



# Decisions taken by the CoP at its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Geneva  
05/12/2014**





# Opening, adoption of agenda, representation and credentials

- Adopts agenda
- Notes representation. Regretted the absence of 4 named Parties
- Accepts report on credentials
- Notes status of Competent Authorities and Points of Contact. Notes that Bosnia and Herzegovina had yet to designate a Competent Authority. Reminds all Parties of the obligation to nominate Competent Authorities and Points of Contact and reminded to communicate any changes.





# Bureau report and Bureau election

- Takes note of the report from the Bureau and of the activities contained therein
- Requests the incoming Bureau to report in the same way to the 9<sup>th</sup> CoP
- Elects Bureau:
  - (1) Ms. Jasmina Karba as the Chairperson (Slovenia)
  - (2) Mr. Pawel Dadasiewicz (Poland) and (3) Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova) as the Vice-Chairpersons
  - (4) Mr. Ismayil Nasirov (Azerbaijan), (5) Mr. Pavel Forint (Czech Republic), (6) Mr. Eero Kytömaa (Finland), (7) Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany), (8) Ms. Torill Tandberg (Norway), (9) Mr. Chris Dijkens (Netherlands) and (10) Mr. Alexandros Kiriakis (EU)





# Assistance Programme

- Recognizes the progress achieved during the 10 years of the Assistance Programme
- Recognizes the continuous need to provide further assistance
- Agrees to enhance the exchange of experiences and good practices among Assistance Programme beneficiary countries.
- Calls on beneficiary countries to ensure ownership
- Encourages beneficiary countries to prepare and submit self-assessments and action plans.





# Assistance Programme

- Agrees to build on and strengthen partnerships with international organizations and NGOs
- Requests the secretariat to continue delivering activities under the programme in a cost-efficient manner
- Requests the WGI, with the support of the Bureau and the secretariat, to carry out an analytical review of the information available to consider whether it is sufficient to assess the effectiveness of the Assistance Programme and how the monitoring of the effectiveness of the Assistance Programme can be enhanced. In this context, the WGI will consider the need to undertake an independent external evaluation regarding the Assistance Programme and will report its findings to the next session of the COP.





# Assistance Programme

- Endorses the progress report on the assistance activities carried out in 2013-2014 as in ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/5
- Welcomes the work done to revise the Benchmarks document, in order to make it more user-friendly. Furthermore, invites the countries to use it and provide feedback on its application to the 9th CoP
- Mandates the WGI to monitor the implementation of the Strategic Approach and its tools including on the use of the more user-friendly version of the Benchmark document and to report on its findings at 9<sup>th</sup> CoP





# Assistance Programme

- Takes note of the Terms of reference for projects under the Assistance Programme, prepared by the WGI and endorsed by the Bureau.
- Takes note of the safety guidelines and good industry practices for oil terminals and invites their use by the Parties to the Convention and other countries in the ECE region.





# Implementation of the Convention

- Adopts the 7<sup>th</sup> report on the implementation prepared by the WGI (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/4) with a corrigendum on notification of hazardous activities by Slovenia to neighbouring countries, and mandates the WGI to prepare the 8<sup>th</sup> report on the implementation
- Welcomes the collection of good practices through national reports
- Notes and expresses concern that 4 Parties and 3 committed countries beneficiary to the Assistance Programme failed to report on the implementation of the Convention







# Implementation of the Convention

- Adopts the decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention as amended in session
- Expresses appreciation for the latest revision of the reporting format and guidelines and requests the WGI to further simplify the format and guidelines before the next reporting round with a specific focus on a) updates from countries that have previously provided full reports, b) the inclusion of specific criteria so as to help countries assess the effectiveness of their policies to implement the Convention.
- Requests to WGI to consider engaging in dialogue with reporting countries
- Requests the WGI to further consider the need for the preparation of emergency plan guidelines





# Election of WGI members

- Elects WGI:

(1) Ms. Sandra Ashcroft (UK and Northern Ireland) (2) Mr. Evgeny Baranovski (Belarus) (3) Ms. Lina Buciene (Lithuania) (4) Mr. Hrvoje Buljan (Croatia) (5) Ms. Helena Fridh (Sweden) (6) Mr. Leo Iberl (Germany) (7) Martin Merkofer (Switzerland) (8) Ms. Suzana Milutinovic (Serbia) (9) Mr. Peter Westerbeeck (Netherlands) (10) ...(Russian Federation)





# Development of the Convention

- Takes note of the report of the WGD-4.
- Adopts the decision amending Annex I (as contained in documents ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/8 and ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/8/Corr.1).
- Recognizes the need for support to countries with economies in transition in implementing the amended Annex
- Requests the secretariat to republish the Convention after the entry into force of the amended Annex I





# Development of the Convention

- Requests the WGD to prepare a **draft amendment** for consideration by CoP-9 on the following articles, considering related articles and annexes, and with reference to the rationale included in the Annex II of the WGD-4 report:
  - Article 1
  - Article 9
  - Article 18
  - Article 29
- Furthermore, requests the WGD to also prepare draft text with regard to opening of the Convention for accession by UN member States beyond the ECE region as part of the above amendment.





# Development of the Convention

- Requests the secretariat to service the negotiations and prepare draft elements of text for the amendment, prepared in cooperation with a legal expert.
- Mandates the WGD to continue thoroughly considering all aspects related to opening of the Convention with regard to potential benefits and challenges including possible budgetary implications and to present the outcome of its consideration to CoP-9.
- Requests the secretariat prepare relevant background information. The CoP also requests the secretariat to maintain its contacts with the other UN regional commissions and international organizations to promote awareness of the Convention.





# Development of the Convention

- Decides that **guidance** on the following aspects be developed by its subsidiary bodies for review and adoption by CoP9, as contained in Annex of the report "Proposed amendments and prioritization of guidance by the CoP" (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/9):
  - Clarifying the scope of mutual assistance (art.12)
  - Reporting obligations with regard to periodicity, public accessibility and other issues (art. 23)
  - Provisions on land-use planning (art. 7)
  - Provisions on the review of compliance (art. 23)
  - Terms of reference of the subsidiary bodies





# Development of the Convention

- Agrees with the recommendation by the WGD neither to prepare amendments nor CoP guidance on:
  - Scope (article 2)
  - Derogation.





# Exchange of information

- Welcomes the seminar on enhancing industrial safety in the ECE region in the framework of the CoP as a forum to exchange information and good practices among Parties, ECE region countries, international and non-governmental organizations and industry associations.
- Takes note of the activity "Raising knowledge on industrial safety at universities".







# Strategic Partnership

- Takes note of the activities organized with strategic partners.
- Encourages the maintenance and strengthening of strategic partnerships with other international organisations, NGOs, industry associations as well as other ECE MEAs and programmes
- Takes note of the “Overview of methodologies for hazard rating of industrial sites”.
- Takes note of the outcome of the work carried out under the project on “Improving the safety of industrial tailings management facilities” and welcomes its continuation





# IAN System

- Takes note of the upgrade of the IAN system, with the support of Switzerland
- Requests the points of contact to discuss the results of the regular tests and exercises at their next consultation, and to report to the 9<sup>th</sup> CoP





# Prevention of accidental water pollution

- Takes note of the work of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents
- Takes note of the workplan, agreed by the Bureau to the Industrial Accidents Convention
- Takes note of the checklist for contingency planning and invites its application as a tool for harmonized contingency planning between neighbouring states
- Invites the secretariat to publish the checklist for contingency planning in the three official UNECE languages following its review by the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties of the ECE Water Convention and the testing of its application in the framework of the Danube Delta project





# Use of financial resources and plan of action

## Use of financial resources

Endorses the report on the use of financial resources under the Convention for the period 2013–2014 as presented in document ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/3

## Plan of action under the Convention

Adopts the workplan for 2015–2016 and its corresponding budget; and by doing so:

(a) Requests Parties, and invites the Governments of other UNECE member States, to participate actively in the implementation of the workplan for 2015 - 2016, and invites Parties to take the lead in specific projects in the workplan;





# Plan of action

(b) Welcomes the contributions to the budget pledged at the meeting by Parties to the Convention and at the same time urges other Parties and other UNECE member States to provide financial and in-kind contributions to the budget of the Convention, including for ensuring adequate human resources in the secretariat;

(c) Mandates the Bureau to monitor the implementation of the workplan and to raise the necessary funds for its implementation;

(d) Adopts the decision on guiding principles for financial assistance for the participation of experts in meetings under the Convention, in particular from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, depending on the availability of funds.





# Plan of action

- Requests the Bureau to draw up, with the support of the secretariat, a budget for 2017–2018 for adoption at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- Requests Parties to make all efforts to provide financial contributions in accordance with their economic strengths, in line with the sustainable financial mechanism
- Requests the UNECE secretariat to manage financial contributions in agreement with the donor countries/institutions and to report on their use, in accordance with each donor agreement;
- Requests the secretariat, at the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CoP, to report on the use of resources for the period 2015-2016 and to include in its report a comparison between planned and actual expenditures;
- Invites the secretariat of UNECE to continue supporting the work under the Convention by among others: organization of workplan activities and official documentation in the three official UNECE languages.

