

Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING¹

Introduction

1. The fourth meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) was held on 17-18 October 2003 in Cagliari, Italy. It followed the 10th Meeting of the Committee of Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of the “Seveso II” Directive of the European Union.
2. Mr. Ernst Berger (Switzerland) – Chairperson of the CoP, Mr. Ludwig Dinkloh (Germany), Mr. Pal Popelyak (Hungary), Mr. Tomas Trcka (Slovakia), Mr. Ulf Bjurman (Sweden), Mr. Jürgen Wettig (European Commission) and Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak (Secretary of the Conference of the Parties) attended the meeting. Mr. Evgeny Gorshkov (Russian Federation) and Mr. Pietro La Grotta (Italy) could not attend the meeting.
3. In addition Mr. Cristiano Piacente (Italy), Mr. Lajos Katai-Urban (Hungary), Mr. David Bosworth (United Kingdom) and Mr. Thomas Bücheli (Austria) attended the meeting on the invitation of the Chairperson.

I. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

4. Mr. Berger opened the fourth meeting of the Bureau and welcomed the participants to this meeting. He briefly reviewed the decisions taken at the second meeting of the CoP held on 6-8 November 2002 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova (Report: ECE/CP.TEIA/7) and at the third meeting of the Bureau on 8 November 2002 in Chisinau (Minutes: COPB6/15 January 2003), which followed the second meeting of the CoP.
5. Mr. Berger also informed the Bureau that the Government of Italy has informed the secretariat that Mr. Pietro La Grotta (Italy) is no longer available as a bureau member. He then welcomed Mr. Christiano Piacente, who will take part in the Bureau meetings on behalf of Italy.
6. The Bureau adopted the agenda for its fourth meeting (COP7/15 July 2003). The Bureau members also indicated a number of additional items to be covered under item XI “Other business”.

¹ Prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson of the Conference of the Parties.

II. Second joint special session of the governing bodies of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Kiev, 21 May 2003)

7. Mr. Berger and Mr. Ludwiczak informed the Bureau on the outcome of the second joint special session of the governing bodies of the two Conventions on 21 May 2003 during the fifth Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” in Kiev (Report: ECE/CP.TEIA/10). They pointed out in particular:

- a) The unanimous adoption of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damages Caused by Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters;
- b) The joint decision by Parties to both Conventions (ECE/CP.TEIA/10, annex); and
- c) The signing ceremony and that the Protocol has so far been signed by 23 UNECE member countries.

8. The Bureau then discussed a draft element of the work plan to be discussed at the third Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention). This draft element outlines a number of activities for the future work to be undertaken by the Working Group on Legal and Administrative Aspects under the Water Convention with respect to the implementation of the Civil Liability Protocol.

9. The Bureau was of the opinion that further work with respect to the implementation of the Civil Liability Protocol should follow the decision taken by the Parties to both Conventions at the second joint special session. Therefore, the Bureau supported that portion of the draft element, which relates to the preparation of a draft report on steps taken by Parties to the Conventions in order to ratify the Protocol, to be submitted to a joint special session to take place preferably in 2006. Regarding the portion of the draft element, which called for the participation of experts designated by the governing body of the Industrial Accidents Convention in the Working Group on Legal and Administrative Aspects, the Bureau reserved its right to decide on the participation of its experts in the above mentioned working group.

10. The Bureau requested its Chairperson to present this position in a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention and also at the third Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, which will be held on 26-28 November 2003 in Madrid.

III. Outcome of the subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention (Erevan, 13-15 March 2003)

11. Mr. Berger recalled the outcome of the workshop, and summarised in particular the main conclusions drawn at this workshop (CP.TEIA/2003/2, Annex 1) which are:

- a) The countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia have to undertake an effort themselves to accede to and implement the Convention;

b) Strong commitment by all actors involved in the prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents is essential to implement the Convention successfully;

c) An internationally supported assistance programme should be drawn up to bolster the efforts of the Caucasian and Central Asian countries in acceding to and implementing the Convention, taking into account their difficult economic and financial situation. The main elements of such an assistance programme are outlined in the conclusions.

12. The Bureau commended the Chairperson and the Secretary for their preparatory work and expressed appreciation to the Armenian Authorities for holding the subregional workshop in Erevan. The Bureau also noted the active participation of most of the Bureau members in the workshop, showing the importance, the Bureau attaches to the issue of assisting countries of the subregion in their process to ratify and implement the Convention in practice.

13. The Chairperson then reiterated the importance, which the Bureau attaches to the issue of assisting countries with economies in transition in their process to ratify and implement the Convention in practice. He opened a longer discussion about the question, what kind of steps could best be undertaken to launch the above mentioned internationally supported assistance programme for the Caucasian and Central Asian UNECE member countries.

14. Mr. Dinkloh, while supporting the workshop's conclusions and the need to assist the countries of the subregion in implementing the elements of the assistance programme, was of the opinion that this could best be done through bilateral projects, for example through such projects as the Kura River project, which is under way under the leadership of Germany. He was also of the opinion that the conclusions of the workshop on the exchange of safety technologies (CP.TEIA/2002/14) and of the subregional workshop (CP.TEIA/2003/2) contained important elements for an assistance programme. The implementation of such a programme needs, however, a strong commitment of the countries of the subregion, support by industrialized countries (e.g. through bilateral projects) and financial support by international institutions and organizations (e.g. European Community or the World Bank)

15. Mr. Ludwiczak added to the discussion that certain elements of the recommended assistance programme were being initiated. In particular, he mentioned a planned consultation and training session for the points of contact for accident notification and mutual assistance within the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System (see item VI). He also informed the Bureau on a possible cooperation with UNEP APELL in organizing a joint workshop in one of the Caucasian or Central Asian UNECE member countries. To this effect, the Bureau discussed a draft proposal prepared by Mr. Ernst Goldschmitt (UNEP) and recommended that the Chairman together with the Secretary undertake consultations with UNEP APELL on the ways and means to carry out the joint workshop.

16. The Bureau agreed that such bilateral or multilateral activities and their results are useful and beneficial to the countries of the subregion. However, the majority of the bureau members was of the opinion that the CoP should launch a more substantial assistance programme for the subregion, with the appropriate international support.

17. Therefore, Mr Ludwiczak proposed to develop an action-oriented document with the objective of establishing the justification for launching an internationally supported assistance

programme. The document should define: (i) concrete steps to be taken by the countries of the subregion; (ii) problems with which the countries of the subregion are faced with and to which solutions require international assistance; and (iii) a timetable for further action. Approval of the document by the Bureau and the CoP and a clear commitment to this programme, at ministerial level, by the countries of the subregion are important elements for further action. The Bureau members agreed that the secretariat should continue according to the above approach.

18. In addition to the above-mentioned approach, the Bureau supported Mr. Dinkloh's proposal to draw up an overview of the many multilateral and bilateral assistance projects, which are already operational in the countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia as well as in other subregions in order to assist them in fulfilling the objectives of the Convention. Such an overview may increase the willingness of other countries to develop new ideas and offers for additional activities. The secretariat was requested to invite UNECE member countries to provide appropriate information to the secretariat, based on which a document could be prepared for the third meeting of the CoP.

19. At the end of this agenda item, Mr. Berger also informed the Bureau members on the outcome of the consultation between the Bureaux of the governing bodies of the UNECE environmental Conventions and the Bureau of the Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP) held in Geneva on 3 July 2003. During this meeting the CEP was informed on the specific elements of the assistance programme for the UNECE Caucasian and Central Asian countries. This information together with a request to the CEP for its support for the efforts of the CoP to seek appropriate in-kind and financial contributions to implement the programme was also submitted in writing as a contribution to the CEP's 10th session.

IV. Working Group on Implementation - second round of reporting on the Convention's implementation

20. Mr. Ludwiczak informed the Bureau that:

a) Following decision 2002/1 of the CoP (ECE/CP.TEIA/7, annex I, para. 2), a letter was addressed by the Executive Secretary of the UNECE to the Governments of those Parties that have not submitted their implementation reports in the first reporting round, in order to urge them to comply with their reporting obligations under the Convention in the second round;

b) Following para.5 (b) of the same decision, the reporting format for the second report on the implementation of the Convention (CP.TEIA/2003/5) has been sent to all UNECE member countries in June 2003 together with a letter reminding Parties of their obligation to prepare their second country implementation reports by the deadline of 31 January 2004; and

c) Following para. 6 (d) of the same decision, the country reports on the implementation of the Convention submitted within the first reporting round can now be found on a special password protected page within the Convention's Internet web site. Competent authorities of Parties were given access to this web site.

21. Mr. Wettig, Chairman of the Working Group on Implementation, informed the Bureau on the process of preparing the reporting format for the second report on the implementation of the

Convention. He also informed the Bureau that the Working Group plans to have its second meeting in the Spring of 2004 in order to compile the second implementation report for the third meeting of the CoP. A decision whether further meetings will be necessary would be taken at the second meeting.

22. The Bureau suggested that the second meeting of the Working Group could be held on 16-17 March 2004, back-to-back with the fifth meeting of the Bureau (see item X “Plan of meetings”).

V. Fourth meeting of the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents (Kaliningrad, 30-31 October 2003)

23. Mr. Ludwiczak informed the Bureau that the fourth meeting of the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents will be held in Kaliningrad on 30-31 October 2003 and reported on the issues on the agenda for this meeting (JEG6/23 June 2003). He then presented briefly the two major issues to be dealt with at the meeting in Kaliningrad.

24. Firstly, he referred to decision 2002/1 of the CoP (ECE/CP.TEIA/7, annex I, para. 6 (a)), which requested the joint ad hoc group to review and provide further guidance on the location criterion related to the water path contained in the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Industrial Accidents Convention. Two written proposals for a possible revision of this location criterion were so far submitted by the experts in the group, one by Germany and the other by Switzerland and the Conventions’ secretariats.

25. Secondly, he referred to the review of implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar. Following a request of the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention, and in agreement with the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, the joint expert group is expected to commence work aimed at establishing a common reporting scheme on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar (CEP/WG.4/SEM.1/1999/3, annex I), adopted by the two governing bodies in 2000. This reporting scheme would be sent by the secretariat in 2005 to countries with market economies and in 2010 to countries with economies in transition according to the 5-year and 10-year implementation time frames.

26. The Bureau took note of and exchanged views on these major issues, but left the final discussion and the decisions to be taken to the forthcoming meeting of the joint ad hoc expert group.

VI. Consultation and a training session for points of contact for the purpose of accident notification and mutual assistance designated within the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System (Bratislava, 10-11 November 2003)

27. Mr. Trcka informed the Bureau on the concept of the consultation and the training session and the preparations for these events. An information notice has been sent to all the UNECE member countries in June 2003 (CP.TEIA/2003/7) and the provisional programme is now available (CP.TEIA/2003/8).

28. The Bureau welcomed the invitation of the Slovak Government to host this important event. However, it was not satisfied with the expected participation and agreed to take additional effort to improve it. To this end, Mr Wettig promised to take efforts to ensure the participation of a representative of the Civil Protection Unit of the European Commission. Mr. Dinkloh also promised to further explore the possibility of Germany participation in the meeting.

VII. Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Budapest, fall of 2004)

29. Mr. Popelyak and Mr. Katai-Urban reported on the organization of the preparatory work, including three possible conference venues and financial arrangements for the third meeting of the CoP to take place in Budapest in the fall of 2004.

30. The Bureau thanked the Hungarian delegation for their report and the willingness to make a substantial financial and in-kind contribution towards the third CoP. The Bureau also appreciated the thorough and well-advanced preparatory work.

31. The Bureau, together with the Hungarian hosts, decided that the third meeting of the CoP would take place from 27-29 October 2004 and that the meeting will start on the 27th in the afternoon. They also selected one of the three possibilities for conference venues suggested by the Hungarian hosts. The precise programme of the CoP and other conference details will be communicated to all UNECE member countries by the secretariat in due time.

32. The Bureau agreed that it would discuss the key agenda items of the third CoP and make arrangements for its own substantial preparation of the third CoP at its fifth meeting in Spring 2004 (see item IX “Fifth and future meetings of the Bureau”).

VIII. Financial resources under the Convention

33. Mr. Ludwiczak reported on the current status of financial resources under the Convention. The Bureau approved the secretariat’s financial report as annexed to these minutes.

34. The Bureau recognised the fact that there are presently only a limited number of active donor countries, which support the work under the Convention substantially with financial and in-kind contributions. The Bureau expressed its thanks to these countries.

35. However, the Bureau agreed also that the secretariat should address a letter to all the Parties with a request to explore the possibility of supporting the activities under the Convention, either financially through the trust fund or by making in-kind contributions, especially in view of current and future needs for resources to implement the work plan under the Convention in the coming years.

36. The Bureau also agreed with the Secretary’s proposal to utilize residue financial resources, which were earmarked by Italy and the United Kingdom for supporting the participation of representatives of countries in transition and the secretariat at the last meeting of the intergovernmental negotiation of the civil liability protocol and the second joint special session, to support their participation at the fourth meeting of the joint ad hoc expert group in Kaliningrad.

IX. Fifth and future meetings of the Bureau

37. The Bureau decided to hold its fifth meeting on 18-19 March 2004 in Budapest. The meeting would be held back-to-back with the second meeting of the Working Group on Implementation, which will be held on 16-17 March 2004 (see item IV).

X. Plan of meetings in 2003/2004

38. The following meetings are envisaged to take place in 2003/2004:

2003

30-31 October Fourth meeting of the Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents (Kaliningrad)

10-11 November Consultation and training session for the points of contact within the UNECE Industrial Accidents Notification System (Bratislava)

2004

16-17 March Second meeting of the Working Group on Implementation (Budapest)

18-19 March Fifth meeting of the Bureau (Budapest)

June Fifth meeting of the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents

June Task Force on the procedures and reports within the UNECE IAN System ²

27-29 October Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Budapest)

XI. Other business

39. **Transboundary response exercise between Germany and the Czech Republic in 2004:** Mr. Dinkloh informed the Bureau that the holding of a transboundary response exercise between Germany and the Czech Republic under the auspices of the CoP in 2004 has been cancelled and a workshop scheduled to take place in conjunction with the exercise was postponed.

40. **German-sponsored subregional workshop held in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova on 26-27 June 2003:** Mr Dinkloh also informed the Bureau about a German-sponsored subregional workshop held in Chisinau with the participation of experts from the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. This event was organized as a follow-up to the 2002 workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety technologies.

² Established in accordance with the outcome of the First consultation and training session for the points of contact for industrial accident notification and mutual assistance within the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System (Bratislava, 10-11 November 2003)

41. **Exchange programme in Germany with experts from the Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian countries:** Mr. Dinkloh further informed the Bureau of an exchange programme currently under way in Germany for seven experts from the Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian countries. The programme, which started on 15 September 2003, was aimed at familiarizing its participants with the legislative and institutional arrangements for major accident prevention in Germany. The programme will be ended with a seminar on 13 November 2003 in Berlin.

42. **Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents Management Model in the mean and lower basin of the Danube” (TEIAMM):** Mr. Piacente informed the Bureau of a pilot project about the “Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents Management Model in the mean and lower basin of the Danube” (TEIAMM) pilot project Italy has launched with Romania. Its key aim is to identify risk spots, evaluate the risk and establish emergency plans along the Danube in Romania.

43. **Workshop on strengthening cooperation with other UNECE Conventions under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (EIA Convention):** Mr. Wettig informed the Bureau that this workshop was organized on 2-4 October 2003 at the Cheia Mountain Resort in Romania under the EIA Convention and that the participants of the workshop formulated conclusions concerning possible cooperation between the EIA and the Industrial Accidents Conventions. The Working Group on EIA then further elaborated these conclusions. Because the conclusions involved the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention, the Bureau expects that it is informed and consulted prior to such elaborations by the Working Group on EIA. Therefore, the Bureau expressed its discontent with this procedure and requested the Chairperson and the Secretary to explore the situation and report back on the findings.

XII. Closing of the meeting of the Bureau

44. The Bureau members and the Secretary expressed their appreciation to the Italian authorities for making arrangements and holding the fourth meeting of the Bureau in Cagliari.

45. Mr. Berger concluded that the meeting was successful in reviewing the activities since the second meeting and outlined key actions leading to the third meeting of the CoP. He thanked all Bureau members, invited participants and the Secretary for their active participation at the meeting.

Annex I
FINANCIAL RESOURCES UNDER THE CONVENTION (2000-2004) – status as of 10 October 2003

	Contributors	Trust Fund (TFACT) Contributions	Local Technical Trust Fund Contributions	Total contributions	Total expenditure	Balance
Year						
01.01.2000						\$14,307
2000	Switzerland	\$12,500	-	-	-	-
Total		\$12,500	-	\$12,500	\$3,607	\$23,200
2001	Switzerland	\$36,585	-	-	-	-
	Norway	\$11,217	-	-	-	-
	European Commission	-	\$45,700	-	-	-
	Other	\$24,338	\$1,323	-	-	-
Total		\$72,140	\$47,023	\$119,163	\$6,594	\$135,769
2002	Switzerland	-	\$41,667	-	-	-
	Germany	-	\$9,785 a/	-	-	-
	Italy	-	\$14,866 b/	-	-	-
Total		-	\$66,318	\$66,318	\$80,310	\$121,777
2003	Switzerland	-	\$50,360			
	United Kingdom	-	\$12,970 c/			
	Italy	-	\$16,103 c/			
Total		-	\$79,433 d/	\$79,433 d/	88,898 d/	112,312 d/
2004	Switzerland	-	\$45,000 e/			

a/ Earmarked for financing of participation in the technology transfer workshop

b/ Earmarked for financing of participation in the 2nd CoP

c/ Earmarked for financing of participation in the civil liability negotiations

d/ Provisional figure

e/ Pledged contribution

USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES UNDER THE CONVENTION (2000-2003)

Year	Amount	Purpose
2000	\$2,986	Participation of experts from two countries in transition in the 2 nd meeting of the open-ended group to prepare the 1 st meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Warsaw, 27-28 January 2000
	\$621	Participation of an expert from one country in transition in the meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Budapest, 6-7 April 2000
Total	\$3,607	
2001	\$6,594	Participation of experts from four countries in transition in the 1 st meeting of the Working Group on Civil Liability, Geneva, 21-23 November 2001
Total	\$6,594	
2002	\$5,675	Participation of experts from four countries in transition in the 2 nd meeting of the Working Group on Civil Liability, Geneva, 4-6 February 2002
	\$381	Participation of experts from two countries in transition in the 2 nd meeting of the Bureau, Geneva, 6-7 February 2002
	\$1,961	Participation of experts from two countries in transition in the 2 nd meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Budapest, 15-16 April 2002
	\$17,664	Participation of experts from ten countries in transition in the 3 rd meeting of the Working Group on Civil Liability, Geneva, 6-8 May 2002
	\$8,673	Participation of experts from four countries in transition and the Convention's secretariat in the Polish-Russian transboundary response exercise "KOTKI-2002" and the international seminar on the preparedness for and response to industrial accidents and the mitigation of their transboundary effects, Ketrzyn, Poland, 13-15 June 2002 (as well as the Convention secretariat's participation in a preparatory meeting, Ketrzyn, 28 February - 1 March 2002)
	\$16,518	Participation of experts from ten countries in transition in the 4 th meeting of the Working Group on Civil Liability, Geneva, 2-4 September 2002
	\$9,948	Participation of experts from eleven countries in transition and the UNECE secretariat in the Workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety management systems and safety technologies, Chisinau, 4-5 November 2002
	\$14,921	Participation of experts from eleven countries in transition and the UNECE secretariat in the 2 nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Chisinau, 6-8 November 2002
	\$4,569	Participation of experts from three Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention (countries in transition) in the 5 th meeting of the Working Group on Civil Liability, Geneva, 11-13 November 2002
Total	\$80,310	

2003	\$17,143	Participation of experts from eight countries in transition in the 6 th meeting of the Working Group on Civil Liability, Geneva, 15-17 January 2003
	\$14,994	Participation of experts from eight countries in transition in the 7 th meeting of the Working Group on Civil Liability, Geneva, 26-28 February 2003
	\$16,509	Organization of the Subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention, Erevan, 13-15 March 2003
	\$12,506	Participation of experts from seven countries and the secretariat in transition in the Subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention, Erevan, 13-15 March 2003
	\$4,746 a/	Participation of experts from five countries in transition in the second Joint special session within the framework of the 5 th Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe", Kiev, 21-23 May 2003
	\$6,000 a/	Participation Of Experts From Four Countries And The Secretariat In The 4 th Meeting Of The Joint Expert Group On Water And Industrial Accidents, Kaliningrad, 30-31 October 2003
	\$17,000 a/	<i>Participation of experts from ten countries in transition and the secretariat in the first Consultation and training session for the points of contact within the framework of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System, Bratislava, 10-11 November 2003</i>
Total	\$88,898 a/	

a/ Provisional figure

EARMARKED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND (2000-2003)

Year	Contributors	Contribution
2000	Poland	Financing and organization of the 2 nd meeting of the open-ended group to prepare the 1 st meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Warsaw, 27-28 January 2000
	Hungary	Financing and organization of a meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Budapest, 6-7 April 2000
	Italy	Financing and organization of the 3 rd meeting of the open-ended group to prepare the 1 st meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including participation of experts from countries in transition, Rome, 8-9 June 2000
	European Commission	Financing and organization of the 1 st meeting of the Conference of the Parties and financing of the participation of experts from countries in transition, Brussels, 22-24 November 2000
2001	Switzerland	Financing of the participation of experts from countries in transition in the joint special session of the Governing Bodies of the Industrial Accidents and the Water Conventions, Geneva, 2-3 July 2001
	Germany	Financing of the organization of two meetings of an open-ended group to prepare the workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety management systems and safety technologies, including the participation of experts from countries in transition and the Convention's secretariat, Chisinau, 5-6 July and 26-27 November 2001
	Republic of Moldova	Organization of two meetings of an open-ended group to prepare the workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety management systems and safety technologies, Chisinau, 5-6 July and 26-27 November 2001
	Germany	Financing and organization of the first meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, including the participation of experts from countries in transition and the Conventions' secretariats, Berlin, 18-19 October 2001
	Hungary	Financing and organization of the International workshop and exercise on industrial safety and water protection in transboundary river basins, Tiszaujvaros, Hungary, 3-5 October 2001
	UN/OCHA	Financing of the participation of experts from countries in transition in the International workshop and exercise on industrial safety and water protection in transboundary river basins, Tiszaujvaros, 3-5 October 2001
	2002	Hungary
	Poland	Financing and organization of the Polish-Russian transboundary response exercise "KOTKI -2002" and international seminar on the preparedness for and response to industrial accidents and the mitigation of their transboundary effects, Ketrzyn, 13-15 June 2002
	Germany	Financing of the organization of the third meeting of an open-ended group to prepare the workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety management systems and safety technologies, including the participation of experts from countries in transition, Chisinau, 16-17 September 2002

	Republic of Moldova	Organization of the third meeting of an open-ended group to prepare the workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety management systems and safety technologies, Chisinau, 16-17 September 2002
	Germany	Financing of the organization of the workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety management systems and safety technologies, Chisinau, 4-5 November 2002
	Italy	Financing of the organization of the 2 nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Chisinau, 6-8 November 2002
	Republic of Moldova	Organization of the workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety management systems and safety technologies and the 2 nd meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Chisinau, 4-5 and 6-8 November 2002
2003	Armenia	Organization of the Subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention, Erevan, 13-15 March 2003
	Italy	<i>Financing and organization of the fourth Bureau meeting, Cagliari, 17-18 October 2003</i>
	Russian Federation	<i>Financing and organization of the 4th meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, Kaliningrad, 30-31 October 2003</i>
	Slovakia	<i>Financing and organization of the first consultation and training session for the points of contact within the framework of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System, Bratislava, 10-11 November 2003</i>