REPORTING FORMAT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNECE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

9th Report (1 January 2016 – 31 December 2018)

Country:								
who coordinated	Person responsible for reporting – please provide the contact details of the person who coordinated this report ant who could be contacted by the WGI members in case of questions during the evaluation of the implementation report:							
Name:			Is the person Convention? YES 1					
Authority			Competent A	rity designated as a Authority in accordance of the Convention?				
E-mail								
Phone number								
[I-C] Cooperation – please list the authorities at national, regional and local level involved in implementing the Convention, indicating their areas of responsibility and check if designated Competent Authority, in the table below ² .								
Name of authority		Area of		Competent Authority				
		responsi	ibility					
	_			YES NO n.a				
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[I-D] How were these authorities involved in the preparation of this report?

¹ Clarification on the questions is provided in the guidelines.

The information provided in this table will be used by the secretariat to update the list of designated competent authorities on the webpage (https://www.unece.org/env/teia/contact.html) accordingly.

a) Please provide here a full answer to the question

b)	Has any progress been made since the last reporting round, including to address any challenges that were mentioned (if any)? YES NO

If you replied "No" under question [I-D] (b) please explain why:

Answers to all questions found below should not require more than 250-300 words except for Q.1 to which a comprehensive answer is estimated at 1,000-1,200 words.

POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

1. Provide a general description³ of your country's policy for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents, especially relating to the implementation of the Convention and explain how this policy is reflected in national legislation and followed up by authorities.

Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 1,000-1,200 words. Should you indicate legislation, please use the table in the next page

a) Please provide here a full answer to the question:

³ For more information concerning the level of details for the information, please refer to the guidelines for reporting

b) Table for reporting legislation and other acts to implement policies under the Convention (for definitions about the type of legislation, please see the guidelines)

Legislation title/name	Ty	pe of le	gislatio	n		Area	a cover	ed by	the legislat	ion		Transboundary
	International agreements	Primary	Secondary	Guidance	Identification and notification of hazardous activities to neighbouring countries	Prevention	Preparedness and response	Mutual Assistance	Scientific technologic cooperation and exchange of information	Participation of the public	Decision-making on siting	Are transboundary aspects covered by this legislation?

If the legislation covers transboundary aspects, please briefly describe how it does so:

Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words.

2. Please explain: Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words.
(a) To what extent does your policy deliver the intended results?
 ☐ It does not deliver any essential result ☐ It is partially implemented, there is still a lot to be done ☐ The main goal is achieved, but there are many shortcomings ☐ The results are satisfactory, there are few shortcomings in the system to be dealt with ☐ Completely delivers the intended results
Comments (please justify your answer here):
(b) Have there been any difficulties with implementing the Convention? <i>Please</i> provide here a full answer to the question:
(c) Are there changes being planned or considered to overcome the difficulties mentioned in 2 (b)?
Please provide here a full answer to the question:
3. How does your policy on the implementation of the Convention link to your national policies to implement the United Nations Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, in particular in the area of technological hazards (i.e. industrial/chemical hazards)? Please describe below:
a) Are linkages between these policies established?
☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, please describe how (e.g., cooperation among respective government departments, linkages between the Convention's reporting (implementation reports, national self-assessments and action plans for Assistance and Cooperation Programme ⁴ beneficiary countries) and national disaster risk reduction policies and

⁴ As per the Convention's long-term strategy, adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the

action plans established under the Sendai Framework, etc.). Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words.

IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES WITH THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS

4. Please describe briefly:

Indicator	Please explain how the mechanism is
	implemented in your country:
(i) The mechanism / arrangements that you	
have been using for the identification of	
hazardous activities ⁵	
(ii) The mechanism /arrangements that you	
have been using for the notification of	
hazardous activities	
(iii) Information on the mechanism /	
arrangements in consultation with	
neighbouring countries	

5. How many hazardous activities (i.e. those hazardous installations with the potential to cause transboundary effects) has your country identified⁶? Please note that an overall comprehensive question (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words

Please provide here a full answer to the question:

6.	Are there any changes in the number of hazardous activities identified compared to the previous report?
	YES NO

If yes, please indicate them and explain the difference:

Parties (4-6 December 2018), the "Assistance Programme" has been renamed the "Assistance and Cooperation Programme" (see ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1)

⁵ For the location criteria please see Decision 2018/1 contained in ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1 available at: https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2018/TEIA/CoP_10/AC_ECE.CP.TEIA.38.Add.1.pdf

⁶ "Hazardous activity" means any activity in which one or more hazardous substances are present or may be present in quantities at or in excess of the threshold quantities listed in Annex I to the Convention, and which is capable of causing transboundary effects;

- 7. In regard to the notification of neighbouring Parties/countries, please:
- (a) Indicate below which Parties/countries have been notified about your country's hazardous activities:

Neighbouring Party/country	Number of hazardous activities notified	Inform whether your country held consultations	Comments
		YES NO	

^{*}Add rows if needed

(b) Consider making use of the template for the notification of hazardous activities in accordance with article 4 of and annex III to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, provided in the Annex to this report, to notify potentially affected countries of your hazardous activities and sharing this information on a voluntary basis along with this report.

8. Please indicate or describe:

(a) Please identify the progress stage of the indicator/mechanism for the identification of hazardous activities (refer to the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents document (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6) and in particular the <u>User-friendly version of the Benchmarks in the implementation of the Convention</u>, **Working Area**⁷ 1):

Progress stage 1 – little awareness among competent authorities of the need to introduce the indicator or of the requirements for setting it up
Progress stage 2 – initial discussions at the national level or among authorities, experts and operators are leading to the introduction of the indicator
\square Progress stage 3 – a decision has been taken at the level of policymakers to introduce or update the indicator. Relevant stakeholders are identified
Progress stage 4 – intensive and detailed discussions take place among stakeholders on the content of legislation and specific procedures
Progress stage 5 – the indicator has been adopted and covers all the minimum elements, but it is only partly operational in practice (due to the lack of resources)
Progress stage 6 – the indicator is fully operational and implemented by the competent authorities, the operators or both

⁷ The "Benchmarks" (both the official document and the user-friendly version) outline six "priority working areas" that relate to the Convention's articles and annexes. For each working area, a set of indicators/mechanisms is provided. In order for countries to measure their progress in the implementation of the Convention against each indicator/mechanism, they assess their level of implementation against the six "progress stages" and select one of the criteria for each indicator/mechanism.

(b) Please identify the progress stage of the mechanism for notification with neighbouring countries (refer to the <u>User-friendly version of the Benchmarks in the</u>
implementation of the Convention, Working Area 2):
Progress stage 1 – little awareness among competent authorities of the need to introduce the indicator or of the requirements for setting it up
Progress stage 2 – initial discussions at the national level or among authorities, experts and operators are leading to the introduction of the indicator
\square Progress stage 3 – a decision has been taken at the level of policymakers to introduce or update the indicator. Relevant stakeholders are identified
Progress stage 4 – intensive and detailed discussions take place among stakeholders on the content of legislation and specific procedures
Progress stage 5 – the indicator has been adopted and covers all the minimum elements, but it is only partly operational in practice (due to the lack of resources)
Progress stage 6 – the indicator is fully operational and implemented by the competent authorities, the operators or both
(c) Please identify the progress stage of the mechanism for consultation with neighbouring countries (refer to the <u>User-friendly version of the Benchmarks in the implementation of the Convention</u> , Working Area 2):
Progress stage 1 – little awareness among competent authorities of the need to introduce the indicator or of the requirements for setting it up
Progress stage 2 – initial discussions at the national level or among authorities, experts and operators are leading to the introduction of the indicator
\square Progress stage 3 – a decision has been taken at the level of policymakers to introduce or update the indicator. Relevant stakeholders are identified
Progress stage 4 – intensive and detailed discussions take place among stakeholders on the content of legislation and specific procedures
☐ Progress stage 5 – the indicator has been adopted and covers all the minimum elements, but it is only partly operational in practice (due to the lack of resources) ☐ Progress stage 6 – the indicator is fully operational and implemented by the competent authorities, the operators or both
(d) Please describe if there are any weaknesses recently identified in identification or notification of hazardous activities, e.g. through applying the indicators/mechanisms and criteria outlined in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6, Annex II and III)

and in the mechanism for consultation with neighbouring countries?

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(e) Has your country taken any action since the last reporting round to improve the identification, notification of hazardous activities or consultation with neighbouring countries? Please justify your answers below.						
☐ YES ☐ NO)					
	or are such actions being planned or considered? YES NO					
PF	REVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS					
main preventive	neral description provided under Q.1 please explain briefly the measures taken by operators and authorities during all phases of rention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, pendix IV).					
Stakeholders	Preventive Measures					
Operator						
Competent Authority						
Joint Efforts						
10. Please indicate	or describe the following:					
(a) To what extent do your country's preventive measures deliver the intended results?						
☐ The preventive in ☐ The main goal is ☐ The results are s	iver any essential result measures are partially implemented, there is still a lot to be done s achieved, but there are many shortcomings satisfactory, there are few shortcomings in the system to be dealt					
with Completely deliver the intended results						
Comments (please j	justify your answer here):					
. ,	buntry's progress stage in prevention (refer to the <u>User-friendly</u> <u>hmarks in the implementation of the Convention</u> , Working Area					

<i>3</i>):
Progress stage 1 – little awareness among competent authorities of the need to introduce the indicator or of the requirements for setting it up
Progress stage 2 – initial discussions at the national level or among authorities, experts and operators are leading to the introduction of the indicator
\square Progress stage 3 – a decision has been taken at the level of policymakers to introduce or update the indicator. Relevant stakeholders are identified
Progress stage 4 – intensive and detailed discussions take place among stakeholders on the content of legislation and specific procedures
\square Progress stage 5 – the indicator has been adopted and covers all the minimum elements, but it is only partly operational in practice (due to the lack of resources)
Progress stage 6 – the indicator is fully operational and implemented by the competent authorities, the operators or both
(c) Any weaknesses recently identified in prevention, e.g. through applying the mechanisms outlined in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6, Annex IV) and criteria?
(d) Has your country started to take any steps in the current reporting period to
improve prevention?
☐ YES ☐ NO
Comments (please explain which steps have been taken or explain why no progress has been made)
Or does it plan to take any steps to improve prevention in the near future?
☐ YES ☐ NO
Comments (please explain which steps are envisaged or explain why not)
(e) Please list information on good practices in prevention here, if possible with references or/and web links preferably in English:

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

11. Do Internal (On-site) and External (Off-site) contingency plans exist for all hazardous activities identified, in accordance with Art. 8 and Annex VII of the Convention? Give separately answers for Internal (On-site) and External (Off-

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site) contingency plans.
a) Internal (On-site) contingency plans
b) External (Off-site) contingency plans YES NO Partly
If no or partly, please describe why? Please use as an answer the criteria contained in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (<u>ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6</u> , Pages 5 and 12 and Annex V, progress stages 1-6)
12. How do these plans take account of the results of the hazard/risk assessment? Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words. Please provide here a full answer to the question:
13. Is the preparation of the plans coordinated between operators and authorities? If so, please explain how. If no, please explain why. Please use as an answer the criteria contained in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6, Pages 5 and 12 and Annex V, progress stages 1-6)
14. Are the plans tested, reviewed and updated as necessary? Please explain and give separately answers for Internal (On-site) and External (Off-site) contingency plans.
a) Internal (On-site) contingency plans
b) External (Off-site) contingency plans YES NO Partly
If, no or partly please describe why? Please use as an answer the criteria contained in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6, Pages 5 and 12 and Annex V, progress stages 1-6)
 15. Is testing, reviewing and updating done in cooperation with neighbouring countries? Explain in what way the cooperation occurs, or comment on why there is no or only partly cooperation with neighboring countries. Please use as an answer the criteria contained in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6, Pages 5 and 12 and Annex V, progress stages 1-6) YES NO Partly

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- 16. Please indicate or describe:
- (a) How successful are your country's emergency preparedness measures in meeting the aims of the Convention? Please tick and describe the progress stage below for each indicator in the <u>User-friendly version of the Benchmarks in the implementation of the Convention</u>, **Working area 4**.

Indicator	Definition	Progress stage
(i) Does your country have a mechanism for giving the responsibility for emergency preparedness to operators of hazardous activities?	Set of procedures, implementation rules and actions ensuring that hazardous activities operators prepare, coordinate, test, review and revise on-site emergency plans	Progress stage 1 Progress stage 2 Progress stage 3 Progress stage 4 Progress stage 5 Progress stage 6
YES NO		1 Togress stage 0
(ii) Does your country have a mechanism for giving the responsibility for emergency preparedness to competent authorities?	Set of procedures, implementation rules and actions ensuring that the competent authorities prepare, coordinate, test, review and revise off-site emergency plans and sets of procedures giving the competent authorities the right to impose responsibility on operators of hazardous activities	Progress stage 1 Progress stage 2 Progress stage 3 Progress stage 4 Progress stage 5 Progress stage 6
(iii) Does your country have a mechanism for transboundary emergency plans?	Set of procedures, implementation rules and actions ensuring that the competent authorities of the concerned Parties cooperate with each other and coordinate emergency plans to make them compatible	Progress stage 1 Progress stage 2 Progress stage 3 Progress stage 4 Progress stage 5 Progress stage 6

Please comment on the progress stages per indicator/mechanism and indicate any challenges that you may experience per indicator/mechanism:

(b) How successful are your country's contingency plans to respond to accidents within your own country, as well as contingency plans to respond to accidents in neighbouring countries? Please describe progress stage for indicator 1 in <u>User-friendly version of the Benchmarks in the implementation of the Convention</u>, **Working area 5**.

Indicator	Definition	Progress stage
(i) Does your country	Set of procedures, implementation rules	Progress stage 1
have a mechanism for	and actions ensuring that the competent	Progress stage 2
the prompt recognition	authorities activate the relevant measures	Progress stage 3
of industrial accidents?	promptly in the event of an accident or of	Progress stage 4
	an imminent threat of an accident.	Progress stage 5
YES NO		Progress stage 6

Please comment on the progress stage and indicate any challenges that you may experience

- (c) Any weaknesses recently identified in your country's emergency preparedness, and response, e.g. through applying the indicators and criteria contained in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6, Annex V and Annex VI)? Please provide here a full answer to the question:
- (d) Whether your country has started to take any steps in the current reporting period to improve emergency preparedness and response or whether it is planning to do so in the near future.
- 17. Do guidance documents concerning contingency planning to support national or regional authorities or operators exist⁸? Please use as an answer the criteria contained in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6, Page 5 and Annex V, progress stages 1-6)

If yes, please insert web-links if they are available online

Comments

18. Is your country making use of the Industrial Accident Notification (IAN) System⁹?

Please note that this question also refers to hazardous installations not falling within the scope of the Convention.

Please refer to the webpage for the IAN system (https://ian.unece.org/login.xhtml) as well as the guidelines on information and instructions on the use of the IAN system for points of contacts/authorities under the Convention, available at: https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/teia/doc/IA Publications/IAN Instruction En Dec 2016.pdf

☐ YES ☐ NO
Comments (please justify your answer)
19. Has your country appointed a point of contact responsible for utilizing the IAN system? Is the point of contact made known (including their contact details) to a relevant stakeholders (e.g. authorities, emergency services, operators)? Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words. Please provide here a full answer to the question
20. Does your country use (an)other accident notification system(s) ¹⁰ ? If yes, please describe or provide a weblink to this system(s):
☐ YES ☐ NO
Comments (please specify which, if any)
MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
21. Has your country identified an authority that would act as point of contact for mutual assistance (as of Article 17(2) and Article 17(5) of the Convention)?
☐ YES ☐ NO
Comments (if no, please explain why)
(a) Please provide information on the point of contact responsible to requesting and/ or providing assistance in the event of an accident. <i>Please provide here a full answer to the question:</i>

¹⁰ Accident notification system is to be understood as a system that authorities can use to inform other countries that an accident has occurred in their territory. The notification system referred to in this report is something to be used during an emergency. Please do not provide information about systems used to report on past accidents or lessons learned.

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¹¹ Please note that this question refers to examples of good practices for industrial accident prevention within and between countries, independently from the current existence of installations capable of causing transboundary effects in the event of an accident.

24. Has your country's national industrial safety authority(ies) enhanced their institutional cooperation with other departments/organizations (at the national or local level) that are responsible for managing aspects related to disaster risk reduction?					
☐ YES ☐ NO					
Please describe the efforts taken to enhance these linkages. <i>Please note that an overall comprehensive reply is estimated at 250-300 words</i>					
INFORMATION TO AND PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC					
25. What opportunities does the public in your country have to participate in establishing or implementing ¹² Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words					
(a) preventive measures					
Please provide here a full answer to the question:					
(b) preparedness measures					
Please provide here a full answer to the question:					
26. How do you inform the public in your country of these opportunities? <i>Please</i> note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words					
Please provide here a full answer to the question:					

¹² Please note that in replying to this question you should consider whether such possibilities exist in the country independently on whether the country currently has hazardous activities capable of causing transboundary effects in the event of an accident.

27.	Does the public in your country participate? Please explain how. Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words
	YES NO
	ase provide here a full answer to the question (if you answered 'No', please blain why):
	28. Are the public in neighbouring countries/Parties (who may be affected by hazardous activities) able to participate in the same way as the public in your own country?
	YES NO
	ase provide here a full answer to the question (if you answered 'No', please blain why):
29.	Do natural or legal persons capable of being affected by an industrial accident in the territory of neighbouring countries/Parties have access to the relevant administrative and judicial procedures in your country?
Ad	ministrative: YES NO
Jud	licial: YES NO
Ple	ase provide here a full answer to the question:
Ple	Please indicate or describe: ase note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and updates) is estimated at 250-300 words
(a)	How successful has your country been in developing public participation?
Ple	ase provide here a full answer to the question:

(b) Any weaknesses recently identified in your country's system for public participation, e.g. through applying indicators and criteria contained in the Benchmarks for the implementation of the Convention (<u>ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6</u>, **Annex VII**)?

Please provide here a full answer to the question:

(c) Whether your country has started to take any steps in the current reporting period to improve public participation or whether is planning to do so in the near future.

Please provide here a full answer to the question:

DECISION-MAKING ON SITING AND LAND-USE PLANNING

31. Has your country established policies on the siting of hazardous activities and on significant modifications to existing hazardous activities, in accordance with Art. 7 of the Convention? If so, please explain. *Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words*

Please provide here a full answer to the question:

32. How do these policies take transboundary issues into account? Please report on any bilateral activities on siting issues with potentially affected neighbouring countries. Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words

Please provide here a full answer to the question:

33. Please explain or describe:

Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words.

(a) To what extent does your siting policy achieve the intended results?

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(b) Any weaknesses recently identified in your country's siting policy?					
(c) Whether your country has started to take any steps in the current reporting period to improve siting policy or whether is planning to do so in the near future?					
34. How are your country's industrial safety procedures coordinated with your country's land-use planning procedures (e.g. a requirement within your national and/or local planning procedures to conduct a risk assessment)? <i>Please note that an overall comprehensive reply is estimated at 250-300 words</i> .					
35. Under national and local legislation, are your country's industrial safety experts and land use planners formally required to consult and cooperate with each other (for example on decisions on land use plans, policies, or siting decisions)?					
☐ YES ☐ NO					
Please briefly describe how industrial safety experts and planners cooperate at the national and local levels, and which governance arrangements have been implemented to foster such cooperation (e.g. integration or formalized cooperation among different departments). Please note that an overall comprehensive reply is estimated at 250-300 words.					
36. (a) In implementing your obligations under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, do you also consider implementing related legal obligations that your country may have? For example, related legal obligations under the: You may select more than one box					
☐ UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) ☐ UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) ☐ None of the above					
(b) Please state here if you are or are not a Party to the Espoo Convention and the Protocol on SEA, and provide comments on whether or not you consider their legal obligations when implementing the Convention. Please note that an overall comprehensive reply is estimated at 250-300 words					

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REPORTING ON PAST INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

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□YES □ NO					
Date	Location	Type of Accident	Was your country the country of origin?	Was your country an affected country?	
			□YES □ NO	□YES □ NO	
			□YES □ NO	□YES □ NO	
(b) If an accident with transboundary consequences was reported on please indicate which reporting system was used. <i>Please note that an overall comprehensive reply (including past reporting rounds and the updates) is estimated at 250-300 words</i>					
Please provide here a full answer to the question:					
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Annex: Template for the notification of hazardous activities in accordance with article 4 of and annex III to the ECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Sende	r:
Receiv	ver:
Date:	
1.	Please use the following form to provide notification of hazardous activities (proposed or existing)

No.	Hazardous activity ¹	Full name and address of the operator of the hazardous activity (proposed or existing)	Location (address) of the hazardous activity and distance from the border of the potentially affected country (air or water path, as appropriate) ²	Name of the hazardous substances / categories of substances or mixtures in quantities at or in excess of the threshold quantities listed in Annex I to the Convention	Possible transboundary effect ³ in the event of an industrial accident, pursuant to annex III, paragraph 3 (a), to the Convention
1		1.1	1.1.1	A) B)	
			1.1.2	 A) 	
		1.2	1.2.1	A)	
		•••	•••	•••	
2		2.1	2.1.1	A)	
				B)	
				•••	
		2.2	2.2.1	A)	
				•••	
		•••	•••	•••	

Article 1 of the Convention defines "hazardous activity" as "any activity in which one or more hazardous substances are present or may be present in quantities at or in excess of the threshold quantities listed in Annex I hereto, and which is capable of causing transboundary effects" and "operator" as "any natural or legal person, including public authorities, in charge of an activity, e.g. supervising, planning to carry out or carrying out an activity".

https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2018/TEIA/CoP_10/AC_ECE.CP.TEIA.38.Add.1.pdf). The criteria should be applied without prejudice to article 5 of the Convention on voluntary extension, which stipulates that "[...] Where the Parties concerned so agree, this Convention, or any part thereof, shall apply to the activity in question as if it were a hazardous activity".

- Article 1 of the Convention defines "effects" as "any direct or indirect, immediate or delayed adverse consequences caused by an industrial accident on, inter alia:
 - (i) Human beings, flora and fauna;
 - (ii) Soil, water, air and landscape;
 - (iii) The interaction between the factors in (i) and (ii);
 - (iv) Material assets and cultural heritage, including historical monuments"

and "transboundary effects" as "serious effects within the jurisdiction of a Party as a result of an industrial accident occurring within the jurisdiction of another Party".

Location criteria for the identification of possible transboundary effects of industrial accidents are provided in the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention, adopted through decision 2000/3 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex IV) and amended by decision 2018/1 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1, available at:

2. Please reply to the sender within [1/2/3] months of receipt of this notification, acknowledging its receipt and indicating whether you intend to enter into consultation pursuant to paragraph 4 of annex III to the Convention.