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## **Economic Commission for Europe**

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

#### **Bureau**

##### **Thirty-eighth meeting**

Bern, 26 and 27 June 2018

### **Annotated provisional agenda of the thirty-eighth meeting**

**To be held at the Vatter Business Center (Bärenplatz, 2, 3011 Bern) from  
9 am – 6 pm on 26 June and from 9 am – 4:30 pm on 27 June 2018**

#### **I. Provisional agenda**

- A. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the provisional agenda**
  
- B. Preparations for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and related updates and considerations**
  - 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
  - 2. Seminar on risk assessment methodologies.
  - 3. Representation and credentials.\*\*
  - 4. Report of the Bureau on its activities since the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
  - 5. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
  - 6. Long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030
  - 7. Outreach, communication and engagement strategy.
  - 8. Land-use planning and industrial safety and NATECH risk management.
  - 9. Outreach, awareness-raising and strategic partnerships
  - 10. Development of the Convention:
    - (a) Action by the Bureau;

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\*\* Delegations of Parties to the Convention are reminded about the requirement to submit credentials to the secretariat at the beginning of the meeting. To facilitate the process of verification, the secretariat would appreciate receiving a scanned copy in advance of the meeting by xx xx 2018 via e-mail (teia.conv@unece.org). Credentials are to be issued by Heads of State or Government or ministers for foreign affairs and shall state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and take decisions on behalf of the respective Government, following the applicable rules of procedure.

- (b) Decision on the amendment to the Convention.
- 11. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification System.
- 12. Implementation of the Convention:
  - (a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation.
- 13. Assistance to countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe:
  - (a) Progress report on assistance activities carried out in 2017–2018.
- 14. Prevention of accidental water pollution.
- 15. Use of financial resources in 2017–2018.
- 16. Financing.
- 17. Plan of action for the Convention for the biennium 2019–2020.

**C. Other business**

**D. Closing of the meeting**

## II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

### Day 1, Tuesday, 26 June 2018 (provisional timing indicated in brackets)

#### A. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda (9:00 -9:15)

This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Bureau. The Bureau will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

#### B. Preparations for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and related updates and considerations (9:15 – 9:30)

The Chair, supported by the secretariat will inform the Bureau about the proposed agenda and approach to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Geneva, 4-6 December 2018). The secretariat will present an overview of the expected official documentation for consideration by CoP-10. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the approach to the presentations and document for each of the CoP-agenda items, in their respective sequence. It will also be invited to touch upon related issues, considerations and updates since the last, thirty-seventh meeting of the Bureau.

##### 1. CoP-10 draft annotated provisional agenda and opening of the meeting (9:30 – 10:00)

The Bureau will be invited to discuss the draft provisional agenda and the organization of (a) reception (s) and celebration(s) envisaged at the meeting, including at the end of risk assessment seminar (on the evening of 4 December), to highlight the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of JEG (lunchtime on 6 December) and the successful conclusion of activities of a first three-year project on industrial safety in Central Asia.

The Bureau will also be invited to briefly discuss the opening of the CoP.

##### **Documentation:**

Draft annotated provisional agenda for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/36)

##### 2. Seminar on Risk Assessment Methodologies (10:00 – 10:30)

The Bureau member from Switzerland will be invited to present information on the planning for the seminar on Risk Assessment Methodologies. He will also be invited to present elements of the respective background document for the CoP. The Bureau will also be reminded of the side event envisaged to be organized by the EU Joint Research Centre (on its risk assessment tools) during the seminar.

##### **Documentation:**

Risk assessment methodologies (seminar background and agenda) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/1) (outline and elements of the background document prepared by the small group)

##### 3. Representation and credentials (11:00 – 11:15)

The Bureau will be invited to agree how to handle the report on credentials, traditionally delivered by one of the Vice-Chairs.

**4. Activities of the Bureau since the ninth meeting of the COP (11:15 – 12:00)**

Based on a proposal by the Chair and the Vice-Chairs, the Bureau is expected to discuss the elements to include in its report to the COP on the Bureau's activities during the biennium 2018–2019, as well as the key messages to convey. The Bureau is also expected to confirm its previous practice of backing up its written report to the COP with a presentation by the Chair, and to discuss the elements to be highlighted therein.

**Documentation**

Activities of the Bureau since the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/3) – outline presented by the Chair, in cooperation with the Vice-Chairs

**5. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau (14:00 – 14:45)**

Bureau members and the secretariat will be invited to report on their actions taken to ensure a better balance of geographical regions, and of gender for the future composition of the Bureau, and, in particular, to attract nominations to the Bureau from countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. The Bureau will be invited to discuss targeted action to take in advance of the CoP, to ensure there will be sufficient nominations and that the election will proceed in a smooth manner.

**6. Long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030 (14:45-15:45, followed by coffee break 15:45-16:15)**

The Bureau is invited to review the draft long-term strategy, updated by the secretariat, in view of the comments by Bureau members exchanged at and in follow-up to the last meeting, and to agree on a final version to be presented to the CoP.

The Bureau will be invited to discuss its approach to ensuring a smooth adoption by the long-term strategy at the CoP, and its possible information sharing with Parties to that effect in advance.

**Documentation**

Draft long-term strategy for the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/5) – updated draft prepared by the secretariat, on the basis of inputs by Bureau members

**7. Communication, outreach and engagement strategy (16:15 – 17:15)**

The Bureau is invited review the draft communication, outreach and engagement strategy, prepared by the secretariat, in cooperation with the small group on communications, taking up the comments exchanged by Bureau members at the last meeting.

The Bureau will be invited to discuss its approach to ensuring a smooth adoption by the strategy at the CoP, and its possible information sharing with Parties to that effect in advance.

**Documentation**

Draft communication, outreach and engagement strategy (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/6) – draft prepared by the secretariat, in cooperation with the small group on communications

**8. Land-use planning and NATECH risk management (17.15 – 17:45)**

The secretariat will brief the Bureau on the conclusions of the workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety (Mechelen, 16-17 May 2018), its evaluation and possible follow-up activities, as discussed with the co-organizers and highlighted in the evaluation forms. The Bureau will be invited to take note, provide ideas for next steps and for the presentation/discussion at the CoP.

The secretariat will also share information with the Bureau on its envisaged engagement in the UN/OECD workshop on NATECH risk management (NATECH-II workshop) (Potsdam, Germany, 5-7 September 2018) and on its envisaged activities to raise awareness of the Convention's role in this respect. The Bureau will be invited to take note, provide comments/input and discuss the presentation/discussion of this item at the CoP.

**Documentation**

Seminar on land-use planning and industrial safety – conclusions (presented by the secretariat – for circulation, once agreed with the Co-Chairs and co-organizers)

UNECE's activities on NATECH risk management - prepared by the secretariat

**9. Outreach, awareness-raising and strategic partnerships (17:45-18:00)**

The secretariat will share information with the Bureau on the following meetings and cooperation:

- EU Community of Users for Safe and Resilient Societies (Brussels, 5-8 March 2018), back-to-back with the EU Seveso Expert Group meeting
- Working visits to the EU (7 March 2018 and 18 March 2018) and to Germany (26-27 April 2018)
- Inter-agency coordination meeting (Cardiff, UK, 18 May 2018)
- UNECE's cooperation with UNSIDR, contribution to the Global Risk Assessment Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (GRAF) (information shared by the Chair) and the Global Assessment Report for Disaster Risk Reduction (GAR-2019).

The Bureau will be invited to take note of this information. Bureau members will be invited to provide advice on contributions they may be in a position to make to the GAR-2019 report (part on chemical/industrial hazards) and good practices to be included.

**Documentation**

Cooperation between UNECE and UNISDR in the area of technological hazards and disaster risk reduction – prepared by the secretariat for information sharing with the Bureau

**Day 2, Wednesday, 28 June 2018 (provisional timing in brackets)****10. Development of the Convention (9:00 – 10:00)****(a) Action by the Bureau**

The Chair, in cooperation with the Vice-Chairs, will be invited to report on fact-finding steps taken towards the Russian Federation, and possible discussions among Parties with divergent views, as agreed at the Bureau's last meeting. The Bureau will be invited to discuss and agree on the next steps, in view of seeking an agreement on the way forward in advance of the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**(b) Decision on the amendment to the Convention**

The Bureau will be invited to consider how to organize the discussion on the amendment at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**11. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification System (10:00 – 10:05)**

The secretariat will inform the Bureau of its plans for holding an online consultation of the Points of Contact in October/November 2018. The Bureau will be invited to take note.

**12. Implementation of the Convention (10:05 – 10:30, followed by coffee break 10:30-11:00)**

**(a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation**

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will inform the Bureau of the intended structure of the Group's report to the CoP, which will be prepared as such for the first time, in view of the amended reporting cycle (i.e., the report on the implementation of the Convention and the draft decision for strengthening the implementation of the Convention will only be presented to CoP-11 in 2020). The Bureau will be invited to take note.

**Documentation**

Activities of the Working Group on Implementation in 2017-18 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/7) – outline and elements prepared by the WGI Chair and Vice-Chairs

**13. Assistance to countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe**

**(a) Progress report on Assistance Programme activities carried out in 2017–2018 (11:00 – 12:00)**

The secretariat will present the outline for the progress report on Assistance Programme activities planned to be prepared, in line with previous practice. Furthermore, the secretariat will highlight activities carried out since the last meeting of the Convention's Bureau, and envisaged for 2018.

The Bureau will be invited to discuss the proposed approach to the organization of the session on the Assistance Programme, as outlined in the provisional agenda for CoP-10 and presented by the secretariat, including a panel discussion with donor and beneficiary countries.

Following the sharing of information by the Chair of the WGI on the receipt of responses to the high-level letters on the effectiveness of the Assistance Programme (under item 10 above), the Bureau will be invited, following the discussion by the WGI (which will have discussed this matter at its preceding meeting, 13-14 June 2018), to consider the replies and discuss their relevance for the further work under the Assistance Programme. The Bureau will be reminded that CoP-11 in 2020 will consider the issue of evaluating the

effectiveness of the Assistance Programme and considering its further development (in line with 3-step approach decided by CoP-9<sup>1</sup>).

### **Documentation**

Progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2017–2018 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/8) – outline prepared by the secretariat.

#### **(b) Progress report on other assistance activities carried out in 2017-2018 (12:00 – 12:15)**

The Bureau member from Germany will be invited to report on the assistance activities funded by the German Environment Agency and implemented by the NGO Eco-Peace in 2018 under the Convention’s workplan 2017-2018, notably the Project “Improving the Safety of Tailings Management Facilities in the Caucasian Region – Trainings and legislative options,” and to suggest ways of reporting on that Project during the CoP.

He will also be invited to confirm the modalities for the provision of input to the progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2017-2018 (see above), and for reporting on the activities on the above-mentioned project and the finalization of the Project (final Workshop) on Raising Knowledge among Students and Teachers on Tailings Safety and its legislative review in Ukraine (Dnipro, Ukraine, 16-17 May 2017), also financed by the German Environment Agency, and implemented by the NGO Eco-Peace under the Convention’s workplan.

#### **14. Prevention of accidental water pollution (12:15 – 12:45, followed by lunch)**

The JEG Co-Chair from Germany will be invited to present the draft safety guidelines and good practices for the management and retention of firefighting water (in two parts), and the elements which he plans to highlight in his presentation to the CoP. The Bureau will be invited to take note, and approve their forwarding to CoP-10 for its endorsement.

The secretariat will present its proposals for the approach to the organization of this agenda item at CoP-10, including a celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of JEG, possibly followed by a lunchtime reception. The Bureau will be invited to review and agree on this approach agreed with the secretariat of the Water Convention (taking a similar approach in the organization of MoP-8, 8-10 October 2018 in Astana).

Furthermore, the secretariat will present a proposal for enhancing cooperation, through the JEG, with river basin commissions, for the Bureau’s review, awareness and discussion of the next steps.

#### **Draft decision amending the guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the implementation of the Convention**

The Bureau member from the EU will be requested to present the revised draft decision, amending the location criteria, prepared in cooperation with the Chair of the WGI and the Chair of the JEG, as agreed at the thirty-seventh meeting of the Bureau. The Bureau will be invited to agree on the draft decision amending the location criteria and its presentation under agenda item 14 of the CoP, for presentation by the JEG co-Chair.

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<sup>1</sup> paras 32 and 33 of CoP-9 report (ECE/CP.TEIA/32 p. 11).

### **Documentation**

Draft safety guidelines and good practices for the management and retention of firefighting water: general recommendations (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/9-ECE/MP.WAT/2018/9) – advance version, partially edited

Draft safety guidelines and good practices for the management and retention of firefighting water: technical and organizational recommendations (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/10-ECE/MP.WAT/2018/10) – advance version, partially edited

Cooperation with River Basin Commissions– background document for the Bureau, prepared by the secretariat

Draft 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) – prepared by the Bureau member of the EU, in cooperation with the Chairs of JEG and the WGI

### **15. Use of financial and in-kind resources in 2017–2018 (13:45 – 14:00)**

The secretariat will present the outline of the report on the use of financial and in-kind resources under the Convention in 2017–2018. The Bureau will be invited to share its views on the report structure and content.

Furthermore, the secretariat will highlight the additional resources received and expected for 2018 since the Bureau’s last meeting.

### **Documentation**

Use of financial and in-kind resources to implement the workplan in 2017–2018 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/11) – outline presented by the secretariat.

### **16. Financing (14:00 – 15:00)**

The Chair and the members of the small group on financing, supported by the secretariat, will be invited to present:

- the draft decision on financial arrangements under the Convention, and
- the proposed approach to the organization of the discussion on financing at CoP-10
- the actions undertaken and agreed by members of the small group to secure resources for the implementation of the workplan, and further actions suggested to be taken by the Bureau.

The Bureau will be invited to reflect on the presentations by the small group, to agree on a draft decision on fostering the implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism under the Convention, and the next steps in advance of CoP-10. It will also be invited to reflect and agree on the organization of the discussion on financing at CoP-10.

### **Documentation**

Draft decision on fostering the implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism under the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/14) – updated draft prepared by the secretariat, in cooperation with the members of the small group on financing



**17. Priorities, workplan and resources under the Convention for 2019-2020 (15:00 – 16:00)**

The secretariat will present elements for the draft workplan 2019-2020 for the Bureau's review and discussion. In its review, the Bureau is invited to keep in mind the needs expressed by countries in the framework of activities held under the Convention, including the needs expressed by Assistance Programme beneficiary countries (in the framework of activities, and in response to the high-level letters, sent by the secretariat on the Bureau's/WGI's request). The Bureau is invited to discuss and agree on a workplan to be forwarded to CoP-10 for its review and adoption.

**Documentation**

Priorities, workplan and resources for the Convention for 2019–2020 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/12) – draft prepared by the secretariat

Draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/13) – draft prepared by the secretariat

**C. Other business (16:00 – 16:20)**

Members of the Bureau wishing to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

**D. Closing of the meeting (16:20-16:30)**

The Bureau is invited to confirm the date and location of its next session, expected to be held in Geneva on 3 December 2018, back-to-back with CoP-10, before the Chair formally closes the session.

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