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Bureau

Fiftieth meeting

Geneva, 28 November 2022

Annotated provisional agenda of the fiftieth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, 28 November 2022, 14:00-18:00, Salle XXII

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Preparations for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Practical arrangements
 - (b) Representation and credentials
 - (c) Election of officers and members of the Bureau
 - (d) Provisional agenda and draft list of decisions taken
3. Use of financial and in-kind resources for 2021-2022 and requirements for 2023-2024
4. Other business
5. Date and venue for the next meeting of the Bureau

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chair.
2. The Bureau will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

2. Preparations for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

3. The main purpose of the meeting will be to review and adjust as necessary the final arrangements for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP), being held in the Palais des Nations (Room XXII) in Geneva and on Zoom, 29 November - 1 December 2022.

(a) Practical arrangements

4. The secretariat will provide an update on the practical arrangements for the CoP meeting, including regarding its hybrid nature and the organization of the Natech seminar.

The Chair will share information on the reception hosted by Norway, as a co-organizer, on 29 November 2022 at 18:00.

(b) Representation and credentials

5. The secretariat will report on registration by Parties and others, indicating the number of participants and identifying Parties that have not registered. The secretariat will also report on the copies of credentials received and advise the Bureau on whether sufficient Parties have registered for the CoP to take decisions.

6. The Bureau will decide on the reporting to the CoP by the Vice-Chair from Austria on the credentials.

(c) Election of officers and members of the Bureau

7. The Chair, in cooperation with the secretariat, will recall the 10 nominations received for candidatures for membership of the Bureau for the period 2023-2024, including two new members, and the proposal for the officers, and suggest the handling of this item at the CoP meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/INF.2).

8. The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will be invited to reiterate the issue of a replacement of the representative of Latvia in the Working Group.

(d) Provisional agenda and draft list of decisions taken

9. The Bureau is invited to review the provisional agenda and timetable of the CoP and the draft list of decisions to be taken by the CoP, based on an advance list prepared by the secretariat. It is expected to review any items from these, as proposed by the Chair, that require particular attention:

(a) To confirm that the information necessary for the CoP to make decisions has been made available to delegates; and

(b) To confirm that members of the Bureau, the Chair of the Working Group on Implementation, the secretariat and others are prepared to present the necessary information to the CoP.

(e) Conclusions of UNECE/OECD Seminar on Natech risk management

10. The Bureau is invited to review the draft conclusions of the joint UNECE/OECD seminar, to be presented following its closure, which have been prepared by the secretariat, in cooperation with OECD.

11. In this context, the JEG Co-Chair from Serbia will be invited to present highlights of the conclusions from the JEG Seminar on emerging risks in accidental water pollution: focus on natural hazard-triggered accidents (Budapest (hybrid, 5 October 2022) and highlights from the JEG meeting.

3. Use of financial and in-kind resources for 2021-2022 and requirements for 2023-2024

12. The secretariat will present information on the use of financial and in-kind resources for 2021-2022 and the resource requirements for 2023-2024, in view of the expected pledges for the workplan received to date and information on the lead countries. Bureau members will be invited to share information on pledges they are planning to make. The Bureau will be invited to take note and to discuss the way forward to attracting financing of the new workplan, including actions to be taken to approach delegations in the margins of the CoP.

4. Other business

13. Members of the Bureau wishing to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

5. Date and venue for the next meeting of the Bureau

14. The Bureau is expected to confirm the date and location of its next session, with the understanding that a new composition of the Bureau would be elected at the Conference. It is expected to review the proposal by the secretariat, agreed with the Chair, and future Vice-Chairs to hold the meeting, jointly with the Working Group on Implementation in Geneva on 14-15 February 2023, following the WGI meeting on 13 February.
