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Economic Commission for Europe**Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the
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Item 11 of the provisional agenda

Workplan for the Convention for the biennium 2025–2026 and its financing**Draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance****Prepared by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties***Summary*

At its twelfth meeting (Geneva (hybrid), 29 November–1 December 2022), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents adopted decision 2022/2 on guiding principles for financial assistance, to allow for the participation of experts and representatives of Parties, non-Parties that are beneficiary countries of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme, and other developing and least developed countries outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region in meetings under the Convention, subject to the availability of funds (ECE/CP.TEIA/44/Add.1).

On this basis, a similar draft decision has been prepared by the Bureau, with the support of the secretariat, setting out guiding principles for financial assistance for the biennium 2025–2026.

Parties are invited to share any comments on the draft decision with the secretariat four weeks in advance of the meeting (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), that is to say, by 30 October 2024.

The Conference of the Parties is invited to adopt the draft decision.

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,¹

¹ ECE/CP.TEIA/44/Add.1, decision 2022/2, first preambular para.

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,²

1. *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 representatives³ in activities organized within the framework of the Convention and under its Assistance and Cooperation Programme:

- (a) From Eastern Europe: Belarus, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine;
- (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;

2. *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;

3. *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;

4. *Agrees* that such financial support shall be supportive of the workplan priorities and to apply these guiding principles for financial assistance in the biennium 2025–2026.

² Ibid., decision 2022/2, second preambular para.

³ 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.