

## Decision 2022/2

### Guiding principles for financial assistance

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* that it has invited Parties to, where possible and appropriate, provide dedicated financing to support the participation of representatives of countries with economies in transition and of developing and least developed countries that have expressed an interest in the activities of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, whether intergovernmental or assistance-related,<sup>6</sup>

*Recalling also* that, subject to the availability of funding for this purpose and in accordance with the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties, the secretariat shall examine requests for financial assistance for eligible countries, giving priority — in descending order — to Parties, non-Parties in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region, and representatives of developing and least developed countries beyond that region,

*Decides* that the following Parties are eligible, subject to the availability of funds, to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives<sup>7</sup> in activities organized within the framework of the Convention and under its Assistance and Cooperation Programme:

- (a) From Eastern Europe: Belarus, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova;
- (b) From South-Eastern Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia;
- (c) From the Caucasus: Armenia and Azerbaijan;
- (d) From Central Asia: Kazakhstan;

*Also decides* that the following countries benefiting from the Convention's Assistance and Cooperation Programme that are not Parties to the Convention may also be eligible, subject to the availability of dedicated funds:

- (a) From the Caucasus: Georgia;
- (b) From Central Asia: Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan;

*Further decides* that developing and least developed countries outside the ECE region having expressed an interest in the Convention may also be eligible to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the framework of the Convention, subject to the availability of dedicated funds;

*Agrees* that such financial support shall be supportive of the workplan priorities and to apply these guiding principles for financial assistance in the biennium 2023–2024.

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<sup>6</sup> ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1, decision 2018/2.

<sup>7</sup> The secretariat may provide financial support to help cover the expenses related to the participation of such experts and representatives, including, if possible, accommodation and air tickets.