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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighth meeting

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Wednesday,
3 December 2014, at 10 a.m.***

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Representation and credentials.**
3. Report of the Bureau on its activities since the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

* Delegates attending the meeting at the Palais des Nations are requested to register by 3 November 2014 using the new electronic procedure. Registration is available through the following link: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=wSjCwJ>. The registration code for this meeting is 57464. For assistance, please see the instruction on the web page for the meeting (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=34103>) or contact the secretariat by e-mail (teia.conv@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website: www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html). This will be a paperless meeting. All the documentation for the meeting and related information will be made available on the meeting web page listed above. Delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies of any meeting documentation they will require.

** Delegations of Parties to the Convention are reminded about the requirement to submit credentials to the secretariat at the beginning of the meeting. To facilitate the process of verification, the secretariat would appreciate receiving a scanned copy in advance of the meeting **by 17 November 2014** via e-mail (teia.conv@unece.org). Credentials are to be issued either by Heads of State or Government or ministers for foreign affairs.



4. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
5. Implementation of the Convention:
 - (a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and seventh report on the Convention's implementation;
 - (b) Election of the members of the Working Group on Implementation for 2015–2016.
6. Assistance to countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia:
 - (a) Tenth anniversary of the Assistance Programme;
 - (b) Progress report on the activities carried out within the Assistance Programme in 2013-2014;
 - (c) Indicators and criteria for the Strategic Approach for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme;
 - (d) Danube Delta project.
7. Development of the Convention:
 - (a) Activities of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention;
 - (b) Amendment of annex I to the Convention;
 - (c) Other possible amendments to the Convention and guidance by the Conference of the Parties;
 - (d) Accession by Member States of the United Nations from outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region.
8. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders.
9. Exchange of information:
 - (a) Seminar on enhancing industrial safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region;
 - (b) Raising knowledge on industrial safety at universities.
10. Strategic partnerships:
 - (a) Hazard rating methodologies;
 - (b) Checklist on the safety of tailings management facilities.
11. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification System.
12. Prevention of accidental water pollution:
 - (a) Activities by the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents;
 - (b) Methodology/checklist for harmonized contingency planning for accidents with potential impacts on transboundary watercourses;
 - (c) Activities related to the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters.
13. Use of financial resources in 2013–2014.

14. Financing.
15. Plan of action for the Convention for the biennium 2015–2016.
16. Date and venue of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
17. Other business.
18. Review of decisions.
19. Final statements and closing of the meeting.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and 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 eighth meeting and introduce the provisional agenda.

A representative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) will be invited to make an opening statement.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the agenda for its eighth 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 eighth meeting and the credentials submitted by the representatives of the Parties.

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

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/2014/1)

3. Report of the Bureau on its activities since the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

The Chair will report on the activities of the outgoing Bureau in 2013–2014. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the information on the activities of the Bureau since the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Stockholm, 14–16 November 2012) contained in the report.

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/index.php?id=34103>).

Documentation

Activities of the Bureau since the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/2)

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

At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Mr. C. Dijkens (Netherlands) as Chair and Mr. G Hem (Norway) and Ms. J. Karba (Slovenia) as Vice-Chairs. The other members of the Bureau elected were: Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan (Armenia); Mr. Pavel Forint (Czech Republic); Mr. Bernard Gay (Switzerland); Mr. Cristiano Piacente (Italy); Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova); Ms. Jill Michielssen (European Union); and Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany). Ms. J. Michielssen was subsequently replaced by Mr. A. Kiriazis.

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

(a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and seventh 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 seventh 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 seventh round of reporting.

The Working Group Chair will then introduce the seventh 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. 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 Chair of the Working Group will also present to the Conference of the Parties a draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention, prepared by the Working Group on Implementation and the Bureau.

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 on Implementation.

The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to consider and adopt the seventh report on implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/4). Furthermore, the Conference is invited to adopt a decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

Documentation

Seventh report on the implementation of the Convention (2012–2013) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/4)

Draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/11)

(b) Election of the members of the Working Group on Implementation for 2015–2016

At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Ms. Sandra Ashcroft (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky (Belarus), Mr. Hrvoje Buljan (Croatia), Ms. Ann-Sofie Eriksson (Sweden), Mr. Leo Iberl (Germany), Mr. Martin Merkofer (Switzerland), Ms. Suzana Milutinovic (Serbia), Ms. Emilija Kjupeva Nedelkova (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and Mr. Francisc Senzaconi (Romania) as members of the Working Group on Implementation. Following the decision of the Conference of the Parties, the Bureau nominated the tenth member of the Working Group on Implementation, Mr. Tapani Valanto (Finland). The Working Group subsequently elected Ms. Ashcroft as its Chair and Ms. Milutinovic as its Vice-Chair.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect the members of the Working Group from among the candidates nominated by Parties, for a term to last until its next meeting.

6. Assistance to countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

Since the Convention was adopted countries in transition have benefitted from assistance activities within its framework. 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 to strengthen their implementation of the Convention (CP.TEIA/2004/2 and ECE/CP.TEIA/12, para. 39). The Assistance Programme is celebrating its 10-year anniversary in 2014.

(a) Tenth anniversary of the Assistance Programme

The secretariat will provide an overview of key assistance activities carried out during the past decade with a focus on activities under the Assistance Programme. Countries beneficiaries to the Assistance Programme will be invited to share the results and progress achieved due to activities carried out in the framework of the Assistance Programme. Partner organizations and donors will be invited to share information on how they have provided support to countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to enhance industrial safety and advance in the implementation of the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of achievements and remaining challenges and to reflect on the approach to the continued implementation of assistance activities in the framework of the Convention, taking due account of the needs of the beneficiary countries, strategic partnerships, sustainable financing and long-term impacts.

Documentation

A decade of assistance to countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia: lessons learned and future prospects (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/5)

(b) Progress report on the activities carried out within the Assistance Programme in 2013-2014

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 in the preparatory and implementation phases of the Assistance Programme since the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties for eligible countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the progress report on the assistance activities carried out in the framework of the Assistance Programme and other capacity building activities during the biennium 2013–2014.

Documentation

A decade of assistance to countries in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia: lessons learned and future prospects (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/5)

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

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will present the result of the evaluation of indicators and criteria serving as benchmarks in the implementation of the Convention (see ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/6), the development of a publication of the indicators and criteria in a user-friendly and flexible form and the work carried out to assist countries with their application.

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 for the Assistance Programme (ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/5).

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the revised document on the indicators and criteria and to consider requesting the secretariat to publish it.

(d) Danube Delta project

The Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine will be invited to highlight key achievements of the Danube Delta project implemented in the framework of the Convention's Assistance Programme.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the safety guidelines and good industry practices for oil terminals developed by an expert group in the framework of the Danube Delta project. The Conference will also be invited to consider recommending their use by the Parties to the Convention and other countries in the ECE region. Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties will also be invited to discuss the further promotion of the guidelines and may task the secretariat, in cooperation with the Bureau, to raise awareness about the safety guidelines among Parties to the Convention and other countries in the ECE region.

7. Development of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting requested the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (Working Group on Development) to draft a revised 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) and to maintain consistency with the corresponding European Union legislation. In accordance with that mandate, the Working Group agreed on a proposal to amend annex I to the Convention.

This proposal, together with a draft decision endorsed by the Bureau, will be circulated to all Parties by the secretariat at least 90 days in advance of the meeting.

The Conference, wishing to minimize the frequency of amendments to the Convention, also requested the Working Group to evaluate the possible amendment of the Convention to address the following provisions and issues:

- (a) Revised and additional definitions (art. 1);
- (b) Revised scope (art. 2);
- (c) Strengthened public participation (art. 9);
- (d) Revised scope of mutual assistance (art. 12);
- (e) Clarified frequency of meetings (art. 18, para. 1);
- (f) Clarified or strengthened reporting obligations (art. 23);
- (g) Accession by Member States of the United Nations from outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region (art. 29);
- (h) Application of amendments to new Parties (art. 29);
- (i) Provisions on land-use planning;
- (j) Provisions on the review of compliance;
- (k) Governance structures under the Convention.

Further to the above issues, the issue of derogation was also discussed by the Working Group on Development, per a request made by the Bureau at its meeting in January 2013.

(a) Activities of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention

The Chair of the Working Group on Development will report on the third and fourth meetings held in Geneva on 3 and 4 September 2013 and 28 and 29 April 2014, respectively, and a number of consultations via electronic means held by two small thematic groups established by the Bureau to work on proposed changes for the revision of annex I and on proposed amendments to the Convention.

(b) Amendment of annex I to the Convention

The Chair will present the Working Group's proposal for a revised annex I to the Convention on hazardous substances for the purposes of defining hazardous activities, along with a draft decision amending annex I. This document will be circulated to the Parties before the meeting in accordance with article 26, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the decision amending annex I, as agreed by the Working on Development. The amendment will be communicated to the Parties and recommended for approval in accordance with article 26, paragraph 4 (a), of the Convention.

Documentation

Draft decision amending annex I to the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/8)

(c) Other possible amendments to the Convention and guidance by the Conference of the Parties

The Chair of the Working Group on Development will present the evaluation of the provisions and issues conducted by the Working Group, as requested by the Conference of

the Parties at its seventh meeting, and the conclusions reached with regard to a possible amendment of the Convention, along with the rationale for the Working Group's proposals.

Furthermore, the Working Group Chair will present proposals for the provision of guidance by the Conference of the Parties with regard to provisions that did not need to be addressed through an amendment, according to the Working Group's deliberations.

The Chair of the Bureau will present a proposed prioritization of provisions and issues to be addressed through the amendment of the Convention and guidance by the Conference of the Parties.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the Working Group's recommendations with regard to provisions and issues to be addressed through an amendment of the Convention and guidance by the Conference of the Parties. It will be requested to prioritize issues to be dealt with in the next biennium and to identify the most suitable subsidiary bodies or other groups to address the above-mentioned issues.

Documentation

Report of the third session of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/WG.1/2013/2)

Report of the fourth session of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/WG.1/2014/3)

Proposed prioritization of provisions and issues for an amendment of the Convention and guidance by the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/9)

Possible approaches to compliance regimes under United Nations Economic Commission for Europe multilateral environmental agreements: an overview (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/10)

(d) Accession by Member States of the United Nations from outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

At its fourth meeting, the Working Group on the Development considered the issue of opening the Convention to accession by Member States of the United Nations from outside the ECE region and agreed that, due to the strategic nature of the topic, a thorough discussion should take place at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the basis of background information prepared by the secretariat. The Conference of the Parties is invited to thoroughly consider and discuss the issue of accession to the Convention by Member States of the United Nations from the ECE region, on the basis of background information prepared by the secretariat.

The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the way forward and next steps with regard to the further consideration of the issue of opening the Convention to United Nations Member States beyond the ECE region.

Documentation

Opening and promotion of environmental legal and policy instruments of the Economic Commission for Europe to countries beyond the region (ECE/CEP/2014/6)

Opening of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents for accession by United Nations Member States beyond the Economic Commission for Europe region: Considerations and options with regard to a possible amendment (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/6)

Proposed prioritization of provisions and issues for an amendment of the Convention and guidance by the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/9)

8. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders

The secretariat will inform the Conference of the Parties about events in which members of the Bureau and/or the secretariat participated to reach out to competent authorities and other stakeholders to promote and further increase the understanding of the work under the Convention. The secretariat will further report on working visits and high-level meetings to Parties.

The secretariat will also report on the use of other targeted communications, such as press releases, the website and cartoons on the Convention, in line with the Long-term Strategy (ECE/CP.TEIA/22, annex I).

9. Exchange of information

(a) Seminar on enhancing industrial safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

In accordance with article 15 of the Convention, Parties are required to exchange information at the multilateral or bilateral level. As part of the 2013–2014 workplan, “exchange of experiences and good practices among Parties” is being addressed through a seminar in the framework of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

In the framework of this session, representatives of the Parties will be invited to exchange information, experience and good practices with regard to legislative and administrative measures, policies, objectives and priorities for prevention, preparedness and response. Selected good practices will comprise those identified in the seventh report on the implementation of the Convention. Furthermore, representatives of industry, academia, non-governmental and international organizations will also be invited to attend the seminar and share their experiences and good practices conducive to improving industrial safety in the ECE region.

On the basis of the exchange of information and good practices by Parties, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the good practices presented, reflect on their applicability to other countries in the ECE region, and consider approaches and measures to further enhance industrial safety and the implementation of the Convention throughout the ECE region.

Documentation

Seventh report on the implementation of the Convention (2012–2013) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/4, sect. IV, “List of good practices”)

(b) Raising knowledge on industrial safety at universities

A representative from Germany will report on the organization of a summer school in Perm, Russian Federation, in September 2014, to raise knowledge on industrial safety at universities. A representative of the ECE secretariat will be invited to present the educational training materials developed.

The Conference of the Parties may wish to discuss the outcome of the project and possible follow-up activities. It will be invited to discuss the further promotion and use of the educational training materials developed.

10. Strategic partnerships

The secretariat will provide an overview of the work carried out in cooperation with strategic partners, including with new strategic partners. .

The Chair will 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 during the biennium 2013–2014. He will also present the results of other projects and meetings with strategic partners.

(a) Hazard rating methodologies

The Joint Research Centre Major Accident Hazard Bureau will be invited to present a Guide on methodologies for hazard rating, developed in cooperation with the ECE secretariat. Selected good practices identified in the Guide will be presented. The secretariat will be invited to present the conduct of a webinar as an innovative approach to knowledge transfer and capacity-building for different countries in the ECE region.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the further promotion of the Guide on methodologies for hazard rating. It will further be invited to provide advice with regard to the use of webinars, or other innovative mechanisms to transfer knowledge and build capacity.

(b) Checklist on the safety of tailings management facilities

The development and application of a checklist on the safety of tailings management facilities and its testing in facilities in Ukraine will be presented by a representative of the Steering Committee of the project, “Improving the safety of industrial tailings management facilities, based on the example of Ukrainian facilities”. In this context, the secretariat will present the safety guidelines and good practices for tailings management facilities, published in a more attractive and user-friendly form, as requested by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the outcome of the work carried out. The Conference of the Parties may also decide on follow-up actions. It will be invited to reflect on the application and testing of other methodologies/checklists developed in the framework of the Convention’s programme of work.

Documentation

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, *Safety guidelines and good practices for Tailings Management Facilities*, online publication (May 2014)²

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

The secretariat will report on an upgrade of the ECE Industrial Accident Notification system in 2013 and the tests carried out for the functioning of the system as well as other actions taken in 2014 to assure that the system is fully operational and that points of contacts are re-registering.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the outcome of the tests carried out and of the actions undertaken in the biennium 2013–2014.

² Available from <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=36132>.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to decide on the organization of a consultation of the Points of Contact and the need to address different elements regarding preparedness and response. In this context, broader approaches to disaster risk reduction may merit consideration.

12. Prevention of accidental water pollution

(a) Activities by the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

A co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents will report on the Group's meeting held in October 2014 in Hungary and other activities carried out since the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Conference of the Parties may take note of the developments under the Joint Expert Group. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to review the work and structure of the Joint Expert Group and to discuss possible activities to be carried out under its framework. In this context, the Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the Joint Expert Group's role in providing guidance to capacity-building activities and to consider linkages with planned assistance activities in this regard.

(b) Methodology/checklist for harmonized contingency planning for accidents with potential impacts on transboundary watercourses

A co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group will present a methodology/checklist for harmonized contingency planning for accidents with potential impacts on transboundary watercourses developed during the 2013–2014 biennium, in accordance with the Convention's workplan.

The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the methodology/checklist for harmonized contingency planning for accidents with potential impacts on transboundary watercourses and to recommend its application.

(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 (The Hague, 8–10 November 2010), agreed on three actions to assist countries with economies in transition to ratify the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties reported on the implementation of the first step and agreed to continue with step two, subject to the availability of funding. No funds were made available during the biennium 2013–2014.

13. Use of financial resources in 2013–2014

The secretariat will report on the use of financial resources under the Convention in 2013–2014.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the report on the use of financial resources.

Documentation

Use of financial resources in 2013–2014 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/3)

14. Financing

The Chair will present the implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism for the Convention, adopted at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. He will also introduce further actions taken to ensure sustainable financing for the activities under the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the current implementation of the sustainable financial system and decide on further actions.

Documentation

Sustainable financial mechanism for the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/24, annex I)

15. Plan of action for the Convention for the biennium 2015–2016

The Conference of the Parties will discuss the elements of the workplan for 2015–2016 on the basis of a proposal made by the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/7). 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.

The Conference of the Parties will also consider relevant funding arrangements under the Convention and the budget for the implementation of the workplan for 2015–2016 on the basis of the Bureau's proposal.

The Conference of the Parties, in accordance with its terms of reference, will be invited to adopt its workplan under the Convention for 2015–2016 and to decide on the resources allocated (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/7).

The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to decide on criteria for financial support for the participation of experts, in particular from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Documentation

Priorities, workplan and resources for the Convention for 2015–2016 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/7)

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

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take a unanimous decision to hold its ninth ordinary meeting in 2016. Delegations are encouraged to offer to host the ninth 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 eighth meeting. The Conference of the Parties is invited to entrust the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its eighth 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 eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
