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## Report of the Conference of the Parties on its ninth meeting

### Addendum

### Decisions and other outcomes adopted at the ninth meeting

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## **Decision 2016/1 Strengthening the implementation of the Convention**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* articles 18 and 23 of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents,

*Recognizing* that 32 out of 41 Parties reported on the implementation of the Convention within the deadline set for the eighth (2014–2015) reporting round,

*Also recognizing* that only one out of five committed countries<sup>1</sup> not yet Parties to the Convention reported on the implementation of the Convention within the deadline set for the eighth reporting round,

*Recalling* that the Working Group on Implementation, in accordance with its terms of reference, should draw conclusions and make draft recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the Convention based on its report on the implementation of the Convention, and should submit these for adoption to the Conference of the Parties,

*Taking into account and recognizing with appreciation* the work done by the Working Group on Implementation to analyse and evaluate the national implementation reports and to compile the eighth report on the implementation of the Convention,

*Also recognizing with appreciation* the valuable work carried out by the Working Group on Implementation in monitoring the implementation of the Strategic Approach and the support provided by the Bureau to ensure the availability of financial and in-kind resources for the implementation of the Assistance Programme,

*Welcoming* the activities conducted under the Assistance Programme in the period 2015–2016, as outlined in the progress report on the implementation of assistance activities (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/14),

1. *Adopts* the eighth report on the implementation of the Convention (2014–2015) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/10), as prepared and submitted by the Working Group on Implementation;

2. *Calls on* those Parties and committed countries that have not yet submitted their national implementation reports to do so without further delay, and invites other non-Parties to submit such reports on a voluntary basis;

3. *Further encourages*, in view of article 2, paragraph 1, and article 15 of the Convention, Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to share through their national implementation reports information about innovations, good practices, guidelines and other materials of interest, including weblinks, on the different working areas of the Convention, even if not specifically related to the transboundary aspects of the Convention. It would also be useful for learning purposes to share reports or summaries of lessons learned from accidents and the conclusions of joint exercises and joint bodies with other Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries;

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<sup>1</sup> Through the adoption of the commitment declaration at the High-level Commitment Meeting (Geneva, 14–15 December 2005), countries from Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia committed to enhance industrial safety through their participation in the Assistance Programme and the implementation of the Convention, as well as to submit national implementation reports (CP.TEIA/2005/10).

4. *Requests* the Working Group on Implementation, in cooperation with the secretariat, to continue making widely available the information referred to in paragraph 3 above, with the aim to facilitate the exchange of information and raise awareness of how Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries could make use of the information that is available;

5. *Also requests* the Working Group on Implementation to update the reporting format and guidelines before initiating the ninth reporting round to enable Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to better describe progress achieved in the reporting period. In carrying out this task, the Working Group should strive not to increase the burden for reporting on Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries;

6. *Encourages* Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to intensify their efforts to implement the Convention's provisions on notification of hazardous activities to neighbouring countries, public participation in a transboundary context and land-use planning or decision-making on siting with regard to hazardous activities, which were identified by the Working Group on Implementation as areas needing further attention;

7. *Invites* Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to provide further information about the nature and location of their hazardous activities, on a voluntary basis, to the secretariat in order to improve the understanding of the specific disaster risks and to prepare for them, in accordance with priorities one and three of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030;<sup>2</sup>

8. *Highlights* the importance of establishing off-site contingency plans and regularly testing, reviewing and updating them, in cooperation with neighbouring countries, and encourages Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to strengthen joint exercises on preparedness and response, including through practising their procedures for notification of affected countries, mutual assistance and command and control structures;

9. *Recommends* that Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries that have not done so to increase efforts to establish bilateral and multilateral agreements, as appropriate, especially between neighbouring countries and among different regional economic integration organizations, as a basis for rapid and successful interventions in the event of an industrial accident with transboundary effects;

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

11. *Also urges* all Parties that have not done so, and also invites committed and other reporting 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;

12. *Calls on* countries that have not done so to nominate a focal point for communication among themselves and with the Convention secretariat, and to make the focal points aware of their roles and responsibilities;<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 69/283, annex II. Available from [http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/69/283](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/69/283).

<sup>3</sup> Further information on the role and tasks of national focal points can be found in the document on "Guidance on the role and tasks of national focal points to the UNECE Convention on the

13. *Reminds* committed countries to use the Strategic Approach for the Assistance Programme (ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/5) and its tools, the self-assessment and action plans, and to take advantage of the more user-friendly version of the indicators and criteria reviewed and presented at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;<sup>4</sup>

14. *Invites* Parties and other reporting countries to use the indicators and criteria to report on the implementation of the Convention in the next reporting round;

15. *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.

## **Decision 2016/2**

### **Reporting requirements under the Convention**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Bearing in mind* its request at its eighth meeting for the Working Group on Implementation to prepare a draft decision clarifying the reporting requirements, including with regard to the periodicity and public availability of national implementation reports,

*Recalling* the obligation of Parties to report on the implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, in accordance with article 23,

*Also recalling* the adoption of the commitment declaration at the High-level Commitment Meeting (Geneva, 14–15 December 2005), in which countries not Party to the Convention agreed to submit their implementation reports,

*Further recalling* article 18 of the Convention which stipulates that the Conference of the Parties should review the Convention's implementation,

*Taking note* of the generally good progress that has been made nationally in improving industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response, and bearing in mind the incremental nature of such progress which accordingly results in the often slow realization of measurable changes,

*Also taking note* of the administrative workload placed on Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries linked to reporting on the implementation of the Convention every two years, and their request not to increase the reporting burden,

*Recognizing* the difficulties experienced by Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to comply with the biennial reporting deadline in January of every even year, leaving only one month after the end of the reporting period to submit a national implementation report,

*Bearing in mind* the short time frame for the Working Group on Implementation to analyse and evaluate the national implementation reports and to compile an overall report on the implementation of the Convention in the same year,

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Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents" available from <http://www.unece.org/env/teia/contact.html>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from <http://www.unece.org/env/teia/ap/tools.html>.

*Taking note* of the potential for reducing the reporting burden on many Parties through aligning reporting cycles with those under other international obligations on industrial safety,

*Recognizing* the expanded tasks of the Working Group on Implementation, as reflected also in its updated terms of reference,<sup>5</sup> and the Working Group's workload related to the implementation of these tasks,

*Stressing* the importance of Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries providing qualitative information in their implementation reports, which are made available on a password-protected web page to Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries,

1. *Decides* that, as of 2019, Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries shall submit their implementation reports every four years to the secretariat for analysis and evaluation by the Working Group on Implementation, with the tenth reporting period to last from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2022;

2. *Also decides* that, in order to allow for a smooth transition to a four-year reporting cycle, the ninth reporting period will exceptionally last three years, starting on 1 January 2016 and ending on 31 December 2018;

3. *Requests* the Working Group on Implementation to prepare for each reporting round an overall report on the implementation of the Convention for review and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its meeting following the end of the reporting period;

4. *Agrees* deadlines for submission of the national implementation reports and the availability of overall reports on the implementation of the Convention for the ninth and tenth and eleventh reporting rounds, as contained in the table annexed to this decision, with the understanding that only reports received within the deadline for a particular reporting round will be assessed by the Working Group on Implementation for preparing the overall report on implementation;

5. *Reiterates* the need for Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to comply in a timely manner with their reporting obligations and commitments, to allow sufficient time for the analysis and evaluation of the reports by the Working Group and its compilation of the overall report on the implementation of the Convention;

6. *Mandates* the Working Group on Implementation, when it becomes aware of possible difficulties in the implementation of the Convention, to engage with Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries so as to understand the situation in these countries more accurately and to provide advice and make recommendations on the implementation of the Convention, in accordance with its terms of reference;

7. *Also mandates* the Working Group on Implementation to enter into contact with Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries, based on the review of the national implementation reports, to gather information about innovations, good practices, national guidelines and other materials of interest, with the aim of facilitating the exchange of information among Parties and other countries;

8. *Calls on* Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to work collaboratively with the Working Group on Implementation when it seeks to contact them to understand the situation with regard to the national implementation of the Convention more accurately and provides advice on the implementation of the Convention, in accordance with its terms of reference;

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<sup>5</sup> See ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/13.

9. *Requests* Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries to use the reporting format and follow the guidelines prepared by the Working Group on Implementation for each reporting round, particularly for their reporting on the progress made since the last reporting round;

10. *Decides* to continue its practice of maintaining the confidentiality of sensitive information provided in the national implementation reports, and therefore that they are made available only through a password-protected web page to Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries.

## **Annex**

### **Reporting periods, deadlines and availability of overall reports on the implementation of the Convention**

<i>Reporting round</i>	<i>Reporting period</i>	<i>Deadline for the submission of reports</i>	<i>Availability of an overall report on the implementation of the Convention</i>
Ninth	2016–2018 (three years)	31 October 2019	End of 2020 (eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties)
Tenth	2019–2022 (four years)	31 October 2023	End of 2024 (thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)
Eleventh	2023–2026 (four years)	31 October 2027	End of 2028 (fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)

## **Decision 2016/3**

### **Guiding principles for financial assistance**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

1. *Decides* that the countries of Eastern Europe (Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) are eligible, depending on the availability of funds, to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the framework of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and under the Assistance Programme, as follows: the secretariat will provide participants with financial support and airplane tickets to help them cover the expenses related to their participation, including accommodation;

2. *Also decides* that least developed countries outside the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe having expressed an interest in the Convention are eligible, depending on the availability of earmarked funds, to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the Convention's framework;

3. *Agrees* to apply these guiding principles for financial assistance in the biennium 2017–2018 and to review them at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2018.

## Terms of reference of the Bureau

1. The Bureau shall be composed of not more than 10 members representing and nominated by Parties, with due consideration to the need for a balanced representation of the different geographical subregions of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and gender. They shall serve as members of the Bureau until the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties and be eligible for re-election. In case a representative of a Party or other member State or regional economic integration organization is unable to complete his or her term of office or to perform his or her function, the Party or other member State or regional economic integration organization may appoint another representative. In this case the Party or other member State or regional economic integration organization shall notify the Chair and the secretariat without undue delay and at least 14 days before the next meeting.
2. The Bureau shall meet at least annually. Depending on the agenda, the Chair of the Bureau may invite observers, including the chairs of other subsidiary bodies, to meetings of the Bureau, in accordance with rules 6, 7 and 8 of the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The Chair may also invite other individuals or organizations as observers if they have special qualifications with regard to matters on the agenda.
3. The Bureau, with the assistance of the secretariat, shall:
  - (a) Carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties;
  - (b) Take the lead in, and take initiatives to strengthen and facilitate the implementation of, the Convention;
  - (c) Prepare the draft programme of work, monitor its implementation and take appropriate decisions, if needed, to strengthen its implementation;
  - (d) Carry out the functions entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties with regard to sustainable financing;
  - (e) Consult with the chairs of subsidiary bodies under the Conference of the Parties on progress in carrying out their tasks;
  - (f) Approve the implementation of assistance activities funded by the Convention trust fund to support countries in implementing the Convention, including projects under the Assistance Programme;
  - (g) Prepare the meetings of the Conference of the Parties in an effective and transparent manner and, for that purpose, collectively reach out to and consult with all Parties and other stakeholders, as appropriate;
  - (h) Maintain cooperation with strategic partners, such as other conventions, international organizations and programmes, multilateral forums and representatives of civil society, non-governmental organizations and industry associations, to strengthen the implementation of the Convention and its programme of work;
  - (i) Take note of reports submitted to it by other subsidiary bodies and engage with the chairs of the relevant subsidiary bodies in case of any comments before forwarding those reports to the Conference of the Parties.
4. Should urgent need arise, and in the absence of a decision by the Conference of the Parties to convene the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (Working Group on Development), the Bureau shall, with the assistance of the secretariat, organize meetings of that Working Group. Equally the Bureau shall cancel already scheduled meetings of the Working Group on Development should it become evident that the issues in

question no longer require a debate, or when a debate through electronic media would suffice.

5. The Bureau shall conduct its business in English.

## **Terms of reference of the Working Group on Development**

1. The Working Group on the Development of the Convention shall be renamed the Working Group on Development, which shall be an open-ended working group consisting of representatives of Parties. Observers may participate in the meetings of the Working Group in accordance with rules 6, 7 and 8 of the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties, which apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to its subsidiary bodies.

2. The Working Group shall meet on a needs-driven basis to carry out its tasks as set out below.

3. The Working Group shall:

- (a) Keep under review developments in the field of the prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents, including those with regard to other regulatory instruments, and assess their legal and practical implications for the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents;

- (b) Review annex I to the Convention in the light of the corresponding legal requirements of other relevant regulatory instruments;

- (c) Develop recommendations and proposals for amending the Convention;

- (d) If appropriate, submit to the Conference of the Parties, through the Bureau, recommendations and proposals for amending the Convention and its annexes, including annex I;

- (e) Carry out other tasks entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties.

## **Revised rules 22 and 23 of the rules of procedure**

### **BUREAU**

#### *Rule 22*

1. The Bureau shall consist of not more than 10 members, as follows:

- (a) The Officers;

- (b) Representatives of other Parties.

2. At the commencement of each meeting, the members of the Bureau other than the Officers shall be elected by the Parties present at the meeting, taking into account the need for a balanced representation of the different geographical subregions of ECE and gender. They shall be eligible for re-election. Candidatures shall be communicated by the Parties to the secretariat at least eight weeks ahead of the meeting. The secretariat shall communicate the list of candidates to the Parties at the latest six weeks before the meeting.

3. The Bureau shall be chaired by the Chair of the Conference of the Parties. If the Chair is absent or is unable to complete his or her term of office or to perform his or her functions, a Vice-Chair shall act as Chair.

4. The terms of reference of the Bureau shall be established by the Conference of the Parties.



5. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties may conduct its business in a specific language, indicated in its terms of reference.
6. These rules of procedure shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the proceedings of the Bureau. Rules 14 to 18 and 47, 48, and 49 shall not apply to their proceedings. A representative may speak in a language other than the working language if he or she provides for interpretation into the working language.
7. In case a representative of a Party or other member State or regional economic integration organization is unable to complete their term of office or to perform his or her function, the Party or other member State or regional economic integration organization may appoint another representative. In this case the Party or other member State or regional economic integration organization shall notify the Chair and the secretariat without undue delay, and at least 14 days before the next meeting of the Bureau.

## **SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

### *Rule 23*

1. The Conference of the Parties may establish subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions and the implementation of the programme of work.
2. The Conference of the Parties shall determine the matters to be considered by these bodies.
3. The Conference of the Parties shall establish the terms of reference of such bodies. It may at any time terminate their mandate.
4. The subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties may conduct their business in a specific language, indicated in the terms of reference of each subsidiary body.
5. In electing the members of the subsidiary bodies with a limited membership, the Conference of the Parties shall take account of the need for a balanced representation of the different geographical subregions of ECE and gender. The members of subsidiary bodies shall be eligible for re-election. Candidates shall be communicated by the Parties to the secretariat at least eight weeks ahead of the meeting. The secretariat shall communicate the list of candidates to the Parties at the latest six weeks before the meeting.
6. Unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise, subsidiary bodies shall elect their own chair and, as required, vice-chairs at the commencement of the first meeting of the subsidiary body after a meeting of the Conference of the Parties or when at least one third of the Parties present at the meeting request it.
7. These rules of procedure shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the proceedings of subsidiary bodies. Rules 14 to 18 and paragraph 2 of rule 27 shall not apply to their proceedings.
8. In case an elected officer or member of a subsidiary body is unable to complete his or her term of office or to perform his or her functions, the Party to whom the member of the subsidiary body belongs may appoint another representative subject to notifying the chair of the respective subsidiary body and the secretariat without undue delay, and at least 14 days before the next meeting of the relevant body.

## **Terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation**

1. The Working Group on Implementation under the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents shall be composed of not more than 10 members

representing and nominated by Parties, with due consideration to the need for a balanced representation of the different geographical subregions of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and gender. They shall serve as members of the Working Group for one term of office and be eligible for re-election. A term of office commences at the end of an ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties and runs until its second ordinary meeting thereafter. In case a representative of a Party is unable to complete his or her term of office or to perform his or her functions, the Party may appoint another representative. In this case the Party shall notify the Chair and the secretariat without undue delay and at least 14 days before the next meeting.

2. The Working Group shall meet at least annually.
3. Depending on the agenda, the Chair of the Working Group may invite observers, including the chairs of other subsidiary bodies, to the meetings of the Working Group in accordance with rules 6, 7 and 8 of the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties, which apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to its subsidiary bodies. The Chair may also invite other individuals or organizations as observers if they have special qualifications with regard to matters on the agenda.
4. The Working Group shall:
  - (a) Monitor the implementation of the Convention;
  - (b) Prepare the report on the implementation of the Convention, including conclusions, on the basis of the individual country reports, in line with article 23 of the Convention;
  - (c) Make draft recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the basis of the above report and submit these, through the Bureau, to the Conference of the Parties for adoption;
  - (d) Engage with Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries where the Working Group becomes aware of possible difficulties in the implementation of the Convention, to understand the situation in these countries more accurately and to provide advice and make recommendations on the implementation of the Convention, share good practices and draw attention to existing guidance and tools;
  - (e) Engage with Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries, based on the review of the national implementation reports, to gather information about innovations, good practices, national guidelines and other materials of interest;
  - (f) Identify good practices and facilitate the exchange of information among Parties and other countries;
  - (g) Monitor the Convention's Assistance Programme, including the application of the Strategic Approach, and review national self-assessments and action plans;
  - (h) Review the substance and eligibility of project proposals submitted within the framework of the Assistance Programme and its Strategic Approach;
  - (i) Monitor the progress of assistance activities within the programme of work under the Convention and, if no progress is made in the implementation of the Convention, request the countries benefitting from such activities to provide an explanation;
  - (j) Carry out other tasks entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties;
  - (k) Shall conduct its business in English.
5. Parties, committed countries and other reporting countries will respond on a voluntary basis to requests by the Working Group further to items 4 (d) and (e) above.

## Workplan and resources for the Convention for 2017–2018

Table 1 sets out the workplan and resources for 2017–2018 for the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. It includes activities for which financial resources are expected to be available during the biennium, based on expected pledges by Parties at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and further financial and in-kind contributions during the biennium. Table 2 sets out the total projected resources for the biennium, including expenditures for secretariat staff (not included in table 1).

Table 1  
Workplan and resources for 2017–2018

Area	Activities, lead/supporting countries, bodies or organizations	XB financial resources (in cash and in kind, in United States dollars)	RB/XB human resources to support the planned activities (in work-months of P and G secretariat staff)	
			P	G
<b>I. Core activities, including activities to implement the Long-term Strategy for the Convention (other than assistance activities)</b>				
Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders	Targeted communication (newsletters, press releases, leaflets, website, promotion of online training on industrial accidents and participation in forums)	15 000		
	Working visits and high-level missions to Parties	9 000		
	Working visits to other stakeholders	6 000		
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>30 000</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Exchange of information	Exchange of experience and good practices among Parties, for example, regarding risk assessment methodologies <sup>a</sup> <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined	30 000		
	Implementation guide for the Convention <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined	45 000		
	Online system for national implementation reporting <i>Supporting body:</i> Working Group on Implementation	20 000		
	Follow-up to the development of guidance on safety and land-use planning: finalization of publication and a seminar for exchanging experiences, possibly based on case studies <i>Supporting country/organization:</i> Belgium (Flanders Region) and the European Union/European Investment Bank, possibly in cooperation with the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment and the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management	70 000		
	Development of safety guidelines and good practices for fire-water retention under the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents <i>Lead country:</i> Germany	40 000		
	Enhancing knowledge on industrial safety at universities (improving and increasing knowledge among students and teachers on tailings safety, and a legislative review, in Ukraine) (2017) <i>Lead country:</i> Germany	40 000		

Area	Activities, lead/supporting countries, bodies or organizations	XB financial resources (in cash and in kind, in United States dollars)	RB/XB human resources to support the planned activities (in work-months of P and G secretariat staff)	
			P	G
	Multilateral activities to strengthen industrial accident preparedness and response, including a bilateral exercise between Armenia and Georgia <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined	300 000 (estimate)		
	Two transboundary response exercises overseen by the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents: between Poland and Germany on the Oder River (4–5 September 2017); between Hungary and neighbours (first half of 2018) <i>Lead countries:</i> Germany and Hungary, together with the respective river commissions	200 000 (estimate)		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>745 000</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Strategic partnerships	Cooperation with OECD on reducing the risk of natural-hazard triggered technological disasters (NATECH) (OECD workshop in Germany in 2018 in the framework of the Environmental Emergencies Forum; sharing of good practices) <i>Supporting body:</i> Bureau	5 000		
	Meetings with partner organizations to coordinate joint activities, including inter-agency coordination meetings	10 000		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15 000</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Financing	Donor meetings and bilateral visits <i>Supporting body:</i> Bureau	15 000		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15 000</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Review of the Long-term Strategy	Development of a long-term strategy to 2030, including on communication and the opening of the Convention to countries outside the ECE region <i>Supporting body:</i> Bureau	10 000		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10 000</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Servicing intergovernmental bodies and expert groups	Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties	80 000		
	Meetings of the Bureau (estimated 4)	20 000		
	Meetings of the Working Group on Implementation (estimated 4)	20 000		
	Meetings of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (none foreseen in this period)	—		
	Meetings of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (estimated 4)	20 000		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>140 000</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
General programme management	Other secretariat activities, including human resources, financial and other management-related functions, administrative actions needed to ensure the functioning of the ECE industrial safety unit and reporting on substantive and administrative issues as part of the ECE secretariat.	—		

Area	Activities, lead/supporting countries, bodies or organizations	XB financial resources (in cash and in kind, in United States dollars)	RB/XB human resources to support the planned activities (in work-months of P and G secretariat staff)	
			P	G
<b>Subtotal</b>		—	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Subtotal section I</b>		<b>955 000</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>II. Non-core activities, including assistance activities to support countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe</b>				
Assistance Programme <sup>b</sup>	Activities to support the implementation of the Strategic Approach through national and subregional expert and high-level meetings and support to the development of self-assessments and action plans (to be determined) <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined, but in cooperation with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe	100 000 (estimate)		
	Project on strengthening implementation of and accession to the Convention in Central Asia, including national seminars in 2017–2018 (5 countries), assistance with drafting self-assessments and action plan and a subregional workshop (Kyrgyzstan, 2018), with finalization envisaged in 2019 <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> Russian Federation, with possible support from others for national expert meetings	215 000		
	Follow-up to Danube Delta project to complete joint contingency plan and support the drafting of a protocol among the three concerned countries <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> to be determined	200 000 (estimate)		
	Two advisory missions	20 000		
	Activity to build capacity for the implementation of amended annex I in countries of South-Eastern Europe through a subregional workshop on chemicals management and the identification and notification of hazardous activities, in cooperation with partners, including the ECE Transport Division, as the custodian of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Zagreb, February 2017) <i>Supporting organization:</i> the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Union (TAIEX) and in cooperation with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe	100 000		
	Activity to build capacity for the implementation of amended annex I in countries of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, through a subregional workshop on chemicals management and the identification and notification of hazardous activities, in cooperation with partners, including the ECE Transport Division, as the custodian of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Minsk, April–May 2017) <i>Lead/supporting countries:</i> Belarus, with financial support from Germany and Norway	100 000		

Area	Activities, lead/supporting countries, bodies or organizations	XB financial resources (in cash and in kind, in United States dollars)	RB/XB human resources to support the planned activities (in work-months of P and G secretariat staff)	
			P	G
Other assistance activities	Activities to address risk management at tailings management facilities in Georgia (2017) <i>Lead country:</i> Germany	200 000		
	Activities to address risk management at tailings management facilities in specific countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia or Eastern Europe <i>Lead country:</i> to be determined	200 000 (estimate)		
Awareness-raising in and outreach to other regions	Promotion and raising awareness of the Convention including beyond the ECE region (production of information materials and establishment of a network of contacts) <i>Supporting bodies/organizations:</i> ECE and possibly other regional commissions and lead countries	10 000		
ECE Industrial Accident Notification System	Consultation for Points of Contact to review the effectiveness of the ECE Industrial Accident Notification System and discuss preparedness and response for disaster risk reduction (possibly face to face, which would imply higher costs, of approximately US\$ 40,000) <i>Lead country/organization:</i> to be determined	10 000		
<b>Subtotal section II</b>		<b>1 155 000</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>Total activities (sections I+II)</b>		<b>2 110 000</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>

*Abbreviations:* G= General Service staff; OECD = Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; P = Professional staff; RB = regular budget; XB = extrabudgetary.

<sup>a</sup> Should the exchange of experiences and good practices be carried out in the framework of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties, cost implications would be minimized.

<sup>b</sup> Activities under the Assistance Programme are demand-driven. Implementation depends on the submission of self-assessments, action plans and project proposals by beneficiary countries and also the availability of financial resources for their implementation. The Working Group on Implementation evaluates the substance of assistance requests and the Bureau takes decisions on approving activities vis-à-vis the available funds.

Table 2  
**Total resources for 2017–2018**

(in United States dollars)

Items/activities	Core	Non-core	Total
Activities	955 000	1 155 000	2 110 000
Staff:			
RB, Professional (core: 21 work months)	<sup>a</sup>	—	—
RB, General Service (core: 10.5 work months)	<sup>a</sup>	—	—
XB, Professional (core: 41.5 work months)	664 000	—	664 000
XB, General Service (core: 2 work months)	25 500	—	25 500
XB, Professional (non-core: 32.5 work months)	—	520 000	520 000
XB, General Service (non-core: 8 work months)	—	102 000	102 000

<i>Items/activities</i>	<i>Core</i>	<i>Non-core</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 644 500</b>	<b>1 777 000</b>	<b>3 421 500</b>

*Abbreviations:* RB = regular budget; XB = extrabudgetary.

*Note:* One post (Professional or General Service) translates into 21 work-months per biennium. Staff resource estimates as indicated above are based on the United Nations standard rates. In terms of human resources, the implementation of the workplan requires additional financing from XB resources for two Professional posts, which might rise to three Professional posts and a short-term programme assistant post (General Service) depending on the non-core workplan activities that receive funding.

<sup>a</sup> Provided by United Nations regular budget.