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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF
SERBIA AND UNECE**

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I. BACKGROUND

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
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ЕВРОПЕЙСКАЯ ЭКОНОМИЧЕСКАЯ КОМИССИЯ
ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ

Convention
on the Transboundary Effects
of Industrial Accidents
as amended on 19 March 2008

Convention
sur les effets transfrontières
des accidents industriels
telle que modifiée le 19 mars 2008

Конвенция
о трансграничном воздействии
промышленных аварий
с поправками от 19 марта 2008 года



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- **National Policy Dialogues (NPD) on Industrial Safety in Serbia** is a platform to advance policy reforms and enhance environmental governance, disaster resilience and industrial safety.
- **In 2009 Serbia acceded to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention** and is a beneficiary of its Assistance and Cooperation Programme.
- Serbia appointed **its Ministry of the Environmental Protection, Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management as the CA** under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention



II. KEY PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I OBJECTIVES

- Provide a **comprehensive framework for cooperation and facilitate collaboration between the Partners** to industrial safety, disaster risk management and environmental protection in Serbia
- Implement activities **under the NPD to strengthen Serbia's implementation of international legal instruments**, such as UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and relevant European Union legislation, with engagement of all relevant authorities, civil society and industry.
- Support **Serbia's commitments to the Agenda 2030 and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.**



ARTICLE II ACTIVITIES

- Facilitate **policy advancement and legislative reform** (National Programme on Industrial Safety)
- Advance **alignment with international legal and policy instruments** (UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention , Seveso-III Directive, Agenda 2030, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction)
- Present and discuss **international approaches and good practices**
- Transmit and exchange **information and knowledge in areas of interest to Serbia**
- Engage **relevant national and international institutions, industry representatives, non-governmental organizations, and local and international stakeholders**



ARTICLE III IMPLEMENTATION

- **Ministry of Environmental Protection** leads the **NPD** implementation. **Ministry of Interior** and the **Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management** will actively engage in the process of NPD implementation
- **Other relevant authorities** will contribute to the implementation of the NPD activities
- The NPDs implementation **is supported by the UNECE** in cooperation with partner organizations, in particular **OECD**
- Subject to **the availability of financing**
- **Coordination and oversight** of the NPD process in Serbia **is provided by the NPD SC**
- SC serves as **a consultative and advisory body** (Please see the ToR for additional information)
- **SC identifies key challenges to be addressed** by the NPD process and provide guidance to the activities

ARTICLE IV FUNDING

- Voluntary engagement on the side of Serbian authorities and UNECE .
- This MoU does not entail any obligations on any one Partner to fund the activities of the other
- Subject to availability of funding of related activities of the Industrial Accidents Convention's workplans
- UNECE may provide support to the NPD (advisory services, the management of activities and financial support for their conduct)



III. OTHER PROVISIONS

OTHER ARTICLES

Article V : MoU Focal Points

Article VI: Intellectual Property rights

Article VII: Reporting requirements

Article VIII: Settlement of disputes

Article IX: Privileges and immunities

Article X: Endorsement of Goods and Services

Article XI: General Provision

Article XII: Amendments

Article XIII: Special Measures For Protection From Sexual Exploitation And Sexual Abuse

Article XIV: Termination

Article XV: Use of Name, Emblem or Official Seal

Article XVI: Privileges, Immunities and Indemnification

Article XVII: Confidentiality

Article XVIII: Evaluation of the Activities

Article XIX: Notices



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