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Convention on the Transboundary
Effects of Industrial Accidents

Working Group on Implementation

Forty-seventh meeting

Geneva, 13–14 February 2023

Annotated provisional agenda of the forty-seventh meeting

To be held in the Palais des Nations (Room XXVII), with remote participation (through WebEx), starting at 2 p.m. on 13 February and ending at 12 p.m. on 14 February

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 - a. Establishment of an interactive network for the exchange of information and sharing of experiences
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 - a. Implementation of the Strategic Approach: Self-assessments, Action Plans and country dossiers
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 - a. Pre-discussion
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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 Chair will report on its efforts, undertaken with the Chair of the Conference of the Parties, to encourage Latvia to nominate a replacement for Ms. Laura Vizbule in the Working Group.

The secretariat will inform members of the Working Group about the planned schedule for the teleconference at the meeting.

2. Implementation of the Convention, including reporting

(a) Tenth reporting round on implementation (2019–2022)

Expected timing: 30 min

The secretariat will present the changes made in the final draft reporting format and guidelines for the 10th reporting round (2019–2022), updated based on the written feedback of the Working Group after its 45th meeting (20–21 June 2022).

The members of the Working Group will be invited to agree on the final reporting format and guidelines, timelines for their circulation to all Parties and committed countries, and on responsibilities for reviewing the sections of the report.

Documentation:

- Final draft reporting format for the 10th reporting round (2019–2022), as shared by the secretariat in advance of the meeting
- Final draft reporting guidelines for the 10th reporting round (2019–2022), as shared by the secretariat in advance of the meeting

3. Follow-up to the Seminar on Good Practices and Lessons Learned in the implementation of the Convention

(a) Establishment of an interactive network for the exchange of information and sharing of experiences

Expected timing: 45 min

The Chair, representing Sweden as the lead Party for this activity, will present, in cooperation with the secretariat, further information about the establishment, design and testing of the interactive network. The members of the Working Group on Implementation will be invited to express their views on the proposals and contribute to the testing.

Documentation:

- Updated slides on the interactive network from the last meeting, circulated by the secretariat in advance

(b) Development of a guide of good practices on the implementation of the Convention

Expected timing: 15 min

In the absence of a lead Party and funding for the implementation of the guide, the Working Group may wish to consider opportunities for providing leadership and financing in the future, upon which the work could start.

Documentation:

- Updated slides on the good practice guide from the last meeting, circulated by the secretariat in advance
- Conclusions and recommendations of the seminar on good practices and lessons learned on the implementation of the Convention, as endorsed by the Conference of the Parties: https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/ECE_CPTEIA_2022_5_E.pdf

Coffee/tea break: 30 min (approx. 15h45-16h15)

4. Assistance and Cooperation Programme

(a) Implementation of the Strategic Approach: Self-assessments, Action Plans and country dossiers

Expected timing: 60 min

The members of the subregional groups for Central Asia, Eastern Europe and the Caucasus and for South-Eastern Europe will be invited to:

- (i) Report on their contacts with beneficiary countries, including at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (ii) Provide feedback on self-assessments and action plans received, if any;
- (iii) Make proposals for the next steps in engaging with each beneficiary country to support the Convention's implementation;
- (iv) Suggest countries to be invited to a teleconference for the next meeting.

All members of the Working Group on Implementation will be invited to comment on the proposals made and agree on the way forward. The Working Group may wish to request the subregional groups to update the country dossiers, based on the results of the discussion.

Documentation:

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

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

(a) Pre-discussion

Expected timing: 15 min

The Working Group will report on the agendas of and questions for teleconference(s), scheduled by the secretariat at the members' request for the present meeting. The Working Group may wish to pre-discuss how to conduct the teleconference(s).

(b) Teleconferences and next steps

Expected timing: 30 min (Day 1) and 75 min (Day 2)

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.

*****End of Day 1: 18h00*****

****Start of Day 2: 9h00 am*****

6. Development of guiding questions on the integration of Natech and tailings risks into the self-assessments and action plans

Expected timing: 30 min

At its last meeting, the Working Group reviewed self-assessments and action plans, updated by Central Asian countries with the intention to integrate mine tailings and Natech risks. The Working Group welcomed the intention, while noticing that several countries faced challenges in doing so. It decided to develop a document with guiding questions on how to integrate tailings safety and Natech risks in the self-assessments and action plans, thus providing further guidance to the countries and attempting to mainstream the integration of such risks into the documents under the Strategic Approach. The Working Group will be invited to discuss how to organize the development of the guiding questions.

Documentation:

- Guiding questions on Natech and tailings risks, sent to Central Asian countries
- User-friendly version of the Benchmarks for the implementation of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention: <https://unece.org/info/publications/pub/21661>

Coffee/tea break: 30 min (approx. 10h45-11h15)

7. System for the identification and notification of hazardous activities

Expected timing: 25 min

The Chair, supported by the secretariat, will be invited to report on the proposal, stemming from the discussions by the Bureau at its 49th meeting (28-29 June 2022), that the Working Group consider the possible establishment of a System for the identification and notification of hazardous activities. The Bureau had taken this action out of the draft tailings road map as it considered it to cover all hazardous activities, not just mine tailings on which the road map was focused. At the same time, the Bureau suggested that the Working Group on Implementation could further discuss this idea in the biennium 2023–2024 and, if considered useful, such a recommendation could be made at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2024. In advance of the discussion on this subject at the joint meeting, the Working Group may wish to consider the idea and express their views on the usefulness and possible establishment of such a System.

Documentation:

- Minutes of the 49th Bureau meeting (para. 55.): https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/Minutes_49th%20meeting%20of%20the%20Bureau_Final.pdf

8. Next meetings

Expected timing: 10 min

The Working Group will discuss the date and venue of its 49th meeting in early 2024, focused on the review of the national implementation reports.

9. Other business

Expected timing: 5 min

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

10. Closing of the meeting

Expected timing: 5 min

The Chair will close the meeting no later than 12.00 p.m. on 14 February 2023.
