Draft decision on enhancing the implementation of the Convention

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1. Adopts the 7th **report on the implementation** (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/4); 

2. Reiterates the need for Parties to comply in a **timely manner** with their reporting obligations (from the 8th reporting round, only reports received within the deadline will be assessed); 

3. Calls on committed countries to submit national implementation reports, and invites other non-Parties to submit such reports on a voluntary basis; 

4. Encourages Parties, (...) to share through the national implementation reports **information and weblinks** on good practices and guidelines on the different working areas of the Convention even if not specifically related to the transboundary aspects
5. *Decides* to facilitate accession to the Convention, to also make national implementation reports available, through a password-protected web-page, to **non**-Parties having submitted such reports;

6. *Requests* the WGI, in cooperation with the secretariat, to make the information above widely available;

7. *Also requests* the WGI to update the structure of the **reporting format** before the 8th reporting round to enable better description of areas for improvement and progress achieved (without increasing the burden for reporting);

8. *Recommends* that Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries highlight in their national implementation reports areas for **improvement** and **progress achieved**;
9. **Recommends** that Parties, (...) intensify efforts to implement provisions on **notification of hazardous activities to neighbouring countries** and **land-use planning or decision-making on siting**;

10. **Further recommends** that Parties, (...) **strengthen joint exercises on preparedness and response**, and increase efforts to establish bilateral agreements, to facilitate interventions in the event of an accident with possible transboundary consequences;

11. **Encourages** the organization of **activities addressing preparedness and response** and the consultation of points of contact, as included in the workplan under the Convention for 2015–2016 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/7);
Areas to focus on implementing

12. *Urges* all Parties that have not done so, and invites committed countries, to nominate **competent authorities** in accordance with article 17 of the Convention;

13. *Also urges* all Parties that have not done so, and invites committed countries, to nominate **points of contact** in accordance with article 17 of the Convention for notification of industrial accidents as well as for mutual assistance;

14. *Calls on* countries to nominate a **focal point** for communication between themselves and with the Convention secretariat, and to make the focal points aware of their roles and responsibilities
15. *Welcomes* the activities conducted under the **Assistance Programme** in the period 2013–2014, as outlined in the document (ECE/CP.TEIA/2014/5);

16. *Reminds* committed countries to use the **Strategic Approach** (ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/5) and its tools, the **self-assessment and action plans**. Countries are encouraged to take advantage of the **more user-friendly version of the indicators and criteria** that is hoped will improve the understanding and use of the Strategic Approach and its tools, and that it will contribute to the submission of sound project proposals based on good-quality self-assessments and action plans;
17. Calls on **Parties and other donors** to make available financial and in-kind resources for the implementation of the Assistance Programme and mandates the **Bureau** to make all efforts to ensure the availability of financial and in-kind resources for the implementation of the Programme;

18. Mandates the **WGI** to monitor the implementation of the Strategic Approach and its tools
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