

## **Economic Commission for Europe**

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

### **Working Group on Implementation**

#### **Forty-first meeting**

Geneva, 23 February 2021

### **Annotated provisional agenda of the forty-first meeting**

**To be held remotely (through WebEx), starting at 9.00 a.m. and ending at 12.45 p.m.**

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

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs.
3. Organization of work and meetings in the biennium 2021–2022 and beyond.
4. Implementation of the Convention, including reporting.
5. Collection of good practices and exchange of information.
6. Assistance and Cooperation Programme.
7. Next Meeting.
8. Other business.
9. Closing of the meeting.

#### **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

This provisional agenda was prepared by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Working Group.

##### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

###### ***Expected timing: 5 min***

The secretariat will open the meeting and invite the Working Group to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

The secretariat will recall the adoption of the operating procedures to facilitate remote participation and decision-making (ECE/CP.TEIA/42/Add.1) by the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-11) (Geneva and online, 7–9 December 2020), which also apply to the meetings of the subsidiary bodies.

## 2. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs

*Expected timing: 15 min*

In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure (ECE/CP.TEIA/37), subsidiary bodies shall elect their own chair and, as required, vice-chairs, at their first meeting following the meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Working Group will be invited to elect a Chair and up to two Vice-Chairs from among its members. In the absence of the former Chair of the Working Group, who retired, the secretariat will provide background on the candidatures for membership.

## 3. Organization of work in the biennium 2021–2022 and beyond

*Expected timing: 25 min*

The secretariat will recall the responsibilities and working practices of the Working Group on Implementation, including its terms of reference and the mandates resulting from CoP-11. Members of the Working Group will be invited to clarify any questions they may have in this regard.

The secretariat will present the proposed organization of work in the four-year term 2021–2024, based on the background document. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the proposal and agree on its organization of work and meetings.

Documentation:

- [Terms of reference](#) of the Working Group on Implementation (ECE/CP.TEIA/32/Add.1)
- Proposed organization of work and meetings of the Working Group on Implementation in the term 2021–2024

## 4. Implementation of the Convention, including reporting

*Expected timing: 30 min*

The secretariat will provide an update on the status of implementation reports<sup>1</sup> received from Parties and committed countries, including those received after the reporting deadline and those that are still missing. Given that the results of these reports could not be included in the ninth report on implementation, the Working Group will be invited to decide whether to analyse the implementation reports received after the submission deadline, including on related responsibilities.

The Working Group might wish to discuss the planning for the initiation of the tenth round of reporting under the Convention (2019–2022), notably the timeline and actions for updating the format and guidelines for reporting on the implementation of the Convention.

The Working Group may wish to discuss how it can support the implementation of the decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention, which had been adopted by CoP-11.

Documentation:

- [Ninth report](#) on the implementation of the Convention (2016–2018) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/5)
- [Decision](#) on strengthening the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/41/Add.1, forthcoming)

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://wiki.unece.org/display/TEIA/Implementation+Reports>.

- [Decision 2016/2](#) on reporting requirements under the Convention

## 5. Collection of good practices and exchange of information

*Expected timing: 30 min*

The secretariat will report on its actions taken to make the good practices from the national implementation reports of the ninth reporting round available on the Convention's website,<sup>2</sup> as per the request of the Working Group. It will also report on the launch of an Information Repository of Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Land-Use Planning and Industrial Safety.<sup>3</sup>

The secretariat will introduce a concept note on the organization of a seminar to exchange experiences and good practices on the implementation of the Convention, which is included in the Convention's workplan for 2021–2022 with the Netherlands as a lead party. The Working Group will be invited to discuss the next steps for organizing the seminar, including the possible establishment of a small group to provide substantive guidance on the good practices to be presented, speakers to be approached, etc.

Documentation:

- Concept note on the organization of a seminar to exchange experiences and good practices on the implementation of the Convention

*Coffee/tea break: 15 min (10h45-11h00)*

## 6. Assistance and Cooperation Programme

### (a) Teleconferences and engagement with beneficiary countries of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme on implementation issues

*Expected timing: 20 min*

The secretariat will present the modus operandi for the Working Group's engagement with countries and a proposal for the division of subregional responsibilities among Working Group members. The Working Group will be invited to discuss any questions and agree on the subregional responsibilities.

The Working Group will be invited to make recommendations for countries to be invited to a teleconference at its next meeting. At its last meeting, the Working Group agreed that it would send its recommendations regarding the countries to be invited to a teleconference at its following meeting by 15 October 2020. In absence of proposals received, no teleconferences have been organized for the present meeting.

In line with its modus operandi, the Working Group can also engage on implementation issues with countries which are not benefitting from activities under the Assistance and Cooperation Programme. At its last meeting, the members of the Working Group agreed to review this matter and to send their possible proposals and justification in writing to the secretariat by mid-September 2020. In the absence of proposals received, the Working Group will be invited to discuss whether the organization of the above seminar on exchanging good practices could be considered sufficient in this regard or make proposals for countries it wishes to approach.

<sup>2</sup> <https://unece.org/tables-good-practices>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://unece.org/overview-and-case-studies>.

Documentation:

- [Modus operandi](#) for the Working Group on Implementation's engagement with Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries (annex I of ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/11)
- Subregional division of responsibilities as of 2021
- [Minutes of the fortieth meeting](#) of the Working Group on Implementation

**(b) Country dossiers and engagement strategies**

*Expected timing: 15 min*

The secretariat will show where the self-assessments, action plans and country dossiers are available online to facilitate access to these documents by members of the Working Group.

The Working Group may wish to discuss and agree on the feedback and recommendations for the next steps on monitoring the Strategic Approach.

Documentation:

- Self-assessments and action plans by the countries and country dossiers by the Working Group on Implementation, available online

**(c) Self-assessment e-tool and Industrial Safety Measurement Indices (ISMI)**

*Expected timing: 60 min*

Ms. Anna Tsarina (Russian Federation) will present an off-line e-tool, prepared based on the Benchmarks document, that could be used to facilitate the preparation of the national self-assessments.<sup>4</sup>

The secretariat will introduce the results of its initial exchanges with the Major Accidents and Hazards Bureau of the EU Joint Research Centre (JRC) on a project concerning the development of the Industrial Safety Measurement Indices (ISMI) tool, which is also included in the Convention's workplan for 2021–2022.<sup>5</sup> The tool is being developed to monitor and analyse progress towards implementation of the EU Seveso III Directive (and to facilitate the self-assessment under the Convention's Strategic Approach, where applicable), with the aim to facilitate digital reporting and analysis of the status of implementation. UNECE countries involved in the pilot phase of the ISMI tool are the Republic of Moldova, Serbia (which came up with the initiative to integrate the Convention's self-assessment indicators into the ISMI tool), Slovenia and Ukraine.

Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic (Serbia) will provide additional information on the pilot-phase of the ISMI tool.

The Working Group will be invited to provide feedback on the ISMI tool and self-assessment e-tool. It will also be invited to agree on the next steps regarding the possible future use of these tools.

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<sup>4</sup> The tool is available on the password-protected page with self-assessments and action plans (<https://wiki.unece.org/display/TAAP/Self-Assessments+and+Action+Plans>) under the tab "Self-assessment tool"). The secretariat will provide access to the page to the new Working Group members in advance of the meeting.

<sup>5</sup> Under II. Non-core activities, including assistance activities to support countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Development and integration of Convention's self-assessment indicators into Industrial Safety Measurement Indices for Measuring Progress in Implementation of the EU Seveso Directive and the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention (ISMI).

Documentation:

- Self-assessment e-tool
- [User-friendly version of the Benchmarks document](#)
- Concept note on Industrial Safety Measurement Indices for Measuring Progress in Implementation of the EU Seveso Directive and the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

**7. Next Meeting**

The Working Group will discuss possible dates for its next meeting.

**8. Other business**

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

**9. Closing of the meeting**

The Chair will close the meeting at 12.45 p.m. on 23 February 2021.

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