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Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Bureau

Thirty-third meeting

Ljubljana, 27 November 2016

Annotated provisional agenda of the thirty-third meeting

To be held at the premises of the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of Slovenia from 2 to 5.30 p.m. on 27 November 2016.

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Practical arrangements;
 - (b) Representation and credentials;
 - (c) Nominations of officers and members of the Bureau and Working Group on Implementation;
 - (d) Provisional agenda.
3. Recent developments under the current workplan.
4. Other business.
5. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

1. This provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat in agreement with the Chair. The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation is expected to be present in the meeting as an observer and to present information to the Bureau under agenda item 2, as agreed by the Chair of the Bureau.
2. The Bureau will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.
3. The Bureau will also be invited to adopt the minutes of its previous meeting (CP.TEIA/2016/B.1/Minutes).

2. Preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

4. The main purpose of the meeting will be to review and adjust as necessary the final arrangements for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP), being held at the Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre on 28–30 November 2016.

(a) Practical arrangements

5. The Chair, representing also the host country for the COP meeting, Slovenia, will provide an update on the practical arrangements for the COP meeting, including regarding access, equipment, catering and transport. The secretariat is expected to provide additional information as necessary, for example regarding expenditure, the availability of documentation and the side events. The Bureau is expected to decide on any adjustments to the practical arrangements that it considers necessary.

(b) Representation and credentials

6. The secretariat will report on registration by Parties and others, indicating the number of participants and identifying Parties that have not registered. The secretariat will also report on the copies of credentials received and advise the Bureau on whether sufficient Parties have registered for COP to take decisions.

7. The Bureau is expected to decide on the reporting to COP of the representation and the credentials.

(c) Nominations of officers and members of the Bureau and of members of the Working Group on Implementation

8. The secretariat will report whether the individuals or Parties proposed by the Bureau have confirmed their willingness to serve in the Bureau following the ninth COP meeting. The Bureau is expected to finalize and confirm its proposal to COP on the future Chair, Vice-Chairs and other members of the Bureau.

9. Similarly, the secretariat will report whether the individuals or Parties proposed by the Chair of the Working Group on Implementation have confirmed their willingness to serve in the Working Group following the ninth COP meeting. The Bureau and the Chair of the Working Group will then be expected to finalize and confirm its proposal to COP on the future membership of the Working Group.

(d) Provisional agenda

10. The Bureau is expected to review the provisional agenda of the ninth COP meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/31) and for each item:

(a) To confirm that the information necessary for COP to make decisions has been made available to delegates;

(b) To confirm that members of the Bureau, the Chair of the Working Group on Implementation, the secretariat and others are prepared to present the necessary information to COP;

(c) To discuss the anticipated decisions to be taken by COP and their consequences for the Convention. The Bureau is expected to focus on the anticipated decisions on the workplan and budget, reporting requirements and the proposed amendment of the Convention.

3. Recent developments under the current workplan

11. Subject to the availability of time, the Chair and members of the Bureau and the secretariat will provide an update on activities and project proposals under the workplan.

12. The secretariat will inform the Bureau of the conclusions of the Bureau of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes regarding the draft workplan of the Joint ad hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents for the biennium 2017–2018.

4. Other business

13. Members of the Bureau wishing to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

5. Presentation of the main decisions taken and closing of the meeting

14. The Bureau is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting and to confirm the date and location of its next session, tentatively scheduled by the secretariat to be held jointly with the Working Group on Implementation in Geneva on 30 January–1 February 2017, before the Chair formally closes the session.
