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Bureau

Forty-sixth meeting

Geneva (online), 23 February 2021

Minutes of the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the Bureau members. The following Bureau members attended: Torill Tandberg (Norway), Chair; Michael Struckl (Austria), Vice-Chair; Martin Merkofer (Switzerland), Vice-Chair; Evgeny Baranovsky (Belarus); Camille Siefridt (European Union); Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund (Finland); Marie-Claire Lhenry (France); Margarita Redina (Russian Federation); Suzana Milutinovic (Serbia); and Jasmina Karba (Slovenia). Helena Fridh (Sweden), Chair of the Working Group on Implementation, also attended the meeting, and Mr. Bojan Srdic (Serbia), nominee for Co-Chair to the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, later elected, attended part of the meeting. The Chair welcomed the incumbents and new members (Ms. Lhenry, Ms. Redina) of the Bureau.
2. The Director of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Environment Division welcomed the Bureau members. He recalled important progress that had been made on the implementation of the Convention's long-term strategy until 2030 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1). He invited the Bureau to provide guidance and to seek financial resources to continue on this path of progress. The meeting was serviced by the ECE secretariat.
3. The Chair recalled the Bureau's mandate within its terms of reference (ECE/CP.TEIA/32/Add.1), including, *inter alia*, to carry out tasks that the Conference of the Parties entrusts to it, to take the lead in facilitation and strengthening implementation of the Convention, to prepare the work programme and to ensure financial requirements are met for implementing the workplan. The Chair thanked the secretariat for its preparatory work for this meeting and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Geneva and online, 7-9 December 2020).
4. The Bureau adopted the agenda (CP.TEIA/2021/B.1/Agenda) without changes.

2. Operating procedures

5. The secretariat recalled the adoption of the operating procedures to facilitate remote participation and decision-making in the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties due to extraordinary circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (ECE/CP.TEIA/42/Add.1), which apply to the meetings of the Convention's subsidiary bodies that require remote participation due to the COVID-19 pandemic until the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3. Follow-up to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

(a) Representation

6. The secretariat presented the report of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and its addendum, containing all decisions taken and the finalized workplan, which had been circulated before the meeting and which the Bureau had approved.

7. The secretariat reported that 38 Parties were present at the eleventh meeting, 3 were absent and 4 other countries from the ECE region were present.¹ It recalled that the operating procedures had required Parties, in view of the pandemic, to submit, through their Permanent Missions in Geneva, electronic copies of credentials of their representatives via email to the secretariat in advance of the meeting and the originals by post or in person in advance of the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. The secretariat reported that 34 advance copies were submitted before the meeting, 3 during the meeting and 1 after the meeting. It also reported that 14 originals had been submitted before the meeting and 29 at the time of the meeting. The secretariat also reported that it had verified quorum at the start of each day of the meeting and at times of adopting decisions, to which quorum had always been met in accordance to the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/37).

8. The Bureau welcomed the high representation at the meeting and noted the status of the submission of credentials.

(b) Evaluation of the meeting and lessons learned

9. The secretariat presented a summary of the evaluation forms received for the eleventh meeting, which included questions on the advance information session (online, 30 October 2020) and the actual meeting of the Conference of the Parties (7-9 December 2020). The secretariat reported that it had received and analyzed 46 responses and made digital summaries available on the webpage of the eleventh meeting.² The analysis showed that delegates rated, *inter alia*: mostly overall very highly or highly satisfied with the advance information session and the eleventh meeting; mostly overall highly satisfied with the meeting documents and materials, registration and online platform; and mostly highly satisfied with the secretariat's support. Comments also indicated that the advance information session was useful in preparing for the eleventh meeting. The secretariat thanked the Bureau for its work in preparing for the eleventh meeting.

10. The Bureau noted the secretariat's outstanding efforts in organizing the eleventh meeting and its preceding events and highlighted their successful preparation and conduct. The Chair thanked the secretariat, the Vice-Chairs and the Bureau for their work in preparing for the eleventh meeting. The Chair highlighted that the organization of a hybrid official meeting was resource intensive and required several additional meetings with Parties to allow for the adoption of decisions at the Conference itself. The preparation for and conduct of these meetings had only been possible due to the enlarged secretariat team, which included taking on new roles. The Chair also thanked Parties for submitting their comments and proposed revisions on draft decisions to be adopted at the eleventh meeting that were circulated in advance, noting the success of the advance circulation procedure included in the

¹ The three Parties that were not present include: Denmark, Luxembourg and Monaco. The four ECE member states that are not Parties to the Convention include: Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

² Available at https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/TEIA_CoP-11%20survey%20results_for%20the%20web.pdf.

operating procedures, and that a similar approach could be considered for use in future meetings, as required.

(c) Membership of the Bureau

11. The Chair reflected on the current composition of the Bureau. She highlighted improvements in the Bureau's geographical representation, including new membership of Parties which have become important financial contributors to the Convention's work, namely the Russian Federation and France, and gender representation (sixty percent women and forty percent men). The Chair noted that Central Asia, in addition to the Caucasus (while Eastern Europe was represented), were the only sub-regions not represented in the Bureau, while noting that the number of Parties from these subregions were limited (Kazakhstan and Armenia and Azerbaijan, respectively).

12. The Bureau welcomed the improved geographic representation and decided to consider options to attract the sub-regions not represented for nomination for Bureau membership for the next biennium.

4. Workplan for 2021–2022

13. The Bureau discussed the workplan for 2021–2022 (ECE/CP.TEIA/42/Add.1), which the secretariat had finalized in cooperation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs. The Chair and the secretariat encouraged the Bureau to consider how to ensure gaps in the leadership of activities and additional financial contributions required to implement them.

(a) Resource availability, requirements and staffing

14. The Bureau discussed resource requirements for the implementation of the activities and recalled the obligation of the Parties to provide resources, in line with the sustainable financial mechanism (ECE/CP.TEIA/24, Annex I). The Chair also recalled decision 2018/2 on fostering implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism under the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1).

15. The secretariat presented an overview of the funding available and needed to complete the planned activities in the biennium 2021–2022, including the available and envisaged staff resources needed. The Secretary informed the Bureau that the funding was secured for the activities and related staff resources required until the end of the year 2021 – thanks to pledges by Parties and the continued spending of former contributions received, as the implementation of related activities had to be postponed, in large part due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, there was a considerable lack of funding as regards contributions for 2022. Additional contributions needed to be received, or at least confirmed, in 2021, to enable the continued implementation of the workplan in 2022, including its core activities, along with the related secretariat staffing at current levels. Should no additional resources be made available, the Bureau would need to advise, at its next meeting, on the prioritization of activities and related staff resources for 2022. Overall, the contributions available and pledged for the 2021-22 workplan represented 58% of the overall budget. The Secretary stressed that additional financing was a prerequisite to continue the path towards implementation of long-term strategy and sustain activities developed, including on TMF safety, NDP-launch, Natech, strategic partnerships, such as with the European Commission Joint Research Centre (EC JRC), etc.

16. The Secretary highlighted the difficulty that, whereas implementation periods for activities were prolonged due to the COVID-19 pandemic, liaison with the beneficiary countries continued and, in some instances, interim online activities were organized. While this was resource intensive, and required the continued presence and engagement by staff, donors did not normally make additional resources available to cover any additional costs.

17. The Bureau member from the European Union provided information that the European Union was looking into possibility to provide project-related financing for the Industrial Accidents Convention. In this respect, he reported on a new funding instrument currently being created – the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDIC) – which would become the primary instrument for the implementation of the European Green Deal and which was highly relevant for the prevention of industrial accidents and water pollution. He also suggested further exploring funding possibilities with DG NEAR and DG ECHO, offering to facilitate meetings to this end. The Finnish Bureau member highlighted the linkages with the EU's work on civil protection under the Council of the European Union's Working Party on Civil Protection (Prociv). The Bureau and the secretariat welcomed these ideas, and in particular the envisaged engagement by the European Commission in seeking European Union funding for the Convention's work. At the same time, the Chair and Secretariat recalled past difficulties in receiving funds from DG ECHO under a won Call for Proposals and highlighted the need to determine the suitable financing conditions and administrative frameworks. The Secretary informed the Bureau that direct contributions from the European Union to the trust fund were how the European Union supported the work of other Conventions, including for project-related contributions governed by FAFA, the Financial and Administrative Framework Agreement between the European Union and the United Nations.

18. The Bureau considered further efforts which its members could take to attract resources to enable full implementation of the workplan. The Secretary highlighted that all types of contributions were important and welcome. While there was a natural preference for non-earmarked funding to support the workplan's implementation, also earmarked funding for projects was important. She highlighted that larger project-related contributions have made the difference in recent years, allowing to scale the work, and related resources, in line with the long-term strategy, and that several of these were coming to an end in 2021. She invited Bureau members to actively seek funding from their own, or possibly other government authorities, including agencies of development cooperation, for the financing of multi-year projects, which beneficiary countries were demanding, including Danube-Delta-II, NPDs in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Natech in Central Asia, TMF safety and preventing accidental water pollution. At the same time, financing for smaller projects was also feasible, such as a national workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety, and the development of catalogue/webpage on accidental pollution events. The non-core activities not yet funded were listed in Table 3 of the Convention's workplan.

19. The Chair reminded the Bureau of its special responsibility, in line with the sustainable financial mechanism, to actively reach out to and encourage Parties to provide support. The Secretary shared information with the Bureau that this approach had been successful during a previous biennium, where Poland, for example, suggested additional support provided by France. The Chair encouraged the small group on financing to specifically take up this matter at its meeting(s) to be held in advance of the next Bureau meeting – while reiterating the responsibility of the entire Bureau for attracting the resources needed to enable the workplan's implementation.

20. The Bureau furthermore reflected on actions to promote the decision 2018/2 fostering implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism. In this respect, the Chair offered hosting the Bureau meeting in June 2022 in Oslo, which was welcomed by the Bureau and the secretariat. The Bureau agreed to actively encourage Parties to provide additional financial contributions for activities under the workplan and invited the secretariat to reflect this in the high-level letters sent every two years, in line with the sustainable financial mechanism, drawing attention to the funding gap. Bureau members also agreed to report back on their individual efforts at the next meeting.

(b) Planned activities of the Bureau in 2021–2022 and organization of work

21. The Chair reflected on the envisaged organization of work to implement the workplan, highlighting the important role of the Bureau and the guidance it provides overall, as well as through dedicated small groups. She further highlighted the roles of the Chair, including to provide key oversight and liaise with the secretariat, and Vice-Chairs, including with Mr. Struckl leading work on mine tailings safety and Mr. Merkofer leading work on risk assessment, and joint consideration of strategic issues.

22. The Bureau agreed to continue or establish the following small groups:

(a) Continuation of the small group on financing, comprising Ms. Tandberg (Chair, Norway, lead), Ms. Wagello-Sjölund (Finland), Ms. Karba (Slovenia) and Mr. Baranovsky (Belarus), with the main task of discussing how to increase financial contributions for the 2021-22 workplan and prepare discussions on financing at the meetings of the Bureau;

(b) Continuation of the small group on risk assessment, comprising Mr. Merkofer (Vice-Chair, Switzerland, lead), Mr. Struckl (Vice-Chair, Austria), Mr. Baranovsky (Belarus), Ms. Karba (Slovenia), Ms. Milutinovic (Serbia) and three members³ of the Working Group on Implementation;

(c) Establishment of a small group on disaster risk reduction (DRR)/natural hazards triggering technological disasters (Natech), comprising Ms. Tandberg (Chair, Norway, lead), Ms. Wagello-Sjölund (Finland), Ms. Karba (Slovenia), Mr. Baranovsky (Belarus) and Ms. Redina (Russian Federation),⁴ to advise on the preparation of a joint session at the European Forum on DRR and a seminar on Natech at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and

(d) Establishment of an Advisory Group to support the preparation for a seminar to follow-up on the Beirut accident, comprising, for the Industrial Accidents Convention, Mr. Struckl (Vice-Chair, Austria, lead) and Mr. Merkofer (Vice-Chair, Switzerland), in addition to members beyond the Bureau, notably Mr. Ivan Nakurts (Latvia, Civil Protection Department of the State Fire and Rescue Service), Ms. Maureen Wood (European Union, Major Accident Hazards Bureau of the Joint Research Centre (EC JRC)), Ms. Heike Michael-Schulz (Germany, Bundesamt für Materialforschung (BAM)) and Mr. Lorens Van Dam (Sweden, Swedish Civil Contingency Agency).⁵

23. The Chair thanked members of the small groups for their engagement and ensured that the whole Bureau will be informed of key milestones of the groups' activities. The Chair recalled the previous small group for the mine tailings safety seminar, and proposed that this would not continue as a formal group but remain as a loose network to act in an advisory capacity. Bureau members agreed with this set-up; the members from Austria and Switzerland expressed the commitment for their countries to continue to provide advice on the tailings-related activities, as and when needed.

(c) Activities to be carried out under the Convention in 2021–2022

24. The secretariat presented an overview of the activities to be carried out under the Convention in 2021–2022 according to the workplan, apart from the activities which had been planned to be discussed during the joint meeting of the Bureau and the Working Group

³ The small group on risk assessment includes the following members from the Working Group on Implementation: Ms. Vizbule (Latvia), Mr. Gonzalez (Switzerland) and Ms. Stamenkovic (Serbia).

⁴ Ms. Wagello-Sjölund and Ms. Redina confirmed their participation following the meeting.

⁵ Ms. Nakurts, Ms. Wood, Ms. Michael-Schulz and Mr. Van Dam confirmed their participation following the meeting.

on Implementation on the following day. On this basis, the Bureau discussed and provided guidance on the envisaged activities to be carried out under the Convention.

25. The Bureau approved and provided advice on the planning of activities:

(a) The Bureau took note of and endorsed the secretariat in continuing outreach and awareness, including through press/news releases, social media and website updates, and its engagement in meetings with donors to report on implemented activities and discuss project proposals and future funding opportunities. Bureau members agreed to inform the secretariat should such meetings be of interest for their country. The Bureau welcomed the secretariat's extensive outreach work, acknowledging its impact. It also welcomed the new, more user-friendly webpage, the migration to which was managed by the secretariat.

(b) The Bureau took note of and endorsed the continuing and strengthening of strategic partnerships. It welcomed the revised list of strategic partners, presented by the secretariat, which will be available on the ECE website.⁶ It also welcomed the secretariat's list of partners and key resources of the organizations part of Inter-Agency Group on Chemical and Industrial Accidents (IACG), which the Group requested UNECE to prepare at its last meeting and which will also be available on the ECE website,⁷ following feedback from the different organizations. It also appreciated the secretariat's involvement in the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) of which UNECE is an observer. The Bureau agreed that ECE was a convener of partnerships and encouraged the secretariat, for the Convention, to further strengthen strategic partnerships, including through the IACG and by continuing to reach out to partners of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). Bureau members agreed to reach out to their SAICM Focal Points to voice the need for including safety/accident prevention principles into the targets/indicators for the SAICM Beyond 2020 process.

(c) The secretariat presented on actions to facilitate implementation of the Convention, including on enhancing its contributions to the process to implement the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The presentation included a background note on the organization of a joint session, together with the OECD Working Party on Chemical Accidents, at the European Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR) (Matosinhos, Portugal and online, 24-26 November 2021), with the support of the European Investment Bank (EIB). The Bureau agreed with the secretariat's proposal to contribute to EFDRR, in cooperation with the OECD. The Chair thanked the Bureau members involved in the small group on DRR and Natech and welcomed their contributions to future meetings on preparing this event.

(d) The secretariat presented its work within the Natech-III project, including its contributions to a brochure and later, a guidance on Natech risk management, led by the OECD and with contributions from UNEP/OCHA and the EC JRC, as well as the country members of the Steering Group, under Germany's leadership. The secretariat proposed the organization of a Natech seminar at the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, subject to the availability of resources. The Bureau welcomed the proposal, noting that it fits well within the Natech-III project and in view of it presenting the draft guidance and good practices. It agreed to organize a seminar on Natech, in close cooperation with the organizations that are part of the Natech-III project, namely OECD, UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit, EC JRC, at the twelfth meeting.

(e) The secretariat presented its work on land-use planning and industrial safety, including the publication and promotion of the information repository.⁸ The Bureau took note

⁶ Available at: Strategic partnerships | UNECE

⁷ Available at: Inter-agency coordination | UNECE

⁸ The information repository is available at <https://unece.org/information-repository-good-practices-and-lessons-learned-land-use-planning-and-industrial-safety>.

of the information repository and agreed to further consider its promotion, the applicability of the included case studies and the possible submission of additional case studies, which will continue to be possible.

(f) The secretariat presented an overview of the Industrial Accident Notification (IAN) system. It informed the Bureau that the IAN system needed an upgrade and proposed three options. The Bureau took note of the required upgrade and the options. On this basis, the Bureau agreed to pursue the first option of a basic security update with the regular budget.⁹ It also agreed that it would consider whether to pursue the second option on fixing existing glitches and bugs within the current IAN system or the third option on re-engineering the IAN system as a new system with enhanced functions. Based on a suggestion by the Bureau member from Switzerland, the Bureau asked the secretariat to reach out to Points of Contact of the IAN system to seek funding for options 2 or 3. The Bureau further agreed to reach out to their countries and other countries that may provide funding for the IAN system upgrade or re-engineering and requested the secretariat to include this need in the funding letters to Parties to be sent later this year.

5. Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (JEG): Election of the Chair and planned activities

26. The Bureau elected the new Co-Chair of the JEG, Mr. Srdic (Serbia), who would attend parts of the meetings dedicated to JEG. The Bureau also agreed on a liaison person, Ms. Milutinovic, Bureau member from Serbia, to follow activities which may be relevant to the work of the JEG and relay respective information between the Bureau and the JEG Co-Chair.

27. The Chair welcomed the newly elected Co-Chair of the JEG to the meeting, and the Bureau appreciated his election. The Co-Chair of the JEG presented a list of activities planned for the JEG. In line with the JEG Strategy and related key-decisions agreed at the forty-second meeting of the Bureau (Oslo, 27-28 September 2019), the Bureau reviewed the JEG's activities planned for the biennium and provided guidance, including on the:

- (a) Follow-up to the nomination of new JEG members;
- (b) Strengthening cooperation with the river basin commission; and
- (c) Organization of a JEG meeting in 2022.

28. The Bureau agreed to the conduct of the above listed activities to the extent that resources allow. The Bureau also agreed that the secretariat proceed with inviting focal points to submit new or updated nominations of JEG membership, following the meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Geneva, 26-28 April 2021).

6. Long-term strategy and communication, outreach and engagement strategy

29. The Secretary presented on how the activities planned for the biennium 2021–2022 supported the implementation of the long-term strategy until 2030 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1) and the Convention's vision, including in relation to the new and emerging risks of Natech,

⁹ This work has been completed by UNECE Information System Unit at the time of writing of the present minutes.

land-use planning and industrial safety, prevention of accidental water pollution and industrial safety hotspots, such as tailings management facilities.

30. The Bureau noted and shared its reflections on the activities planned and how they supported the long-term strategy. The Chair highlighted that even more progress towards the attainment of the long-term strategy direction could be made if funding were available for using the Convention to address new and emerging risks. The Chair suggested that the Bureau decide, following the practice of the previous Bureau, to review how the workplan facilitates implementation of long-term strategy at the Bureau meeting in summer 2022, in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

31. The secretariat presented key elements of the communication, outreach and engagement strategy for the Industrial Accidents Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1) and shared examples of its communications outputs, including press releases, social media activity and website updates, and promotional actions which Bureau members could take.

32. The Bureau thanked the secretariat for its work on promoting the Convention and the tools developed under its auspices, such as the recent online toolkit for strengthening mine tailings safety.¹⁰ Bureau members agreed to take action to implement the communications strategy, including through press releases, social media and participation in expert blogs¹¹ and meetings.

7. Adjusted format of the future workplan 2023–2024

33. The Bureau held an initial discussion on the possibility of making adjustments to the format of the future workplan, as proposed by the European Union at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Bureau member from the European Union elaborated on its proposal and suggested for the Bureau to further consider, at future meetings, the following possible adjustments to the workplan:

- (a) To further refine the list of “core activities” (with reference to the Bureau’s previously agreed listing and the Sustainable Financial Mechanism);
- (b) To further prioritize among the core activities, while differentiating them from the non-core activities;
- (c) To further demonstrate how the workplan supports implementation of the long-term strategy until 2030, with its key objectives and as such, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

34. The Bureau member from the European Union also asked whether the secretariat could re-introduce the former Table 4, previously part of the document on the use of financial and in-kind resource presented to the Conferences of the Parties until the tenth meeting, and suggested that the secretariat prepare an overview of the resources spent on core and non-core activities in past bienniums. The Secretary welcomed the further elaboration of the suggestions from the European Union, and expressed the secretariat’s readiness to prepare suitable proposals. She also shared information with the Bureau member of the European Union that since the introduction of the UMOJA administrative system in the UN, approved by UN member States through the General Assembly, more detailed financial reporting was not anymore feasible, within existing resources. Following a related discussion and agreement by the Bureau, at its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties had “*requested the secretariat to report on the use of financial resources as of the next meeting in a more*

¹⁰ Available in English and Russian at <https://unece.org/environment-policy/industrial-accidents/online-toolkit-and-training-strengthening-mine-tailings>.

¹¹ Such as the DRR Voices Blog | PreventionWeb.net.

aggregated, standard manner — based on the information attainable from the United Nation's administrative system UMOJA” (ECE/CP.TEIA/38, para. 75).

35. The Chair recalled that the Bureau had discussed the issue of differentiating core and non-core activities for several years and suggested to continue this discussion in greater depth at the next Bureau meeting, while stating that it may not be feasible to address all suggestions by the European Union. The Bureau agreed to further consider the European Union's suggestions and, to that effect, requested the secretariat to make initial proposals for elements of an amended workplan structure and further differentiation among the core activities to present at the next Bureau meeting.

8. Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

36. The Bureau agreed that the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held in November/December 2022¹² and include a seminar on Natech (see paragraph 25(d)). The Bureau also agreed to take steps to identify a host country for the meeting and, should a host country not be identified, to hold the meeting at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

9. Proposed schedule of meetings for 2021–2022

37. The Bureau agreed to hold its next meeting on 14-15 October 2021 online from Geneva, following the next meeting of the Working Group on Implementation (12-13 October). The members of the small groups agreed to independently schedule their upcoming meetings.

10. Other business

38. In advance of his retirement, the Bureau thanked the Deputy Director of the Environment Division for his years of work on developing the Convention and advancing the work on industrial safety and related policy areas. The Chair informed the Bureau that she would send a card, on its and the secretariat's behalf, to express the Bureau's gratitude and appreciation, an approach very much welcomed by the Bureau's members.

11. Closure of the meeting

39. The Chair closed the meeting on 23 February 2021 at 6:20 p.m.

¹² Preliminary dates have been reserved for a meeting room in the Palais des Nations for 29 November – 1 December 2022. Should a host country for the meeting be identified, the effective dates could be different.