Agenda item 13: Workplan and resource requirements for the Convention for 2023–2024

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WORKPLAN 2023-2024:

FINANCING OF THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS CONVENTION

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OVERVIEW

1. Financing from the UN regular budget
2. Financing by extrabudgetary contributions
3. Earmarked vs. unearmarked funding
4. Sustainable financial mechanisms and Decision 2018/2 fostering its implementation
5. Future workplan 2023-24
FINANCING FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET

• Staffing: 1 RB P-4 (secretary), 1 GS-5 (Programme assistant)
• Intergovernmental meetings: Interpretation, until 2022: remote simultaneous interpretation (RSI)
• Up to 30 min for each 3-hour session
• Official documents: Issuance, translation into 3 official languages
• Publications (when forecasted)
• Travel of secretariat and participants from EECCA or SEE countries, upon budget availability
• Consultancy, upon budget availability (max. USD 10,000) (e.g. NPDs Serbia)
• UN programme budget, Part V. Regional cooperation for development. Section 20 Economic development in Europe (A/77/6 Sect.20) for 2023
• Draft programme of work of the Environment sub-programme for 2023 (ECE/CEP/S/2022/10)
• Governed by UN financial rules and regulations (ST/SGB/2013/4)
FINANCING FROM THE EXTRA BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

• All other costs needed to implement the workplan:
  ✓ Staff
  ✓ Consultancy and contractors
  ✓ Travel
  ✓ Operational and other costs
  ✓ Grants to implementing partners

• Voluntary contributions vary (earmarked and non-earmarked, some require reporting, others not)

• They are administrated according to UN rules and donors’ agreements /requirements
EARMARKED VS. UNEARMARKED FUNDING AVAILABLE (2021-22)
SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL MECHANISM (COP-7)

• Sustainable Financial mechanism adopted at CoP-7 (Stockholm, Nov. 2012, ECE/CP.TEIA/24, annex I):
  ✓ Places primary responsibility for financing workplan on Parties
  ✓ “All Parties are encouraged to provide resources for the implementation of the workplan activities and they are invited to consider contributions that reflect their economic strength, or higher.” (para. 14)
  ✓ Determiniation of economic strength based on United Nations scale of assessment (UN Resolution 76/238 for 2022-2024), applied to the Convention’s workplan budget and number to Parties
  ✓ Respective amount recommended indicated to Parties upon request
  ✓ Majority of Parties provide contributions below levels of economic scale
DECISION 2018/2 FOSTERING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL MECHANISM (COP-10)

• Urges all Parties to contribute to the sustainable funding of activities and to share the financial burden equitably and proportionately

• Encourages the Parties to consider making **predictable, and preferably multiyear, sustainable funding pledges**, in accordance with the sustainable financial mechanism

• **Encourages Parties that have previously made financial or in-kind contributions to continue to do so** and to consider increasing them, particularly where the contributions made are at a level below the economic strength of the Party concerned

• **Strongly urges Parties that have not yet made any financial or in-kind contributions to do so**

• Encourages Parties to consider making financial contributions for implementation of the Convention **from various financial sources within the national budgets**
• Places priority on funding staff as a prerequisite for activities

• Requests that Parties make their contributions as early as possible in their budget year and that, to the extent possible, contributions for a given calendar year be made by the end of the preceding year

• Recommends that, where this is not an option, contributions be made during the first quarter of the calendar year in order to ensure the coverage of staff costs with a view to the smooth functioning of the secretariat, as a priority, and to the timely and effective implementation of priority activities under the respective workplan
Workplan implementation is driven by activities funded by donors → you as Parties set priorities!

- Un-earmarked extra budgetary contributions provide a minimum resource base
- Additional (project-related, earmarked) extra budgetary contributions are essential to implement workplan and sustain activities at current scale, and progress in implementing the long-term strategy

- Invitation to the ½ of the Parties not yet contributing financially to do so
- Invitation to contributing Parties to consider enhancing contributions to reflect economic strength
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!