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Economic Commission for Europe

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Bureau

Twenty-eighth meeting
Geneva, 2 December 2014

Annotated provisional agenda

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, room S4
starting at 1h30 p.m. on 2 December 2014**

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Preparations for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Representation and credentials;
 - (b) Nominations of officers and members of the Bureau and Working Group on Implementation;
 - (c) Provisional agenda.
3. Small group on financing.
4. Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents.
5. Other business.
6. Confirmation of the date and venue of the next Bureau meeting(s).

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

A. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chair. The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation is expected to be present in the meeting as observer and to present information under item B b. The Co-Chairs of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents are also invited to participate in the meeting as observers to present information to the Bureau under agenda item D, as agreed by the Chair of the Bureau.
2. The Bureau will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

B. Preparations for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

4. The main purpose of the meeting will be to review and adjust as necessary the final arrangements for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP), being held at the same venue on 3-5 December 2014.

(a) Representation and credentials

5. The secretariat will report on registration by Parties and others, indicating the number of participants and identifying Parties that have not registered. The secretariat will also report on the copies of credentials received and advise the Bureau on whether sufficient Parties have registered for COP to take decisions.

6. The Bureau is expected to decide on the reporting to COP of the representation and the credentials.

(b) Nominations of officers and members of the Bureau and of members of the Working Group on Implementation

7. The Chair will report whether the individuals or Parties proposed by the Bureau have confirmed their availability to serve in the Bureau following the eighth COP meeting. The Bureau is expected to finalize and confirm its proposal to COP on the future Chair, Vice-Chairs and other members of the Bureau.

8. Similarly, the Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will report whether the individuals or Parties proposed by the Bureau and the Chair of the Working Group on Implementation have confirmed their availability to serve in the Working Group following the eighth COP meeting. The Bureau and the Chair of the Working Group will then be expected to finalize and confirm its proposal to COP on the future membership of the Working Group.

(c) Provisional agenda

9. The Bureau is expected to review the provisional agenda of the eighth COP (ECE/CP.TEIA/29) on the basis of indications by the secretariat and to:

(a) Confirm that members of the Bureau, the Chair of the Working Group on Implementation, the secretariat and others are prepared to present the necessary information to COP;

(b) Discuss the anticipated decisions to be taken by COP and their consequences for the Convention. The Bureau is invited to focus on the anticipated decisions in particular on the possible amendment of the Convention and work envisaged to be carried out by the different subsidiary bodies in the coming biennium on preparing these as well as CoP guidance, the future delivery of assistance activities, the continued implementation of the sustainable financing mechanism to ensure the availability of financial resources for the biennium 2015-2016.

10. The secretariat will present information on the future financial support system tested for the eighth meeting of the CoP and proposed to be introduced for the biennium 2015–2016, including sample calculations, estimations on the overall budgetary impact as well as information on financial support systems in other Conventions.

C. Small group on financing

11. Members of the small group on financing (Ms. Sandra Ashcroft (UK), Mr. Gunnar Hem (Norway), Mr. Chris Dijkens (Netherlands), Ms. Svetlana Stibu (Republic of Moldova)) are invited to present information to the Bureau on the meeting of the group on

22 August 2014 and the actions taken subsequently. The secretariat will present on the creation of a dedicated website on potential financing sources for the Assistance Programme. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the continuation and future actions of the small group on financing, including its future composition.

D. Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

12. The Chair of the Bureau will report on a teleconference held with the Chair of the UNECE Water Convention and the Co-Chairs of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (JEG) on 12 November 2014.

13. The Bureau will be invited to review and agree on the draft workplan of the JEG for the biennium 2015–2016, which the JEG Co-Chairs will be invited to present. For this, the Bureau will be invited to consider also the JEG strategy of 2008 and its update of 2010.

14. The Bureau will be invited to exchange information and views on the nominations received by Parties for the co-Chairmanship of the JEG for the period 2015–2016.

E. Other business

15. Members of the Bureau wishing to raise other business are invited contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

F. Confirmation of the date and venue of the next Bureau meeting(s)

16. The Bureau is expected to confirm the date and location of its next session, tentatively scheduled by the secretariat to be held jointly with the Working Group on Implementation in Geneva on 28–29 (a.m.) January 2015 (1 ½ days), back to back with a one-day meeting by the Working Group on Implementation on 29 (p.m.)-30 January (1 ½ days).

Other meeting dates for 2015 have been provisionally reserved, as indicated on the ECE website at: <http://www.unece.org/environmental-policy/treaties/industrial-accidents/meetings-and-events.html?id=2869#/2015/0/0/>
