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Seventh meeting

Stockholm, 14–16 November 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh meeting

**To be held at the Münchenbryggeriet Event and Konferens, Stockholm,
starting on Wednesday, 14 November 2012, at 10 a.m.***

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5. Implementation of the Convention:
 - (a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and the sixth report on the Convention's implementation;
 - (b) Election of members of the Working Group on Implementation for 2013–2014.

* Parties to the Convention are invited to inform the secretariat of the name(s) of their representative(s) at their earliest convenience, and to submit the credentials to the secretariat before the opening of the meeting. Delegates attending the meeting are requested to complete the registration form available on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website (<http://www.unece.org/env/teia/cop7.html>) and to transmit it to the secretariat no later than three weeks before the meeting by e-mail (teia.conv@unece.org). The meeting is to be held in the Mälarsalen Room, Münchenbryggeriet Event and Konferens (The Brewery Conference Centre), Torkel Knutssongatan 2, Stockholm.

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 - (a) Progress report on the activities carried out within the Programme's preparatory and implementation phases;
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II. Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Chair of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents will open the seventh meeting.

Representatives of Sweden, the host country, and of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) will be invited to make opening statements.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the agenda for its seventh meeting as set out in the present document.¹

2. Representation and credentials

The secretariat will inform the Conference of the Parties about the current status of ratification of the Convention.

The Chair will report to the Conference on the representation at its seventh meeting and the credentials submitted by the representatives of the Parties.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take a decision on the credentials of representatives participating in the meeting.

Official documentation

Ratification status of the Convention and the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/1)

3. Report of the Bureau on the activities under the Convention since the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

The main functions of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties are to carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties, to take the lead in, and take initiatives to strengthen, the implementation of the Convention and to monitor the implementation of the programme of work and take appropriate decisions in this respect between the meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

The Chair will report on the activities of the outgoing Bureau in 2011–2012.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/2).

Official documentation

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/2)

Informal documents

Minutes of the Bureau (twenty-second meeting) (COPB44)

Minutes of the joint meetings of the Bureau (respectively, the twenty-first, twentieth, nineteenth and eighteenth meetings) (COPB43, COPB41, COPB39 and COPB37) and the Working Group on Implementation (respectively the seventeenth, sixteenth, fifteenth and fourteenth meetings) (WGI34, WGI32, WGI30 and WGI28)

¹ All documentation for the session (official and informal documents) will be made available on the web page for the meeting (<http://www.unece.org/env/teia/cop7.html>).

4. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Mr. C. Dijkens (Netherlands) as Chair; Ms. J. Karba (Slovenia) and Mr. B. Gay (Switzerland) as Vice-Chairs; and Mr. P. Forint (Czech Republic), Ms. I. Gurguliani (Georgia), Mr. G. Winkelmann-Oei (Germany), Mr. C. Piacente (Italy), Mr. S. Kozlenko (Russian Federation), Ms. S. Milutinovic (Serbia) and Mr. T. Biermann (European Union) as other members of the Bureau. Ms. Gurguliani was subsequently replaced by Ms. O. Shashkina and Mr. T. Biermann was replaced by Ms. J. Michielssen. In accordance with the rules of procedure (ECE/CP.TEIA/3), as amended at the fourth meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/15, Part I, paras. 12–13), all those elected are eligible for re-election.

Action

In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs as its officers. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to elect up to seven other members of the Bureau from among the representatives of the Parties and of other ECE member States present at the meeting.

5. Implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, established the Working Group on Implementation (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex III, decision 2000/2) to monitor implementation of the Convention, prepare reports on the Convention's implementation, and draw conclusions and make recommendations.

Action

The Conference of the Parties may wish to take decisions related to implementation of the Convention, taking into account the outcome of the discussion under this item.

Official documentation

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/2)

Sixth report on the implementation of the Convention (2010–2011) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/3)

Informal documents

Minutes of the Working Group on Implementation (eighteenth meeting) (WGI35)

Minutes of the joint meetings of the Bureau (respectively, the twenty-first, twentieth, nineteenth and eighteenth meetings) (COPB43, COPB41, COPB39 and COPB37) and the Working Group on Implementation (respectively the seventeenth, sixteenth, fifteenth and fourteenth meetings) (WGI34, WGI32, WGI30 and WGI28)

(a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and the sixth report on the Convention's implementation

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will report on the work of the Working Group in the period since the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Chair of the Working Group will inform the Conference of the Parties on the status of reporting on the implementation of the Convention by Parties and other ECE member States within the sixth round of reporting. He will then introduce the sixth report on the

implementation of the Convention, including its conclusions and recommendations, prepared by the Working Group on the basis of the national implementation reports received from Parties.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss and evaluate the process of reporting on implementation, taking into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group.

Parties and countries that expressed commitment to reporting but that have not reported on the implementation of the Convention will have an opportunity to explain their failure to comply with the reporting obligations or commitments.

The representative of one Party will be invited by the Chair to present good practices in reporting. The representative of a Party that is a beneficiary of the Assistance Programme will also be invited to present that country's use of the indicators and criteria for the implementation of the Strategic Approach (see ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6).

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the sixth report on implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/3).

(b) Election of members of the Working Group on Implementation for 2013–2014

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Ms. A. Aleksandryan (Armenia); Mr. V. Lozheczko (Belarus); Mr. H. Buljan (Croatia); Mr. M. Cozzone (Italy); Mr. G. Hem (Norway); Ms. S. Stirbu (Republic of Moldova); Mr. F. Senzaconi (Romania); Mr. T. Trcka (Slovakia); Ms. A.-S. Eriksson (Sweden); and Ms. S. Ashcroft (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as members of the Working Group on Implementation. The Working Group subsequently elected Mr. Hem as its Chair. In accordance with the terms of reference, the members of the Working Group are eligible for re-election.

Action

According to the terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex III, decision 2000/2, appendix), the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect up to 10 members of the Working Group from among the candidates nominated by Parties, for a term to last until its next meeting.

6. Use of financial resources in 2011–2012

The secretariat will report on the use of financial resources under the Convention in 2011–2012.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the report on the use of financial resources (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/4).

Official documentation

Use of financial resources in 2011–2012 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/4)

7. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders

The Conference of the Parties, at its sixth meeting, adopted a long-term strategy for the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/22, annex I) that identifies five priority areas of work: the involvement of Parties and other stakeholders; the exchange of information; the Assistance Programme; strategic partnerships; and financing. This and the following four agenda items address these priority areas in turn.

The secretariat will list occasions on which members of the Bureau or the secretariat participated in forums to reach out to competent authorities and other stakeholders to promote and further increase the understanding of the work under the Convention, further to the long-term strategy.

The secretariat will also report on the use of other targeted communications, such as press releases and the website, in line with the long-term strategy.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of this information.

8. Exchange of information

Informal documents

Report on the joint seminar on land-use planning around hazardous industrial sites

Report on the workshop on cost-effectiveness for major accident prevention

Programme and background note for seminar on how national authorities can support local authorities in preparedness and response

(a) Report on the joint seminar on land-use planning around hazardous industrial sites

A representative of the Netherlands will report on the outcome of the joint seminar on land-use planning around hazardous industrial sites (The Hague, 11–12 November 2010), organized in the framework of the Convention and the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management. He will highlight the seminar conclusions and recommendations.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the outcome of the seminar.

(b) Report on the workshop on cost-effectiveness for major accident prevention

Representatives of Poland and the European Commission will report on the outcome of the workshop on cost-effectiveness for major accident prevention (Warsaw, 12 October 2011) and inform participants about the workshop's proposals for further work at the international level to increase effectiveness.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the outcome of the workshop.

(c) Seminar on how national authorities can support local authorities in preparedness and response

The host country, Sweden, will organize a half-day seminar within the meeting, on the afternoon of Thursday, 15 November 2012, on how the national authorities in Sweden

support local authorities in regard to preparedness and response to industrial accidents. Invited speakers will provide perspectives from other parts of the ECE region.

Action

At the conclusion of the seminar, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss possible follow-up to the seminar.

9. Assistance Programme

At its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted and launched the internationally supported Assistance Programme to help the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe in strengthening the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2004/2 and ECE/CP.TEIA/12, para. 39).

Action

The Conference of the Parties, after having discussed sub-items (a) and (b) below, may wish to take decisions related to the Assistance Programme.

Official documentation

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/2)

Progress report on the Assistance Programme for 2011–2012 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/5)

Informal documents

Report on the training session on on-site inspections for Croatia, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (29–31 March 2011)

Report on the workshop on the use of indicators and criteria for the implementation of the Strategic Approach (4–6 May 2011)

Report on national training for Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on the identification of hazardous activities (22–23 November 2011)

Report on national training for Uzbekistan on the identification of hazardous activities (6–7 December 2011)

Report on the kick-off meeting for the project on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta (11 May 2011)

Report on the workshop on hazard management, project on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta (12–13 July 2011)

Report on the joint visit to oil terminals, project on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta (27–29 September 2011)

Report on the workshop on crisis management, project on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta (13–14 December 2011)

Report on the first meeting of the Expert Group for the elaboration of Safety Guidelines for Oil Terminals (14 March 2012)

Report on the second meeting of the Expert Group for the elaboration of Safety Guidelines for Oil Terminals (18 June 2012)

(a) **Progress report on the activities carried out within the Programme's preparatory and implementation phases**

The secretariat, on behalf of the outgoing Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, will report on the outcome of the key assistance activities organized since the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for eligible countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe within the implementation phase of the Programme. No activities were organized within the preparatory phase in the period 2011–2012.

Countries beneficiaries of the Assistance Programme will report on their progress in strengthening the implementation of the Convention or on important assistance projects.

(b) **Indicators and criteria for the Strategic Approach for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme**

The Chair of the task force on indicators and criteria, established jointly by the outgoing Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, will present the report on the workshop on the use of indicators and criteria for the implementation of the Strategic Approach, held in Bratislava in May 2011.

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will present the outcome of the review of the first self-assessments and action plans received within the implementation of the Strategic Approach.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the progress report on the Assistance Programme (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/5).

10. Strategic partnerships

The outgoing Chair will present the result of the work carried out by a task force, established by the Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, on the identification of key strategic partners and the design of actions facilitating cooperation.

The outgoing Chair will also present the outcome of informal meetings between the representatives of the governing bodies of the ECE environmental conventions and the Chair of the ECE Committee of Environmental Policy, held in Geneva on 22 November 2011 and 16 April 2012. He will also present the results of other meetings with strategic partners.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the outcome of the task force's work and of the presentations by the Chair. The Conference of the Parties may also decide on follow-up actions.

11. Financing

At its sixth meeting the Conference of the Parties entrusted its Bureau to elaborate the details of the sustainable financial mechanism and to present it to the current meeting.

The outgoing Chair will present a draft sustainable financial mechanism for the Convention, which was elaborated by a task force established by the Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the sustainable financial mechanism (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/6).

Official documentation

Draft sustainable financial mechanism for the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/6)

12. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification System

The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, established the ECE Industrial Accident Notification (IAN) System (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex II, decision 2000/1) to enable ECE member countries to notify each other in case of an industrial accident.

Also at its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided that the points of contact designated for the purpose of accident notification and mutual assistance within the ECE IAN System should review the System regularly to monitor its operability and effectiveness (ibid., para. 5).

The secretariat will report on the outcome of an electronic consultation of the points of contact for the purpose of accident notification and mutual assistance, designated within the IAN System, held in May and June 2012.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the outcome of the electronic consultation, and to decide on the future direction of the System, as well as on arrangements for further tests on and exercises using the System.

Official documentation

Ratification status of the Convention and the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/1)

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/2)

Informal document

Results of electronic consultation of the points of contact (CP.TEIA/B/2012/INF.3)

13. Prevention of accidental water pollution

A Joint Expert Group has been established under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) to cooperate on issues related to accidental water pollution.

The Bureau decided to hold a workshop on addressing the issue of prevention of accidental water pollution to identify the needs of Parties in this area of work.

The Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters was negotiated under the Industrial Accidents and Water Conventions. The Protocol was signed in Kyiv in 2003, but has not yet entered into force.

The Conference of the Parties, after having discussed sub-items (a), (b) and (c) below, may wish to take decisions related to the prevention of accidental water pollution.

Official documentation

Report of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/2)

Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/7)

Informal documents

Minutes of the first meeting of the Joint Expert Group for the elaboration of guidelines and good practices for crisis management on transboundary waters (31 May 2011)

Minutes of the second meeting of the Joint Expert Group for the elaboration of guidelines and good practices for crisis management on transboundary waters (10 October 2011)

Report on the seminar on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sandoz accident

Study on national legislation needed to implement the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters, and its Executive Summary

(a) Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

During the period 2011–2012, the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents worked to elaborate guidelines and good practices for crisis management on transboundary waters. A co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group will report on progress made with the drafting of ECE safety guidelines and good practices. He will also indicate an approximate schedule for the completion of the draft.

Action

The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of this information and to decide upon future steps, as appropriate.

(b) Report on the seminar on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sandoz accident

A representative of Germany will report on the outcome of the seminar on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sandoz accident (Bonn, Germany, 8–9 November 2011). The seminar reflected on the work carried out and progress achieved in the area of prevention of accidental water pollution in the ECE region. It also allowed for examining existing deficits in prevention of water pollution by chemical substances, and for formulating the way forward to address the deficiencies. The representative of Germany will outline conclusions and recommendations with respect to six issues: the risk coming from shipping; the definition of pollution and new sources of risk; communication technologies and dissemination of information to the public; the risk of complacency in ensuring prevention and maintaining a high level of safety; the inventory of risk sources, including abandoned sites; and the enforcement of procedures and safety standards.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the outcome of the seminar.

(c) **Activities related to the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters**

The Conference of the Parties, at its sixth meeting, agreed on three actions to help countries with economies in transition to ratify the Protocol on Civil Liability. The Chair will report on the completion of the first action, which resulted in a report on national legislation needed to implement the Protocol. He will also indicate progress made in completing the other actions (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/7).

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the already planned actions, as well as possible further actions to support ratification of the Protocol.

14. Possible amendment of the Convention

The Convention provides a simplified procedure for the amendment of its annex I on hazardous substances for the purposes of defining hazardous activities.

The outgoing Chair will present a note setting out the justification for an amendment of annex I, and identifying further possible amendments to other provisions of the Convention for consideration.

Action

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to decide on possibly amending annex I to bring it into line with the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (ST/SG/AC.10/30/Rev.4). The Conference of the Parties may also consider the amendment of other provisions of the Convention on the basis of the Bureau's note (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/8).

The Conference of the Parties may then decide on tasks to be assigned to the Working Group on Development and to ask the Bureau to appoint its Chair.

Official documentation

Possible amendment of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/8)

Informal document

Possible amendments to the Convention (CP.TEIA/B/2012/INF.2)

15. Plan of action under the Convention

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to decide on the elements of the workplan for 2013–2014 on the basis of a proposal made by the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/9). In doing so, the Conference of the Parties may also wish to take into account the discussions and decisions with regard to the previous agenda items. In addition, to assist the Conference of the Parties in its deliberations, the Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will present a prioritization of possible activities based on recommendations from workshops and seminars held in the period since the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/10).

The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to decide on relevant funding arrangements under the Convention and the budget for the implementation of the workplan for 2013–2014 on the basis of the Bureau's proposal.

The Conference of the Parties may also wish to make arrangements to support the participation of experts from countries with economies in transition in the meetings held under its auspices and in the activities within the Assistance Programme.

Action

The Conference of the Parties, in accordance with its terms of reference, will be invited to adopt its workplan under the Convention for 2013–2014 and to decide on the resources allocated (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/9).

The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to decide on criteria for support of the participation of experts, taking into account the Bureau's proposal.

Official documentation

Priorities, workplan and resources under the Convention for 2013–2014 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/9)

Recommendations from workshops and seminars held in the period between the sixth and seventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/10)

16. Date and venue of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take a unanimous decision to hold its eighth ordinary meeting in 2014. Delegations are encouraged to offer to host the eighth meeting, so that the Conference of the Parties can decide on its next venue.

17. Other business

Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

18. Review of decisions

The Chair will review all the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting. The Conference of the Parties is invited to entrust the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its seventh meeting.

19. Final statements and closing of the meeting

The Chair and a representative of ECE will be invited to make final statements. The Chair will then officially close the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
