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**Agenda item 4:
Report of the Bureau on its activities since COP 9**

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Bureau's roles and responsibilities

1. *Carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties;*
2. *Take the lead in, and take initiatives to strengthen and facilitate the implementation of the Convention;*
3. *Prepare the draft programme of work, monitor its implementation and take appropriate decisions, if needed, to strengthen its implementation;*
4. *Cooperate with subsidiary bodies, approve AP activities, prepare COP, cooperate with strategic partners.*

Composition, meetings, report

Composition of the Bureau and its meetings listed in the report (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/3)

Report outlines Bureau's activities to:

- prepare documents to guide future work under the Convention
- implement the Long-term Strategy for the Convention
- implement the workplan 2017-2018
- prepare COP 10.

Preparation of document to guide future work under the Convention

Draft Long Term Strategy (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/3)

Draft Communication, outreach and engagement Strategy

Implementation of LTS: Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders

Objective

To achieve comprehensive involvement of all Parties and other stakeholders

Action

Communication and awareness raising material (printed, electronic, videos)

High-level awareness raising mission to Ukraine

Progress

Enhanced visibility

Growing (re)engagement of Parties and stakeholders

Challenges

Maintain the interest and involvement

Message

Use guidance and other documents and benefit from activities

Implementation of LTS: Exchange of information

Objective

To enhance the exchange of information

Action

Seminar on LUP

Risk assessment seminar

Progress

Support to Parties to overcome challenges in implementing the Convention and in reaching goals of other commitments

Challenges

Maintain activities tailored to the needs and interests

Message

Continue sharing of information on good practice, experience,
Engage in planning and implementing activities

Implementation of LTS: Assistance Programme (and other assistance activities)

Objective

To facilitate implementation and ratification of the Convention by beneficiary countries

Action

Project in Central Asia

Two sub-regional capacity building

Projects on safety of mining operations and TMF

Progress

Active engagement of beneficiary countries

Improved project management

Cooperation with partners, synergies

Challenges

Maintain motivation of beneficiaries, sustainability of results

Message

Take full advantage of Assistance programme

Implementation of LTS: Strategic Partnerships

Objective

To enhance Convention's relevance through strategic partnerships, search for synergies

Action

Inter-agency coordination

UN ECE MEAs

Outreach to European Commission, UN Office for DRR, ...

Progress

Traditional and new partners

Challenges

Synergies, exchange of info on activities and plans

Message

Invitation to partners, in particular EU, to consider enhancing cooperation

Implementation of LTS: Financing

Objective

To ensure sustainable and predictable financing

Action

Monitoring the Convention's Trust Fund

Review of SFM

Re-establishment of Bureau's small group on financing

Progress

Traditional and new supporters, balance of the Trust Fund

Challenges

Sustainable and predictable financing by contributions from all Parties

Search for possible sources – other than Parties'

Message

Primar responsibility of Parties

Conclusions and observations

Renewed interest of Parties

Initiation of activities in non.traditional areas

Cooperation with variety of stakeholders and partners resulted in better coordination and efficiency

Increased recognition of linkages with SDGs and Sendai Framework

Increased committments of Bureau members

Reliance on limited number of donors

Growing recognition of the Convention in the context of policymaking and governance

Expanding cooperation between countries beyond the exchange of technical information