

Decision 2020/3

Guiding principles for financial assistance

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalls that it has invited Parties to, where possible and appropriate, provide dedicated financing to support the participation of representatives of countries with economies in transition and of developing and least developed countries that have expressed an interest in the Convention's activities, whether intergovernmental or assistance-related,

Also recalls that, subject to the availability of funding for this purpose and in accordance with the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties, the secretariat shall examine requests for financial assistance for eligible countries, giving priority — in descending order — to Parties; non-Parties in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region; and representatives of developing and least developed countries beyond that region,

Decides that the Parties from Eastern Europe (Belarus and the Republic of Moldova), South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia), the Caucasus (Armenia and Azerbaijan) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan) may be eligible, subject to 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 its Assistance and Cooperation Programme, as follows: the secretariat may provide financial support to help cover the expenses related to their participation, including if possible accommodation and air tickets,

Also decides that countries benefiting from the Convention's Assistance and Cooperation Programme that are not Parties may also be eligible, subject to the availability of dedicated funds,

Further decides that developing and least developed countries outside the ECE region having expressed an interest in the Convention may also be eligible to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the framework of the Convention, subject to the availability of dedicated funds,

Agrees that such financial support shall be supportive of the work plan priorities and to apply these guiding principles for financial assistance in the biennium 2021–2022.