

DECISION 2000/2 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the provisions of article 18, paragraph 2 (a), and article 23 of the UN/ECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents,

Stressing the importance of the Convention in reducing the risk of industrial accidents in order to protect human beings and the environment,

Acknowledging the work done under the auspices of the Meeting of the Signatories to the Convention to assist countries, and in particular countries with economies in transition, in their efforts to ratify or accede to the Convention and implement its provisions,

1. Encourages all UN/ECE member countries that are not yet Parties to ratify or accede to the Convention and to implement it as soon as possible;
2. Adopts the reporting format and reporting procedure contained in CP.TEIA/2000/11 for use by Parties when reporting on their implementation of the Convention;
3. Invites other UN/ECE member countries, pending their ratification or accession, also to report on the implementation of the Convention in accordance with CP.TEIA/2000/11;
4. Establishes the Working Group on Implementation as a subsidiary body to monitor the implementation of the Convention and adopts its terms of reference as contained in the appendix to this decision;
5. Elects, on the basis of nominations by the Parties, Mr. A. Heidler (Austria), Mr. E. Malasek (Czech Republic), Mr. L. Katai-Urban (Hungary), Mr. S. Galitchii (Republic of Moldova) and Mr. J. Wettig (European Commission) to serve as members of the Working Group on Implementation until the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
6. Entrusts the Bureau to accept further nominations to the Working Group and in this respect notes the interest of the delegation of Italy in nominating a member once it has become a Party;
7. Requests the UN/ECE secretariat to coordinate the reporting procedure and assist the Working Group on Implementation to prepare a report on the implementation of the Convention.

Appendix

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Working Group on Implementation shall be composed of not more than ten members representing and nominated by Parties. They shall serve as members of the Working Group until the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties and be eligible for re-election.

2. The Working Group shall meet at least once before each meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3. Depending on the agenda, the Chairperson may invite representatives of UN/ECE member countries other than those represented by its members as observers to meetings of the Working Group.

4. The Working Group shall:

(a) Monitor the implementation of the Convention, taking into account the tasks mentioned in decision 2000/3 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2000/2, annex IV, para. 4);

(b) Prepare the report on the implementation of the Convention on the basis of the individual country reports;

(c) Draw conclusions and make draft recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the basis of the above report;

(d) Submit these conclusions and draft recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for adoption;

(e) Assist the Bureau in facilitating the assistance to UN/ECE member countries facing difficulties in implementing the Convention and/or in ratifying it, for instance, through workshops or seminars;

(f) Carry out other tasks entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties.