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Geneva, 29 November–1 December 2022

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), in consultation with the Chair of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention).

The Conference of the Parties will be held as an in-person event, requiring participation in person for decision-making and for the purposes of determining a quorum. Remote connection will be possible for delegates unable to travel, in particular, from outside of the ECE region. Delegates are kindly requested to send their statements and/or presentations to the secretariat four weeks in advance of the meeting, by 1 November 2022, via email (ece-teia.conv@un.org). Interventions by participants connected remotely shall not exceed 30 minutes for each 3-hour session, in order to allow interpretation into the ECE official languages, in accordance with the rules of the United Nations Office at Geneva. Hence, the possibility to deliver statements remotely cannot be guaranteed and will depend on the remaining time quota for remote participation. Delegates attending the meeting are requested to register by 21 November 2022 using the electronic procedure.¹

¹ Registration is available through the meeting webpage: <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/Industrial-Accidents/events/364027>. For assistance with registration, please contact the secretariat by email (ece-teia.conv@un.org). This will be a paperless meeting; all documentation and related information will be made available on the meeting web page. Delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies of any meeting documentation that they will require. Delegations from countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia eligible for financial support, in line with decision 2020/3 on guiding principles for financial assistance, are invited to nominate their representative and submit the respective financial support request form (available on the above-mentioned web page) to the secretariat by email (ece-teia.conv@un.org) by 3 October 2022.

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Provisional time: Tuesday, 29 November, 10–10.20 a.m.

The Chair of the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention will open the twelfth meeting.

The Deputy Executive Secretary of ECE and the Director of the Directorate for Civil Protection of Norway, co-organizing the Conference, will make opening remarks at the twelfth meeting, which marks the Convention's thirtieth anniversary.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the agenda for its twelfth meeting as set out in the present document.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/43)

Provisional timetable (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/INF.1)

2. Thirtieth anniversary of the Convention

Provisional time: Tuesday, 29 November, 10.20–11.20 a.m.

The current year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the Convention in Helsinki, on 17 March 1992. This anniversary provides an occasion to take stock of the progress achieved since the Convention's text was agreed upon and to look at the remaining challenges and actions needed to enhance its implementation and industrial safety in the ECE region and beyond.

Representatives of Parties, non-Parties and partner organizations will be invited to reflect on the Convention's anniversary, highlighting up to three key achievements in terms of the Convention's implementation attained since its adoption in 1992, and indicating up to three priority actions they intend to take to accelerate implementation and make progress in line with the long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1). Delegations are encouraged to display an image or a picture on a slide that figuratively illustrates the achievement(s) and action(s) they wish to present. Former Chairs of the Bureau and of the Working Group on Implementation will also be invited to speak.

In view of the expected large participation in the meeting, participants are requested to limit the length of their interventions to three minutes. Full statements provided to the secretariat will be posted on the session's web page. Delegations wishing to speak under this item are invited to inform the secretariat accordingly, eight weeks in advance of the meeting (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e. by 4 October 2022, and to share their statements by 1 November 2022.

Documentation

Long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1).

3. Status of ratification, representation and credentials

Provisional time: Tuesday, 29 November, 11.20–11.30 a.m.

The secretariat will inform the Conference of the Parties of the current status of ratification of the Convention. It will also highlight those countries that have designated competent authorities and points of contact in accordance with article 17 of the Convention. It will furthermore inform the Conference about the representation of Parties and ECE member States at the meeting.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to welcome Ukraine as a new Party to the Convention.

A Vice-Chair will report on the credentials submitted by the representatives of the Parties. In this regard, delegations of Parties to the Convention are reminded of the requirement to submit the original of credentials to the secretariat at the beginning of the meeting. In order to facilitate the verification process, the secretariat requests that a scanned copy of credentials be sent in advance of the meeting, by 1 November 2022, via email (ece-teia.conv@un.org), with a copy to their Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva. Credentials are to be issued by Heads of State or Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs and should state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and to take decisions on behalf of the respective Government under the applicable rules of procedure. Parties are strongly encouraged to include at least one representative of their Permanent Mission in their credentials and to authorize all members of the delegation to participate in the sessions and to take decisions on behalf of the Party.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take a decision on the credentials of the representatives participating in the meeting.

Documentation

Ratification status of the Convention and the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/1)

4. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

Provisional time: Tuesday, 29 November, 11.30 a.m.–noon

At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Ms. Torill Tandberg (Norway) as its Chair and Mr. Martin Merkofer (Switzerland) and Mr. Michael Struckl (Austria) as its Vice-Chairs. It elected or re-elected as Bureau members: Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky (Belarus), Mr. Camille Siefriedt (European Union), Ms. Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund (Finland), Ms. Marie-Claire Lhenry (France), Ms. Margarita Redina (Russian Federation), Ms. Suzana Milutinovic (Serbia) and Ms. Jasmina Karba (Slovenia).²

According to rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs as its officers, and up to seven other members of the Bureau from among the representatives of the Parties.

Candidatures shall be communicated by the Parties to the secretariat at least eight weeks ahead of the meeting, i.e. by 4 October 2022. The secretariat shall communicate the list of candidates to the Parties at the latest six weeks before the meeting, i.e. by 18 October 2022.

Documentation

Rules of procedure for the Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/37 (consolidated version))

Terms of reference of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/32/Add.1)

Candidatures for election as officers and members of the Convention's Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/INF.2)

² ECE/CP.TEIA/42, para. 22.

5. Natech risk management

Provisional time: Tuesday, 29 November, noon–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

(a) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe/Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Seminar on effective management of technological risks of accidents triggered by natural hazards

The joint United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)/Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Seminar on effective management of technological risks of accidents triggered by natural hazards (Natech) will provide an opportunity to exchange information and share experience and practices regarding Natech risk management. The seminar aims to provide support to ECE member States and OECD countries in their efforts to implement the Convention and the OECD Guiding Principles for Chemical Accident Prevention, Preparedness and Response (notably their addendum on Natech), and to take action to anticipate and strengthen the management of Natech risks. Furthermore, the outcome of the seminar will feed into the development of a joint OECD/United Nations guidance document on Natech risk management. At the end of the seminar, participants will be invited to take note of the conclusions.

The seminar will be open to member States of ECE and OECD and other interested States Members of the United Nations, as well as partner organizations, representatives of industry, academia and civil society.

Documentation

Effective management of technological risks of accidents triggered by natural hazards in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development regions (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/3)

Seminar programme (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/INF.3)

(b) Decision on Natech risk management in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond

Following the seminar, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt a decision on Natech risk management in the ECE region and beyond.

Parties are invited to communicate advance comments on the decision to the secretariat four weeks in advance of the meeting (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e. by 1 November 2022.

Documentation

Draft decision on strengthening Natech risk management in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/4)

6. Report of the Bureau on its activities since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November, 10–10.30 a.m.

The Chair will report on the activities of the Bureau since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Geneva (hybrid), 7–9 December 2020). The Conference will be invited to take note of the report and to discuss proposed future activities.

Following a recommendation by the Bureau, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to mandate the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, in cooperation with the Working Group on Implementation and the Bureau, to consider an update to the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention in the next biennium, aiming to cover more comprehensively the hazards and risks arising from tailings management facilities.

Documentation

Report of the Bureau on its activities since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/2)

Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention (consolidated version³ based on the original decision adopted in 2000 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex IV, decision 2000/3) and the subsequent amendments in 2004 (ECE/CP.TEIA/12, annex II, decision 2004/2) and 2018 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1, decision 2018/1))

7. Activities of the Working Group on Implementation

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November, 10.30–11.20 a.m.

(a) Special Session: Seminar on good practices and lessons learned on the implementation of the Convention

The Chair of the Working Group and its member from the Netherlands (lead Party), as Chair of the preparatory group for the Working Group's Seminar on good practices and lessons learned in implementing the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accidents Convention (Geneva (hybrid), 3–4 February 2022), will report on the seminar and its conclusions and recommendations. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the seminar conclusions and recommendations, and to recommend their implementation by Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries. On this basis, the Conference of the Parties will also be invited to discuss proposals for follow-up activities, as included in the draft workplan for 2023–2024.

Documentation:

Conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group on Implementation's Special Session: Seminar on good practices and lessons learned in implementing the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, as contained in the annex to the document entitled Activities of the Working Group on Implementation since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/5)

(b) Other activities of the Working Group on Implementation since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation, in cooperation with the secretariat, will report on other activities of the Working Group in the period since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The presentation will include information on:

- (i) Support provided to Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to strengthen industrial safety through implementation of the Convention;
- (ii) Development of a webpage with good practices on the implementation of the Convention and of an e-tool to facilitate self-assessments;
- (iii) Follow-up with Parties and beneficiary countries, resulting in late submissions of national implementation reports for the ninth round of reporting (2016–2018);
- (iv) Update of the reporting format and guidelines for the tenth round of reporting on the implementation of the Convention (2019–2022).

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the report on the activities of the Working Group since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to discuss the proposed follow-up activities in the biennium 2023–2024.

³ See section "Guidelines and templates" under the tab "Guidelines and good practices" on the Convention's web page, available at <https://unece.org/guidelines-and-templates>.

Documentation

Activities of the Working Group on Implementation since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/5)

8. Assistance to countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November, 11.20 a.m.–12.10 p.m.

Since the adoption of the Convention, countries with economies in transition have benefited from assistance activities within its framework. At its third meeting (Budapest, 27–30 October 2004), the Conference of the Parties adopted and launched the internationally supported Assistance Programme to help countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to strengthen their implementation of the Convention.⁴ The Assistance Programme was subsequently rebranded as the Assistance and Cooperation Programme at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Geneva, 4–6 December 2018).⁵

The secretariat will report on the outcomes of the key assistance activities organized in the framework of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme and other capacity-building activities since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as envisaged follow-up activities.

Furthermore, countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia that have benefited from assistance under the Convention will report on activities undertaken, progress achieved and future needs.

In addition, countries beneficiaries of activities under the Assistance and Cooperation Programme not yet Parties to the Convention⁶ will be invited to highlight their progress and plans with respect to accession thereto.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2021–2022 and to consider the assistance activities included in the draft workplan for 2023–2024.

Documentation

Progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2021–2022 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/6)

9. Road map for action to strengthen mine tailings safety within and beyond the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November, 12.10–1 p.m.

Following the adoption of decision 2020/1 on strengthening mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond and the request contained therein to prepare an orientation paper,⁷ the Bureau, with the support of a small group and the secretariat, prepared a related document, notably a “Road map for action” for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting. The document was prepared duly taking into account the discussions held at the seminar on mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond (Geneva (online), 1 December 2020) and following consultations with other international organizations. It contains proposals for further actions under the Convention in the field of mine tailings safety, taking into account the activities of other international organizations

⁴ ECE/CP.TEIA/12, para. 39.

⁵ ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/5, para. 25.

⁶ Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

⁷ ECE/CP.TEIA/42/Add.1, decision 2020/1, para. 11.

(e.g., the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)). The Chair will present the paper, which outlines key objectives to further strengthen mine tailings safety and defines specific actions to be taken to do so.

Partners organizations referred to in the Road map, including OECD and the European Commission Joint Research Centre, will also be invited to give presentations on opportunities for enhancing cooperation with the ECE secretariat to the Industrial Accidents Convention. The Co-leads of the Working Group on Transforming the Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development, namely UNEP, the United Nations Development Programme and a representative of the ECE Sustainable Energy Division on behalf of the five regional commissions, will also provide information on both the Working Group and opportunities for scaling up cooperation. Moreover, the International Council on Mining and Metals will be invited to present key elements of the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management.⁸

On this basis, Parties will be invited to discuss and endorse the paper with the actions and cooperation opportunities highlighted therein. They will also be invited to report at the next meeting of the Parties on the progress made in implementing the action items.

Documentation

Road map for action to strengthen mine tailings safety within and beyond the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/7)

Decision 2020/1 on strengthening mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond (ECE/CP.TEIA/42/Add.1)

Mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/2)

Summary report of the online seminar on mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond⁹

Transforming Extractive Industries for Sustainable Development¹⁰

10. Facilitation of implementation

(a) Risk assessment for industrial accident prevention

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November, 3–3.30 p.m.

The Swiss Vice-Chair, leading the small group on risk assessment, will present highlights of the two reports on risk assessment methodologies, which were prepared following the request of the previous Conference of the Parties.¹¹ He will also recall other recommendations for follow-up activities resulting from the 2018 Seminar on risk assessment methodologies (Geneva, 4 December 2018). The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the reports and their planned publication in the next biennium, as envisaged in the workplan for 2023–2024.

Documentation

Risk assessment for industrial accident prevention: Overview of risk assessment methods (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/8)

⁸ Global Tailings Review, available at <https://globaltailingsreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/global-industry-standard-on-tailings-management.pdf>

⁹ A full report of the Seminar on mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond is available at https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/Report%20mine%20tailings%20seminar_1%20Dec%202020.pdf.

¹⁰ United Nations, Policy Brief, May 2021, available at www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sg_policy_brief_extractives.pdf.

¹¹ ECE/CP.TEIA/42, para. 75.

Risk assessment for industrial accident prevention: Selected case studies and available software tools (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/9)

Summary report of the Seminar on risk assessment methodologies¹²

(b) United Nations/Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Seminar in follow-up to the Beirut port explosion

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November, 3.30–4 p.m.

The Austrian Vice-Chair of the Bureau, who acted as Chair of the Advisory Group to support the preparations of the United Nations/OECD seminar in follow-up to the 2020 Beirut port explosion (Geneva (online), 14 December 2021), will, in cooperation with the secretariat, give a presentation on the organization and outcomes of the seminar, as well as the envisaged further work by ECE and partner organizations. The seminar was organized by ECE (under the leadership of the secretariat to the Industrial Accidents Convention, with the secretariats to the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals), in cooperation with OECD, as well as the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization, the UNEP/Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Joint Environment Unit and the United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction Regional Office for Arab States. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the seminar conclusions and discuss the follow-up activities included in the draft workplan for 2023–2024.

Documentation

Conclusions of the United Nations/Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development seminar in follow-up to the 2020 Beirut port explosion: Lessons learned, experiences and good practices in managing risks of ammonium nitrate storage, handling and transport in port areas, preventing accidents and mitigating their consequences (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/INF.4)

(c) Contribution to implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November, 4–4.30 p.m.

A representative of Slovenia will report on the co-organization, by ECE, the European Investment Bank, OECD, Norway and Slovenia of a focused thematic discussion on industrial/chemical accident risk in the framework of the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (Matosinhos, Portugal (online), 24–26 November 2021), entitled “Preventing another Sandoz, Baia Mare or Beirut accident: Perspectives on risk management in the context of the Sendai Framework” (24 November 2021). A representative of the European Investment Bank will be invited to add information on a joint European Investment Bank/ECE project that supported the preparation of this session and of a dedicated chapter on technological risk in the *Regional Assessment Report for Europe and Central Asia* (forthcoming).

A representative of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction will be invited to inform the Conference about the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction Road Map 2021–2030, and the outcomes of the European Forum and the Seventh Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (Bali, Indonesia (hybrid), 23–28 May 2022) of relevance for the Convention, as well as its cooperation with ECE and, in particular, with the Industrial Accidents Convention.

¹² United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, “Summary report of the Seminar on Risk Assessment Methodologies: Held in the framework of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention”, 4 December 2018. Available at https://unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2018/TEIA/Report_of_the_UNECE_risk_assessment_seminar_4_December_2018.pdf.

The secretariat will provide supplementary information on the ECE contribution to the European Forum, as well as the Seventh Session of the Global Platform, including the organization of a joint side event, together with the secretariat of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), on “Governance of climate and technological risks in transboundary water bodies” (online, 27 May 2022).

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the information provided and to discuss how to further build on these achievements, in order to advance cooperation, policy integration and governance with a multi-hazard, multi-risk approach concerning technological/industrial accident risk management and Natech, as a part of broader disaster risk reduction policies and measures.

11. Prevention of accidental water pollution

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November 4.30–5 p.m.

The Serbian Co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (Joint Expert Group) will report on Joint Expert Group activities carried out since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Hungarian Co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group will give a presentation on the Joint Expert Group Seminar (Budapest (hybrid), 5 October 2022), and the proposed follow-up activities.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the activities carried out by the Joint Expert Group, and the key findings and recommendations from the Joint Expert Group Seminar. It will also be invited to discuss the proposed follow-up activities in view of their inclusion in the workplan for 2023–2024.

12. Industrial Accident Notification System

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November 5–5.15 p.m.

The secretariat will brief the Conference of the Parties on an Industrial Accident Notification System connectivity test and an online consultation of the points of contact organized in 2022, along with its conclusions.

In addition, a representative of Switzerland will be invited to report on a subregional connectivity test conducted with neighbouring countries. Other Parties will also be invited to report on subregional connectivity tests conducted in the current biennium and announce planned tests in the following biennium.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note and discuss the outcomes of the connectivity tests and the consultation and consider the organization of such a test and consultation in the next biennium, as per the draft 2023–2024 workplan.

13. Workplan and resources requirements for the Convention for 2023–2024

Provisional time: Wednesday, 30 November, 5.15–6 p.m.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft workplan and related resource requirements for 2023–2024 on the basis of a proposal made by the Bureau, in cooperation with the secretariat.

Parties will be invited to communicate their pledges for financial and in-kind contributions for the period 2023–2024. On this basis, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt its workplan under the Convention for 2023–2024 and to decide on the resources to be allocated.

Parties are invited to share information on their pledges and leadership of workplan items, as well as any eventual comments on the draft workplan, four weeks in advance of the meeting with the Chair and the secretariat (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e. by 1 November 2022. This approach will facilitate the presentation of an updated draft workplan during the session, if needed, with a clear indication of proposed changes as communicated by the Parties, and the adoption of the final workplan, with its accompanying resources.

The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to decide on guiding principles for financial assistance for the participation of representatives of countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. Parties are invited to share any comment on the draft decision with the Chair and the secretariat four weeks in advance of the meeting (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e. by 1 November 2022.

Documentation

Draft workplan and resource requirements for the Convention for 2023–2024 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/11)

Draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/12)

14. Outreach, awareness-raising and strategic partnerships

Provisional time: Thursday, 1 December, 10–10.20 a.m.

Under this item, the secretariat will report on:

- (a) Targeted communication efforts;
- (b) Its participation in international and regional meetings and forums;
- (c) Meetings with partner organizations to coordinate joint activities, including inter-agency coordination meetings;
- (d) Working visits and missions to Parties and other stakeholders, and donor meetings.

Parties desiring to do so are also invited to share information on their communication and outreach efforts to promote the Convention and its tools. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note and to share its views on further developing communication and outreach activities, as well as strategic partnerships.

15. Use of financial and in-kind resources in 2021–2022

Provisional time: Thursday, 1 December 10.20–10.40 a.m.

The secretariat will present the report on the use of financial and in-kind resources under the Convention in 2021–2022, which the Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of.

Documentation

Use of financial and in-kind resources to implement the workplan in 2021–2022 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/10)

16. Emerging risks and developments

Provisional time: Thursday, 1 December 10.40–11.30 a.m.

The long-term strategy stipulates that the Convention will be a flexible and modern instrument capable of addressing new and emerging risks. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider various emerging issues of concern. In this respect, Norway will provide an example of guidance provided to industry to ensure safety during a change of energy source. Other Parties and non-Parties interested in presenting or discussing specific issues are encouraged to contact the secretariat no later than 8 weeks in advance of the meeting with their proposal, i.e. by 4 October 2022.

17. Date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Provisional time: Thursday, 1 December, 11.30–11.40 a.m.

Delegations are encouraged to offer to host the thirteenth meeting, so that the Conference of the Parties can decide on its next venue. Parties wishing to express an offer to host are invited to inform the secretariat accordingly four weeks in advance of the meeting (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e. by 1 November 2022.

18. Other business

Provisional time: Thursday, 1 December, 11.40–11.50 a.m.

Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

19. Review of decisions

Provisional time: Thursday, 1 December, 11.50 a.m.–12.50 p.m.

The Chair will provide an overview of the decisions taken under each agenda item by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to entrust the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, with finalizing the report of its twelfth meeting.

20. Final statements and closing of the meeting

Provisional time: Thursday, 1 December, 12.50–1 p.m.

The Chair and a representative of ECE will make final statements. The Chair will then officially close the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
