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Convention on the Transboundary
Effects of Industrial Accidents

Working Group on Implementation

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Geneva, 20–21 June 2022

Annotated provisional agenda of the forty-fourth meeting

To be held online (through WebEx), starting at 9.15 a.m. on 20 June and ending at 12.15 p.m. on 21 June

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

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

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Expected timing: 15 min

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

The secretariat will report on its efforts to encourage Latvia to nominate a replacement for Ms. Laura Vizbule in the Working Group.

2. Seminar on Good Practices and Lessons Learned in the implementation of the Convention

(a) Seminar evaluation

Expected timing: 20 min

The secretariat will be invited to present the findings from the evaluation of the seminar on Good Practices and Lessons Learned in the implementation of the Convention (Geneva and online, 3-4 February 2022). The members of the Working Group will be invited to take note of the information and share their views on the conduct of the seminar.

Documentation:

Evaluation results: https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-03/Evaluation%20Summary_ENG%20and%20RUS_WGI%20Special%20Session.pdf

(b) Conclusions and recommendations

Expected timing: 25 min

The member of the Working Group from the Netherlands (lead Party), also Chair of the Working Group's preparatory group¹ for the organization of the seminar, will present the finalized conclusions and recommendations arising from the seminar, as finalized by the secretariat and annexed to the Working Group's report on its activities in 2021-2022.

The members of the Working Group will be invited to comment and agree on the conclusions and recommendations for the seminar. They may also wish to discuss how to address specific recommendations therein, notably the proposed update of the location criteria in relation to tailings management facilities (para. 17 in the annex).

Documentation:

¹ The members of the preparatory group include Ms. Nicolette Bouman (Chair, Netherlands), Mr. Vitalii Mutaf (Republic of Moldova), Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic (Serbia), Ms. Helena Fridh (Sweden) and Mr. Raphaël Gonzalez (Switzerland).

- Annex with conclusions and recommendations of the seminar on good practices and lessons learned on the implementation of the Convention, as contained in the Working Group's report on its activities in the biennium 2021-2022

(c) Follow-up activities in the next workplan and beyond

Expected timing: 30 min

The secretariat will be invited to present further information about the implementation of the follow-up activities for the workplan 2023-2024, notably on the following:

- (i) Interactive network for the exchange of information and sharing of experiences;
- (ii) Development of a guide of good practices on the implementation of the Convention.

The members of the Working Group will be invited to share their views on the proposed implementation of the above activities in 2023-2024. They will also be invited to volunteer to act as lead parties and consider opportunities of providing financing from the side of their or other authorities for their implementation.

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

3. Implementation of the Convention, including reporting

(a) Implementation reporting and analysis

Expected timing: 10 min

The secretariat will report on its follow-up with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, which failed to submit an implementation report for the 9th reporting round (2016-2018).

The members of the Working Group from the Netherlands and Slovakia will report on their circulation of the written key findings from analyzing the sections "Policy for implementation of the Convention" and "Scientific and technological cooperation and exchange of information" in the late implementation reports from the 9th reporting round (2016–2018), as agreed at the 44th meeting of the Working Group (Geneva and online, 1-2 February 2022).

Documentation:

- Analyses of late implementation reports from the 9th reporting round (2016–2018), shared by the Dutch and Slovakian Working Group members in advance of the meeting

(b) Reporting format and guidelines for the tenth reporting round

Expected timing: 45 min

The secretariat will present the draft reporting format and guidelines for the 10th reporting round (2019-2022), updated based on the inputs and written feedback of the Working Group members after the 44th meeting (1-2 February 2022). The members of the Working Group will be invited to comment on the updated draft format and guidelines, including to clarify outstanding questions raised by the secretariat. The Working Group will be invited to agree on the next steps towards finalizing the documents for their circulation to all Parties and committed countries early next year.

Documentation:

- Draft reporting format for the 10th reporting round (2019–2022)
- Draft reporting guidelines for the 10th reporting round (2019–2022)

(c) Risk assessment

Expected timing: 15 min

The Vice-Chair from Switzerland will provide an update on the work done to develop the finalized reports on “Risk Assessment for Industrial Accident Prevention: Overview of risk assessment methods” (Part 1) and “Risk Assessment for Industrial Accident Prevention: Selected Case Studies and Available Software Tools” (Part 2), which will be presented at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (29 November–1 December 2022). The Working Group will be invited to take note of the information provided.

Documentation:

- Draft report on “Risk Assessment for Industrial Accident Prevention: Overview of risk assessment methods” (Part 1)
- Draft report on “Risk Assessment for Industrial Accident Prevention: Selected Case Studies and Available Software Tools” (Part 2)

(d) Tailings safety

Expected timing: 20 min

The secretariat will report on an orientation paper containing concrete actions on strengthening tailings safety, developed by the Bureau’s small group on tailings safety in cooperation with the secretariat, following the request by the Conference of the Parties at its 11th meeting (7–9 December 2020). The Working Group will be invited to take note of the information.

Documentation:

- Draft orientation paper: Call for action to strengthen mine tailings safety within and beyond the ECE region

Lunch break: 90 min (approx. 12h30-14h00)

4. Assistance and Cooperation Programme

(a) Update on on-going and planned assistance activities

Expected timing: 30 min

The secretariat will present an update on ongoing and planned assistance activities under the current workplan.

The Working Group will be invited to take note of the activities and provide advice on their implementation.

(b) Implementation of the Strategic Approach: Self-assessments and Action Plans, and self-assessment e-tool

Expected timing: 30 min

The subregional group for Central Asia will be invited to report on its contacts with (i) Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to provide feedback on their updated self-assessments; and with (ii) Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan to provide feedback on their updated action plan, which both aimed to integrate specific needs and actions related to tailings safety and Natech risks.

The subregional group for South-Eastern Europe will present its findings from the review of the self-assessment submitted by Montenegro and make recommendations for next steps. The Working Group will be invited to agree on the way forward.

The member from Belarus will report on its use of the finalized self-assessment e-tool.

Documentation:

- Finalized e-tool for use by beneficiary countries of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme, available on the [password-protected web-page](#)

(c) Country dossiers

Expected timing: 45 min

The subregional groups will be invited to provide information on their updates to the country dossiers and engagement strategies since the last meeting of the Working Group. They will be asked to highlight any key developments in their subregion, make proposals for countries to be invited to a teleconference for the next meeting and consider other forms of engagement with some countries, including during the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Working Group may wish to discuss and agree on the feedback and recommendations for the next steps in monitoring the Strategic Approach and engaging with beneficiary countries to support the Convention's implementation.

The secretariat will provide an update about the scheduled teleconferences with beneficiary countries under the Convention's Assistance and Cooperation Programme, as they were requested by the Group's members for the present meeting. The Working Group will report on the agendas of and questions for teleconference(s) scheduled at the members' request for the present meeting. The Working Group may wish to pre-discuss how to conduct the teleconference(s).

Documentation:

- Country dossiers by the Working Group on Implementation, available on the [password-protected web-page](#)

(d) Report by the secretariat on the assistance activities in the biennium 2021-2022

Expected timing: 15 min

The secretariat will inform the Working Group members about the outline and key highlights from the report on the assistance activities in the biennium 2021-2022, to be drafted by the secretariat for endorsement at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Working Group will be invited to take note of the information.

****End of Day 1: approx. 16h00****

****Start of Day 2: 9h15 am (dialling in as of 9h00)****

5. Teleconferences and engagement with beneficiary countries of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme on implementation issues

Expected timing: 90 min

The Working Group will conduct the teleconferences with invited beneficiary countries under the Assistance and Cooperation Programme. Following the teleconferences, the Working Group will be invited to agree on the next steps.

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

6. Inputs for the 49th meeting of the Bureau and 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties

(a) Report by the Working Group on its activities in the biennium 2021-2022

Expected timing: 30 min

The Chair, in cooperation with the Vice-Chairs, will present the Working Group's draft report on its activities in the biennium 2021-2022, to be submitted to the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (29 November-1 December 2022). All Working Group members will be invited to comment on the draft report and agree on the next steps for finalizing it.

Documentation:

- Draft report on the activities of the Working Group on Implementation in the biennium 2021-2022

(b) Key messages for the Bureau and Conference of the Parties

Expected timing: 25 min

The Working Group members will be invited to share their views on key messages which the Chair could highlight when reporting on the activities of the Working Group at the 49th meeting of the Bureau (online, 28-29 June 2022) and the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including proposals for inclusion into the Convention's workplan for 2023-2024.

7. Next meetings

Expected timing: 10 min

The Working Group will discuss the date and format (face-to-face or online) of its next meeting in early 2023, including its joint back-to-back meeting with the Bureau.

8. Other business

Expected timing: 5 min

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

9. Closing of the meeting

Expected timing: 5 min

The Chair will close the meeting no later than 12.15 p.m. on 21 June 2022.
