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Plan of action for the Convention for the biennium 2021–2022 and its financing

Draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance

Prepared by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

Summary

At its tenth meeting (Geneva, 4–6 December 2018), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents adopted decision 2018/3 on guiding principles for financial assistance (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1) 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 draft decision contained in the present document was prepared by the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat. Parties with eventual comments on the draft decision are invited to communicate these four weeks in advance of the meeting to the Chair and the secretariat (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e. by 9 November 2020.

The Conference of the Parties is invited to decide on guiding principles for financial assistance by adopting this decision.



The Conference of the Parties,

Decides that the countries of Eastern Europe (Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia), 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 and Cooperation Programme, as follows: the secretariat will provide participants with financial support and aeroplane tickets to help them cover the expenses related to their participation, including accommodation,

Also decides that developing and 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 funds, to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the framework of the Convention,

Agrees to apply these guiding principles for financial assistance in the biennium 2021–2022.
