Item 14
Sustainable extrabudgetary financing:

Actions by the small group on financing and deliberations by the representatives of the governing bodies of MEAs

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Sustainable Financial Mechanism: Recap

- Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting in 2012

- Sharing responsibility among all Parties:
  - Encouraged to provide resources for the implementation of workplan activities, invited to consider contributions at their economic strength or higher
  - Pledge and indicate, prior to the adoption of a biennial workplan, the level of annual voluntary and in-kind contributions
  - Take an active part in ensuring additional contributions

- Bureau:
  - Actively encourages Parties to support at least at a level reflecting their economic strength and, in case of non-contributing Parties, arranges meetings to foster their support and build awareness on the need for sustainable financing
Sustainable Financial Mechanism: Recap

• Contributions by stakeholders other than Parties:
  – Important part of funding workplan activities, particularly under the Assistance Programme.
  – ECE member countries, the European Commission, international organizations and industry are encouraged to provide their support. Information is to be exchanged with them on mutual needs and interests, as well as reciprocal benefits from organizing joint activities. Where possible, long-term partnerships in areas of mutual interest with co-funding schemes for joint activities should be concluded.

• Beneficiary countries
  – A crucial role in ensuring additional contributions, especially coming from the European Commission’s dedicated funds, can be played by Parties or ECE member countries according to the rules on application eligibility.
Sustainable Financial Mechanism: Impact for 2013-2014 biennium

- Broadening base of contributions
- Numerous new contributions in line with economic strength (Albania, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Romania)
- Maintenance of level of significant contributions by majority of Parties
- One new donor country contributing significantly (Finland)

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Small group on financing

• **Sub-group of the Bureau**, established in biennium 2013-2014

• Composed of representatives of Parties contributing financially and in-kind, donor and beneficiary countries: S. Ashcroft (UK), G. Hem (Norway), C. Dijkens (Netherlands), S. Stirbu (Republic of Moldova)

• Actions taken:
  – **Message by Chair of the Convention to all Parties to consider pledges in advance of CoP-8 in light of SFM**
  – Considered **financing possibilities by EU, other programmes incl. national development cooperation**
  – **Webpage on financing for Assistance Programme** created by secretariat
  – **Consideration of enhancing partnerships** incl. with commercial firms (e.g. GCE, Russian Federation)
Sustainable Extrabudgetary Financing: Cooperation among MEAs

• Considered by representatives of governing bodies of ECE MEAs (at meetings in Feb. and Oct. 2013, Oct. 2014)
• Secretariat background document describing financial arrangements under MEAs

• Representatives of governing bodies of MEAs:
  – Considered regular exchange of experiences on funding issues between the Conventions very important
  – Discussed how to ensure adequate and predictable financing of activities under the MEAs and staff required for implementing them
  – Suggested greater cooperation between MEAs representatives on the national level
  – Stressed need to cooperate among MEA Chairs/Bureaux in encouraging Parties to provide predictable, long-term sustainable financing
Your views...

- ...on **how to bring about sustainable predictable financing** for the ECE Industrial Accidents Convention?
- ...on **additional financing sources with potential to be tapped into**?
- on **good practices** on financing, incl.
  - cooperation amongst different authorities at the national level
  - the identification of national funds (incl. development cooperation) beyond your respective departments/unit?
- ....?