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THE PROCESS OF OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERINSTITUTIONAL WORKING GROUPS ON TAILINGS SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTAL WATER POLLUTION IN KAZAKHSTAN AND TAJIKISTAN

KAZAKHSTAN

Process of formal establishment

- The Industrial Safety Committee of the Ministry of Emergency Situations - one of the competent authorities for the implementation of the Convention
- the procedure for the creation of a working group has begun in accordance with the internal regulations of the Ministry of Emergency Situations
- prepared a draft order and its provisions (tasks, functions, rights)
- sent a letter to the Minister of Emergency Situations with a proposal to create a WG
- sent letters to the relevant authorities about joining the WG
- approval of the composition of the WG
- process took about 4 months

Composition and structure of the Working Group

Chairmen of the WG:

- Chairman of the Industrial Safety Committee of the MES (Secretary of the WG);
- Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Regulation and Control of the MENR.

Composition of the WG:

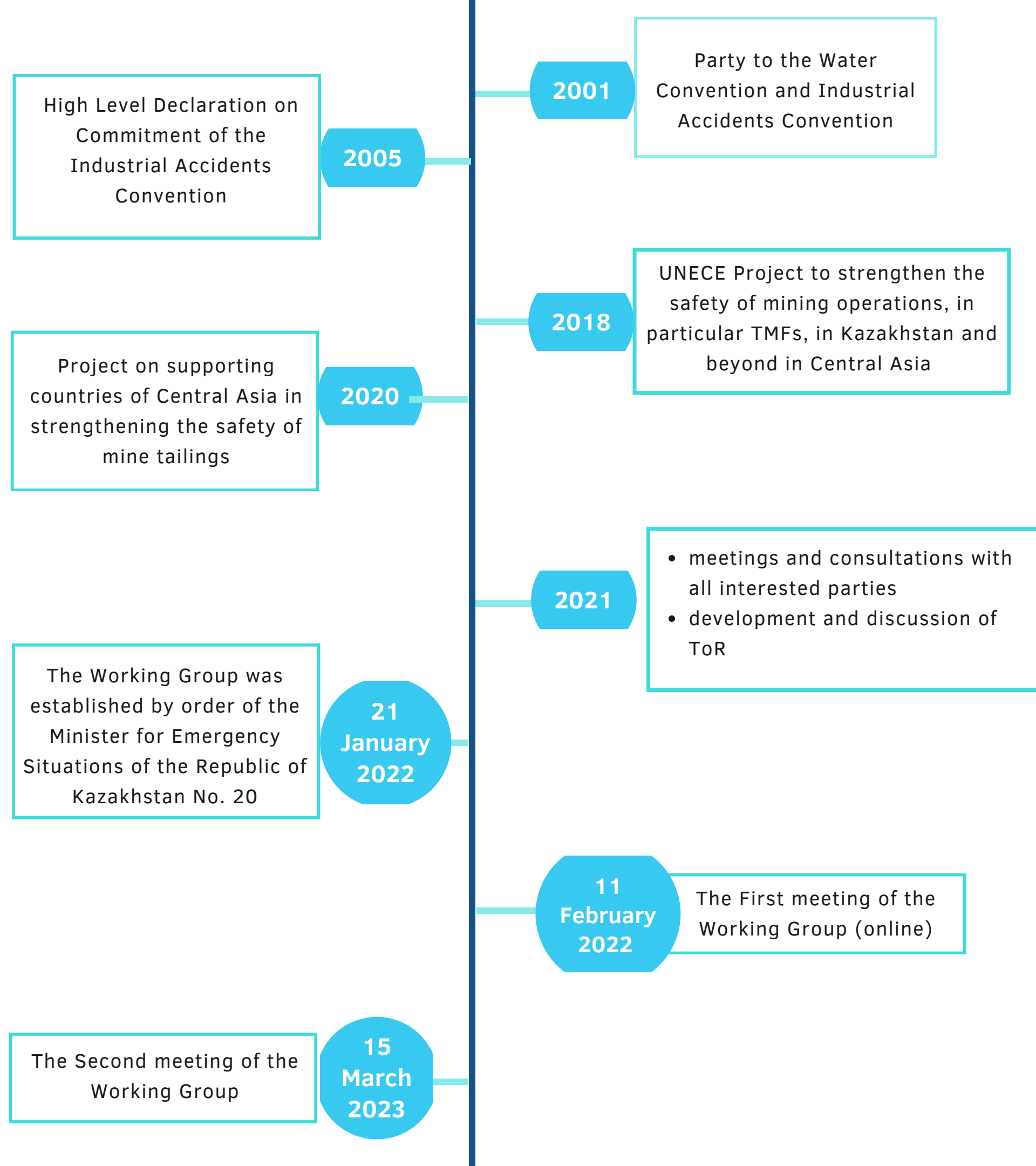
- Industrial Safety Committee of the MES;
- Department of liquidation of emergency situations of the MES;
- Emergency Prevention Department of the MES;
- Committee for Environmental Regulation and Control of the MENR;
- Department of State Policy in Waste Management of the MENR;
- Committee on Water Resources of the MENR;
- Department of Multilateral Cooperation of the MFA;
- International Water Assessment Centre;
- PF "Water Initiatives Center".

Meetings of the WG:

- 1 time per year

Decisions of the WG:

- Work Plan and Minutes



TAJIKISTAN

Process of formal establishment

- State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan - responsible body
- letter from the UNECE (on the benefits of the WG) as a justification for the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan --> sent through the MFA
- procedures for the creation of a working group have been started in accordance with the internal regulations of the Service (request to the government, composition approval)
- process took about 3 month

Composition and structure of the Working Group

Chairman of the WG:

- State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

Composition of the WG:

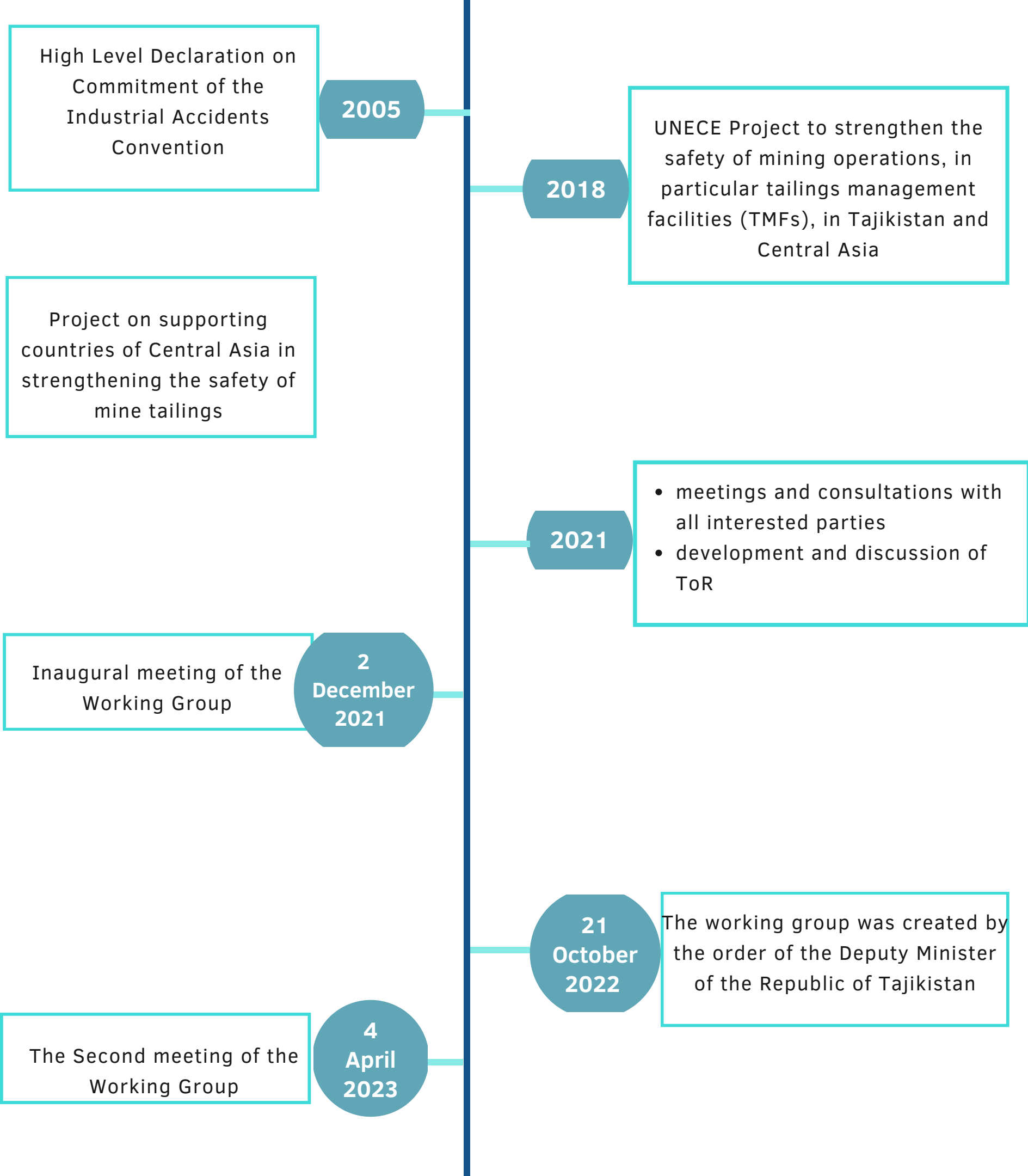
- State Supervision of Safe Work in Industry and Mining Supervision Service;
- State Service for Supervision of the Safety of Hydraulic Structures of the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources;
- Department of Water Resources of the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources;
- Department of Mining and Precious Metals of the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies;
- Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense;
- Committee for Environmental Protection.

Meetings of the WG:

- 1 time per year

Decisions of the WG:

- Work Plan and Minutes of the meeting



Challenges and lessons learned

Challenges:

- Ensure interaction and involvement of responsible government agencies
- Lack of legal justification
- Lengthy approval procedures

Lessons learned:

- Raise awareness on the work of the Working Group
- Study procedures for the formal establishment of the Working Group
- Involvement of more interested parties in the Working Group (government bodies responsible for health care, infrastructure development, and monitoring of water resources, as well as scientific institutions and public organizations)
- Hold interim working meetings to discuss progress on the implementation of the Work Plan of the Working Group
- Use the Working Group as a platform to study international best practices in the field of tailings safety and prevention of accidental water pollution