

Annex I

DECISION 2004/1 ON STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the provisions of articles 18 and 23 of the Convention,

Recognizing that twenty-seven Parties and three other UNECE member countries reported on the implementation of the Convention,

Taking into account the work done by the Working Group on Implementation to analyse and evaluate the country implementation reports and to compile the second Report on the implementation of the Convention,

Acknowledging the initiative taken by the Bureau and the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties to draw up an internationally supported assistance programme for the East European, Caucasian and Central Asian (EECCA) and the South-East European (SEE) countries,

1. Endorses the second Report on the implementation of the Convention as prepared and submitted by the Working Group on Implementation (CP.TEIA/2004/1);
2. Adopts the internationally supported assistance programme for the East European, Caucasian and Central Asian (EECCA) and the South-East European (SEE) countries to enhance their efforts to implement the Convention (CP.TEIA/2004/2);
3. Entrusts the Bureau, in cooperation with the Working Group on Implementation, to assist the Convention's secretariat to coordinate the activities under the assistance programme;
4. Requests all Parties to assign the highest priority to the identification, and notification to all potentially affected Parties, of the hazardous activities within their jurisdiction and to use the notification as a starting point to build up effective cooperation with neighbouring Parties;
5. Reiterates its request to the Working Group on Implementation to prepare a report on the implementation of the Convention for each of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties. To this effect, Parties are required and other UNECE countries are invited to submit up-to-date information on their implementation of the Convention in the form of: a full report, based on the existing reporting format; or an update indicating any changes since the previous report; or a communication that no change has occurred in the reporting period;
6. Requests the Working Group on Implementation to organize a training session, before the third round of reporting, on drawing up national implementation reports for countries in need of assistance in this respect;
7. Invites the Working Group on Implementation to explore possibilities for further streamlining the reporting format to be used in the fourth reporting round;
8. Elects, on the basis of nominations by the Parties, the following persons to serve as members of the Working Group on Implementation until the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties: Ms. A. Aleksandryan (Armenia), Mr. Armin Heidler (Austria), Mr. Nikolai Savov (Bulgaria), Mr. Pavel Forint (Czech Republic), Mr. Leo Iberl (Germany), Ms.

Judit Mogor (Hungary), Mr. Massimo Cozzone (Italy), Mr. Dmitri Y. Poletaev (Russian Federation), Mr. Tomas Trcka (Slovakia) and Mr. B. Gay (Switzerland)