Activities of the Bureau in the biennium 2013–2014

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Bureau members / meetings

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- Mr. Chris Dijkens (Netherlands) – Chair
- Mr. Gunnar Hem (Norway) – Vice-Chair
- Ms. Jasmina Karba (Slovenia) – Vice-Chair

Further members of the Bureau

- Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan (Armenia)
- Mr. Pavel Forint (Czech Republic)
- Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany)
- Mr. Cristiano Piacente (Italy)
- Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova)
- Mr. Bernard Gay (Switzerland)
- Ms. Jill Michielssen (European Commission)
  – Replaced by Mr. Alexandros Kiriazis

3 solo Bureau meetings

- 11–12 June 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 16–17 June 2014 (The Hague, Netherlands)
- 2 December 2014 (Geneva, Switzerland)

2 joint meetings of the Bureau with the Working Group on Implementation

- 29–30 January 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 27–28 November 2013 (Bootle, UK)
Activities to implement the Long-term Strategy

A. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders
B. Exchange of information
C. Assistance Programme
D. Strategic partnerships
E. Financing
A. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders

**Objective:** achieve comprehensive involvement of all Parties and other stakeholders

- Reengagement of the Russian Federation
- Involvement of the CIS Interstate Council on Industrial Safety
- Participation in forums and other events of interest
Objective: consolidate and enhance the exchange of information

- Support for past, current and future projects on raising knowledge on industrial safety at universities (Armenia, Russian Federation...)

- Seminar on enhancing industrial safety in the ECE region (during COP-8)
C. Assistance Programme

Objective: facilitate implementation/ratification of the Convention by AP countries

- Review of the benchmark document containing indicators and criteria
- Development of terms of reference for the preparation and implementation of AP projects
- Review of national self-assessments and action plans
D. Strategic partnerships

Objective: enhance the Convention’s relevance through strategic partnerships

- Participation of Bureau members in:
  - Inter-agency coordination meetings (Apr 2013, May 2014)
  - Informal meetings between the Chairs of the 5 ECE MEAs and the CEP (Oct 2013, Oct 2014)

- Monitoring/provision of advice to secretariat in implementing the workplan activities, such as on:
  - Development of a hazard rating guide with the EU Joint Research Centre’s Major Accident Hazards Bureau
  - Online training course on industrial accidents with UNEP / OCHA
  - Project on Risk assessment of Industrial accidents and Enforcement of Cross-border Obligations (RIECO) with WHO
Objective: ensure sustainable financing

- Monitoring of the financial situation and ensuring implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism, adopted by COP-7 (2012)

- Letters asking for financial and in-kind contributions sent to Parties in 2013 and 2014

- Small group on financing
Other activities to implement the 2013-14 workplan

• Provision of advice to the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

• Support to the Working Group on Development
  – Identification of a Chair (Mr. Piacente / Mr. Dijkens)
  – Establishment of 2 small groups and its TORs

• Preparation of Eighth Conference of the Parties
Conclusions on progress made in the biennium 2013–14

• Enhanced visibility and awareness of the Convention

• Existing and new (strategic) partnerships strengthened
  => implementing activities in a cooperative manner is cost-effective and avoids duplication of work

• Good start with implementing the sustainable financial mechanism and the work by small group on financing

• Promotion and use of good practices => Effective way to improve level of implementation of the Convention
Remaining challenges for the biennium 2015–16 and beyond

• Increased efforts needed to **ensure sustainable financing** of the Convention’s activities => small group on financing

• Need to further **identify synergies with strategic partners** to raise the level of industrial safety in the ECE region

• Further enhancement of the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Approach, in particular by beneficiary countries to the Assistance Programme

• Need for continued identification, application and **exchange of good practices / experiences** to raise the level of implementation of the Convention

• Need to further **increase the number of Parties**
Thank you for your attention!