mandated the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat, to monitor the implementation of the workplan for 2019-2020, including raising the remaining funds necessary for its full implementation
 - Further mandated the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat, to raise additional funds
 - Requested the secretariat to manage voluntary financial contributions and, at the next meeting, to report on the use of financial and in-kind resources
 - Requested the Bureau to draw up, with the support of the secretariat, a workplan and budget for 2021-2022 for adoption at the next meeting
 - Requested the secretariat to service and to provide the necessary meeting rooms, equipment, interpretation in the three official languages of UNECE, official documents and other resources for the holding of meetings and other events as listed in the adopted workplan.
- The Conference of the Parties decided on the guiding principles (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/8) for the participation of, in particular, representatives from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the

Caucasus and Central Asia and, as resources allow, other developing and least developed countries.

Agenda item 10:

- The Conference of the Parties considered and adopted the communication, outreach and engagement strategy, with the same changes as for the long-term strategy with respect to CRBN-E policies, as proposed by the Russian Federation. It welcomed the preparation of the strategy and called upon Parties and other countries to make use of it to promote communication and outreach actions, and foster the engagement of Parties, non-Parties, partner organizations and stakeholders, and thus support the implementation of the long-term strategy.

Agenda item 11:

- The Conference of the Parties took note of and endorsed the progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2017–2018, noting that all sub-regions of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia benefited from activities during this biennium.
- It welcomed in particular the completion of the activities under the Project on Strengthening Industrial Safety in Central Asia, and its results achieved, including the submission of self-assessments and action plans by all countries in that sub-region, and the development of an implementation guide on the Convention for Central Asia.
- The Conference welcomed the cooperation between experts from countries with economies in transition as part of the ongoing assistance activities, which it recommended as good practice, in view of the rebranding of the “Assistance Programme” to “Assistance and Cooperation Programme.”
- It took note of progress made in implementing the Convention by the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, supported by assistance activities while noting that there are significant remaining assistance needs, which require to be addressed, in particular in the areas of inter-institutional coordination, tailings safety, alignment of legislation and strengthening transboundary cooperation.

Agenda item 12:

- The Conference of the Parties took note of the information provided in the report on the activities of the Working Group on Implementation in 2017–2018. It requested the Working Group on Implementation to prepare a similar report on its activities every four years, at the meetings of the Conferences of the Parties, when no report on the implementation of the Convention will be presented.
- The Conference of the Parties took note of the template for the notification of hazardous activities, with an editorial change made in-session, and agreed to recommend the updated template for use by Parties and other countries when notifying potentially affected Parties of hazardous activities.

Agenda item 13:

- The Conference of the Parties took note of the outcome of the test and of the results of the online consultation of the points of contact. It encouraged the organization of future connectivity tests at the sub-regional level by Parties and beneficiary countries under the

Assistance and Cooperation Programme, information on which could be shared during the next online consultation.

Agenda item 14:

- The Conference of the Parties took note of the activities of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents in 2017-2018 and its Workplan for 2019–2020. It also agreed to include the Group's activities in the 2019-2020 workplan of the Industrial Accidents Convention.
- The Conference of the Parties took note of the safety guidelines and good practices for the management and retention of firefighting water – both the general recommendations (with the amendments proposed by the Russian Federation¹) and the technical and organizational recommendations. It agreed to recommend their use and implementation by countries in order to prevent accidental pollution of soil and water, including pollution causing transboundary effects. The Conference of the Parties expressed its appreciation to the lead Parties and the Joint Expert Group for having prepared the safety guidelines and good practices. It requested the secretariat to publish the safety guidelines and good practices (both the general and the technical and organizational recommendations) in the next biennium in print and electronic form in English, French and Russian.
- The Conference of the Parties took stock of the Joint Expert Group's achievements over the past 20 years and encouraged the Joint Expert Group to continue its work on preventing accidental water pollution and reducing water-related risks from industrial activities to contribute to the implementation of the long-term strategy.

Agenda item 15:

- The Conference of the Parties endorsed the report on the use of financial and in-kind resources to implement the workplan in 2017–2018. It requested the secretariat to report on the use of financial resources as of the next meeting in a more aggregated, standard manner-based on the information attainable from the United Nation's administrative system – UMOJA, and to report on the use of in-kind resources.

Agenda item 16:

- The Conference of the Parties took note of the Co-Chairs' conclusions of the Seminar on land-use planning and industrial safety (Mechelen, Belgium, 16–17 May 2018) (CP.TEIA/2018/INF.5), and recommend their implementation by countries in order to improve coordination and cooperation between land-use planning and industrial safety, integrate related procedures, continue the exchange of experience and consider the applicability of good practices.
- The Conference of the Parties took note of the information provided on Natech and agreed to continue to enhance awareness of the Convention's role in Natech risk management. It

¹ Amendment proposed at and agreed by the 8th meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention (Astana, 10-12 October 2018), to add the following paragraph to the general recommendations, between paragraphs 52 and 53: *“Enhance international cooperation on mutual assistance, research and development, exchange of information and technology in the field of industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response”*. Amendment proposed at and agreed by the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention (Geneva, 4-6 December), to delete the reference to foams from the definition of firefighting water in para. 15 (c) and in para. 19 of the general recommendations.

welcomed the partnerships with other international organizations, in particular UNISDR, UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit and OECD in this area.

Agenda item 17:

- The Conference of the Parties welcomed the report on progress towards accession by Ukraine, following the High-level awareness-raising meeting under the Assistance Programme (19 April 2018). Based on the information received, it hopes to welcome Ukraine as a Party at its next meeting in 2020.
- The Conference of the Parties took note of the information provided on outreach, awareness-raising and strategic partnerships. It encouraged the maintenance and continued development of strategic partnerships with existing and new partners.
- It welcomed the development of the Words into Action (WiA) Guidelines on man-made/technological hazards, launched in the margins of this meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as a remarkable inter-agency coordination effort.

Agenda item 18:

- The Conference of the Parties expressed its appreciation to Germany for offering to host the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties and entrusted the Bureau and the secretariat to further discuss with Germany the arrangements.

Agenda item 19:

- The Conference of the Parties entrusted the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs, with finalizing the report of its tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.