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

#### Ninth meeting

Ljubljana, 28–30 November 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth meeting

To be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, starting on Monday, 28 November  
2016, at 10 a.m.\*

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Fostering implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.
3. Representation and credentials.\*\*

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\*\* Delegations of Parties to the Convention are reminded about the requirement to submit credentials to the secretariat at the beginning of the meeting. To facilitate the process of verification, the secretariat would appreciate receiving a scanned copy by 9 November 2016 via e-mail ([teia.conv@unece.org](mailto:teia.conv@unece.org)). Credentials are to be issued by Heads of State or Government or ministers for foreign affairs and shall state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and take decisions on behalf of the respective Government, following the applicable rules of procedure.



4. Report of the Bureau on its activities since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
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  - (a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and eighth report on the implementation of the Convention;
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9. Assistance to countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe:
  - (a) Progress report on assistance activities carried out in 2015–2016;
  - (b) Assessment of the Assistance Programme's effectiveness and future development.
10. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification System.
11. Prevention of accidental water pollution.
12. Priority areas of the Long-term Strategy for the Convention.
13. Use of financial and in-kind resources in 2015–2016.
14. Financing.
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16. Date and venue of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
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19. Final statements and closing of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**

*Provisional timing: Monday, 28 November, 10–10.15 a.m.*

The Chair of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents will open the ninth meeting and introduce the provisional agenda.

Representatives of Slovenia, the host country, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) will make opening statements.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the agenda for its ninth meeting as set out in the present document.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Documentation**

Annotated provisional agenda for the ninth meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/31)

## **2. Fostering implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030**

*Provisional timing: Monday, 28 November, 10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.*

A joint seminar will be held to discuss how the work of ECE and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on industrial and chemical accidents prevention, preparedness and response can contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, primarily the relevant Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the goals and priority actions set out in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030. The seminar will:

- (a) Highlight the relevance of the work of ECE and OECD for meeting the global goals;
- (b) Provide a platform to discuss how these global commitments can most effectively be addressed through, and integrated into, the programmes of work of the ECE Industrial Accidents Convention and the OECD Working Group on Chemical Accidents;
- (c) Help to identify opportunities arising from the global commitments for increasing the visibility of and enhancing efforts towards industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response.

#### **Documentation**

Fostering the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/1)

Programme of a joint ECE/OECD seminar on fostering implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 for industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response (CP.TEIA/2016/INF.1)

## **3. Representation and credentials**

*Provisional timing: Tuesday, 29 November, 10–10.15 a.m.*

The secretariat will inform the Conference of the Parties about the current status of ratification of the Convention. It will also highlight the countries having nominated competent authorities and points of contact in accordance with article 17 of the Convention.

<sup>1</sup> All meeting documentation will be made available on a dedicated web page for the meeting on the Economic Commission for Europe website (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41526>). Please note that documents with symbols ending in “INF.” and a number are informal documents and can be located in the documents table by clicking on the “informal documents” tab.

A Vice-Chair will report on the representation at the ninth meeting and the credentials submitted by the representatives of the Parties.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take a decision on the credentials of representatives participating in the meeting.

#### **Documentation**

Ratification status of the Convention and the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/2)

### **4. Report of the Bureau on its activities since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

*Provisional timing: Tuesday, 29 November, 10.15–10.45 a.m.*

The Chair will present the report on the activities of the outgoing Bureau in 2015–2016. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the information on the activities of the Bureau since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Geneva, 3–5 December 2014) contained in the report, and to reflect on proposed future activities.

#### **Documentation**

Activities of the Bureau since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/3)

### **5. Amendment of the terms of reference of the Bureau and the Convention's subsidiary bodies and the rules of procedure**

*Provisional timing: Tuesday, 29 November, 10.45–11.30 a.m.*

At its eighth meeting the Conference of the Parties requested the Bureau to review the terms of reference of the Bureau and the Convention's subsidiary bodies in order to reflect current practice. The Chair of the Bureau will present the proposed revisions to the terms of reference of the Bureau and the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (Working Group on Development), prepared by the Bureau with due regard to consistency and coherence following consultations with the Working Group. She will also introduce a proposal to amend the rules of procedure (ECE/CP.TEIA/3, as amended (ECE/CP.TEIA/15, para. 13)) with regard to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the amended terms of reference of the Bureau and the Working Group on Development, as well as the rules of procedure of the Convention. Proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation will be considered under agenda item 8 (a).

#### **Documentation**

Draft amended terms of reference of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/4)

Draft amended terms of reference of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/5)

Draft amendments to the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/6)

## 6. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

*Provisional timing: Tuesday 29 November, 11.30–11.45 a.m.*

At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected Jasmina Karba (Slovenia) as its Chair and Paweł Dadasiewicz (Poland) and Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova) as its Vice-Chairs. It elected or re-elected as Bureau members: Chris Dijkens (Netherlands); Pavel Forint (Czech Republic); Aléxandros Kiriazis (European Union); Eero Kytömaa (Finland); Ismayil Nasirov (Azerbaijan);<sup>2</sup> Torill Tandberg (Norway); and Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany). In accordance with its rules of procedure, as amended under item 5, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs as its officers. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to elect up to seven other members of the Bureau from among the representatives of the Parties.

## 7. Development of the Convention

*Provisional timing: Tuesday, 29 November, 11.45 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–3.30 p.m.*

The Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting requested the Working Group on Development to draft an amendment to the Convention to address the following provisions and issues:

- (a) Revised and additional definitions (art. 1);
- (b) Strengthened public participation (art. 9);
- (c) Clarified frequency of meetings (art. 18, para. 1);
- (d) Accession by Member States of the United Nations from outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region (art. 29);
- (e) Application of amendments to new Parties (art. 29);
- (f) Related provisions, articles and annexes.

Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties requested the Working Group to address the following issues through the development of guidance:

- (a) Clarified or strengthened reporting obligations (see sub-item 8 (a) below);
- (b) Provisions on land-use planning (see sub-item 7 (c) below);
- (c) Provisions on the review of compliance (see sub-item 8 (a) below);
- (d) Scope of mutual assistance (see sub-item 7 (c) below);
- (e) Governance structures under the Convention (see item 5 above and sub-item 8 (a) below).

### (a) Activities of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention

The Chair of the Working Group on Development will report on the Working Group's fifth, sixth and seventh meetings (Geneva, 11–13 May 2015, 30 November–2 December 2015 and 12–14 April 2016, respectively), in particular with regard to the deliberations on the amendment to the Convention, the opening of the Convention for accession by United Nations Member States beyond the ECE region and the preparation of guidance by the

<sup>2</sup> Subsequently, Azerbaijan nominated Yashar Karimov as member of the Bureau.

Conference of the Parties. The Chair will also report on a number of electronic consultations held by the small group of legal experts and the small group of experts on land-use planning established by the Working Group.

With regard to the opening of the Convention, as requested, the Bureau considered the question of safeguards to avoid any adverse budgetary implications related to the opening. This question will be further addressed in the context of the discussions on the plan of action for the Convention in the biennium 2017–2018 (item 15). The Chair will then invite the Conference of the Parties to take note of the activities of the Working Group on Development in the biennium 2015–2016.

#### **Documentation**

Report of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/WG.1/2015/2)

Report of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention on its sixth meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/WG.1/2015/7)

Report of the Working Group on the Development of the Convention on its seventh meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/WG.1/2016/2)

#### **(b) Amendment to the Convention**

The Chair of Working Group on Development will present the draft amendment to the Convention, proposed by the European Union, its member States, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Switzerland, highlighting the key conclusions reached by the Working Group on amendments to articles 1, 9, 18, 29 and related provisions, articles and annexes. The rapporteur of the small group of legal experts will present the draft decision amending the Convention, containing the draft amendment in an annex. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the decision amending the Convention.

#### **Documentation**

Draft decision on amending the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/7)

Informal presentation of the changes made by the proposed amendment of the Convention (CP.TEIA/2016/INF.2)

#### **(c) Guidance by the Conference of the Parties**

The Chair of the Working Group on Development will report on the outcome of the deliberations regarding the clarification of the scope of mutual assistance as set out in article 12 of the Convention, as reflected in the report of the Working Group's sixth meeting. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the Working Group's recommendation that there is no need to clarify the scope of mutual assistance through a separate decision.

The European Union/European Investment Bank as lead Party/organization will present the process for developing a guidance document on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects, prepared in cooperation with the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the ECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the ECE Committee on Housing and Land Management. The consultant engaged to develop the guidance document will be invited to present the guidance. The Chair of the Working Group on Development, in cooperation with the Chair of the small group of experts on land-use planning, will be

invited to present the Working Group's review of the guidance, including by means of a joint workshop held in Geneva on 13 April 2016 to share experiences and lessons learned.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the guidance. Taking into account the relevant deliberations of the Meeting of the Parties to the Espoo Convention, it is expected that the Conference of the Parties will request the secretariat to publish the guidance in the three official languages of ECE, as well as to recommend that ECE member States and other interested United Nations Member States use it. The guidance will also be presented to the Meeting of the Parties to the ECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment at its third session (in May or June 2017).

### **Documentation**

Draft policy and legal guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/8)

Draft technical guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/9)

## **8. Implementation of the Convention**

*Provisional timing: Tuesday, 29 November, 3.30–4.30 p.m.*

### **(a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and eighth report on the implementation of the Convention**

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will report on the work of the Working Group in the period since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Working Group Chair will inform the Conference of the Parties on the status of reporting on the implementation of the Convention by Parties and other ECE member States within the eighth round of reporting. She will then introduce the eighth report on the implementation of the Convention, including its conclusions and recommendations, prepared by the Working Group on the basis of the national implementation reports received from Parties and committed countries. Parties and countries that expressed a commitment to report but that have not reported on the implementation of the Convention will have an opportunity to explain their failure to comply with their reporting obligations or commitments.

The Chair of the Working Group will also present a draft decision prepared by the Working Group and the Bureau on strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss and evaluate the process of reporting on implementation, taking into account the Working Group's conclusions and recommendations.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the eighth report on implementation of the Convention. Furthermore, the Conference will be invited to adopt a decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties requested the Working Group on Implementation to prepare a draft decision on reporting obligations in order to clarify the requirements. The Chair of the Working Group will present the draft decision, which includes also a proposal to introduce a change of the reporting cycle from two to four years. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the draft decision.

The Chairs of the Working Group on Development and the Working Group on Implementation will present the deliberations of both Working Groups regarding the introduction of a compliance mechanism and the conclusions reached.

As noted under agenda item 5, the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting requested the Bureau to review the terms of reference of the Convention's subsidiary bodies in order to reflect the current practice and roles. The Chair of the Bureau will present the proposed revisions to the terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation, which have been updated to ensure that the body will be able to most effectively support Parties and committed countries in strengthening their implementation of the Convention's provisions. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the decision amending the terms of reference.

#### **Documentation**

Eighth report on the implementation of the Convention (2014–2015)  
(ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/10)

Draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention  
(ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/11)

Draft decision on reporting requirements under the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/12)

Draft amended terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation  
(ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/13)

#### **(b) Election of the members of the Working Group on Implementation for the period 2017–2018**

At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected the following candidates as members of the Working Group on Implementation for the 2015–2016 biennium: Sandra Ashcroft (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Evgeny Baranovsky (Belarus); Lina Buciene (Latvia); Hrvoje Buljan (Croatia); Helena Fridh (Sweden); Leo Iberl (Germany); Martin Merkofer (Switzerland); Suzana Milutinovic (Serbia); and Peter Westerbeek (Netherlands). The Russian Federation also nominated a representative whose name was communicated following the meeting: Anna Tsarina. The Working Group subsequently elected Ms. Ashcroft as its Chair and Ms. Milutinovic as its Vice-Chair.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation, as amended, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect the members of the Working Group from among the candidates nominated by Parties, for a term to last until the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The amended terms of reference align the term of office of the members of the Working Group with the four-yearly reporting cycle.

### **9. Assistance to countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe**

*Provisional timing: Tuesday, 29 November, 4.30–6 p.m.*

Since the Convention was adopted countries with economies in transition have benefitted from assistance activities within its framework. At its third meeting (Budapest, 27–30 October 2004), the Conference of the Parties adopted and launched the internationally supported Assistance Programme to help the countries of the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe to strengthen their implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/12, para. 39).

**(a) Progress report on assistance activities carried out in 2015–2016**

The secretariat, on behalf of the outgoing Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, will report on the outcomes of the key assistance activities organized in the framework of the Assistance Programme and other capacity-building activities since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine will be invited to highlight key achievements of the Danube Delta project, which was completed in 2015. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to endorse the progress report on the assistance activities carried out during the biennium 2015–2016.

**Documentation**

Progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2015–2016 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/14)

**(b) Assessment of the Assistance Programme’s effectiveness and future development**

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will present the results of the analytical review carried out by the Working Group, in cooperation with the secretariat, in order to determine whether the information available was sufficient to document and assess the Programme’s effectiveness, and to assess whether there was a need for an independent external evaluation of the Programme. The Chair of the Bureau will report on the Bureau’s review of the Programme’s effectiveness, the challenges encountered and possible options for its further development. The secretariat will provide information on possibilities to support the continued implementation of the Strategic Approach, in particular the project “Strengthening industrial safety in Central Asia through the implementation and accession to the ECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents”, funded by the Russian Federation during the period 2016–2019. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to decide on the approach to the carrying out of future activities under the Assistance Programme.

**Documentation**

Effectiveness, results and options for the further development of the Assistance Programme (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/15)

**10. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification System**

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, 9.30–10 a.m.*

The secretariat will present an informal report on a connectivity test of the Industrial Accident Notification System conducted in January 2016 and an online consultation of the Points of Contact organized in February 2016, along with its conclusions.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the outcome of the test and the outcome of the consultation.

**Documentation**

Results of the fifth online consultation of the Points of Contact (CP.TEIA/2016/INF.3)

## 11. Prevention of accidental water pollution

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, 10–10.45 a.m.*

The German co-Chair of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (Joint Expert Group) will report on the Group's meetings and other activities carried out since the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

As Germany is the lead country for implementing activities to address risk management at tailings management facilities in the framework of the Assistance Programme, the Joint Expert Group co-Chair will also provide an overview of the activities planned and carried out on this theme. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of this information.

A representative of Sweden, the lead country, will report on the publishing and promotion of the checklist for contingency planning for accidents affecting transboundary waters, with introductory guidance. The application of the checklist as a tool for harmonized contingency planning between neighbouring countries has been recommended by both the Conference of the Parties and the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes at their most recent meetings.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the activities carried out by the Joint Expert Group and their future development. It will be invited to take note of an informal document presenting the workplan for the Joint Expert Group for the biennium 2017–2018, as approved by the Bureau, and to include the Joint Expert Group activities in the Convention's workplan.

Further to a decision taken at its eighth meeting, in the light of the publication of the checklist and also taking stock of the application of the checklist in the Danube Delta project, the Conference of the Parties will consider the production of common emergency plan guidelines to improve cooperation between neighbouring countries.

The secretariat will provide an update on the three actions to assist countries with economies in transition to ratify the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters. The three actions were agreed at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (The Hague, 8–10 November 2010), and the first action was completed in advance of the seventh meeting (Stockholm, 14–16 November 2012). At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties took note of the fact that no funds had been made available to carry out the second of the three actions and no expressions of interest had been received.

### **Documentation**

Workplan of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents for 2017–2018 (CP.TEIA/2016/INF.4)

## 12. Priority areas of the Long-term Strategy for the Convention

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, 10.45–11.15 a.m.*

The Long-term Strategy for the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/22, annex I) defines five issues as priority areas of work. Two of these — the Assistance Programme and financing — are the subject of separate agenda items (items 9 and 14, respectively). The remaining three issues — the involvement of Parties and other stakeholders, the exchange of information and strategic partnerships — will be discussed under this agenda item.

The secretariat will inform the Conference of the Parties about events in which members of the Bureau or the secretariat participated to promote and further increase the understanding of the work under the Convention. The secretariat will report on working visits and high-level meetings to Parties. It will also report on the use of other targeted communications, such as press releases. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of this information.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the further promotion and use of the educational training materials developed under the Convention.

The secretariat will provide an overview of the work carried out in cooperation with strategic partners, including in the framework of the inter-agency coordination group on industrial accidents.

The Chair will present the outcome of informal meetings between the representatives of the governing bodies of the ECE environmental conventions and the Chair of the ECE Committee of Environmental Policy held in Geneva during the biennium 2015–2016. She will also present the results of other meetings with strategic partners.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the information provided.

### **13. Use of financial and in-kind resources in 2015–2016**

*Provisional timing: Wednesday 30 November, 11.15 a.m.–noon*

The secretariat will report on the use of financial and in-kind resources under the Convention in 2015–2016. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse the report on the use of financial and in-kind resources.

#### **Documentation**

Use of financial and in-kind resources to implement the workplan in 2015–2016 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/16)

### **14. Financing**

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, noon–12.30 p.m.*

The Chair will present the implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism for the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/24, annex I), adopted at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In cooperation with the co-Chair of the Bureau's small group on financing, she will also introduce further actions taken to encourage additional financing for the activities under the Convention and the small group's initial development of a marketing strategy for the Convention. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the current implementation of the sustainable financial mechanism and decide on further actions.

### **15. Plan of action for the Convention for the biennium 2017–2018**

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, 2.30–3.15 p.m.*

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to discuss the draft elements of the workplan for 2017–2018 on the basis of a proposal made by the Bureau. In doing so, the Conference of the Parties may wish to take into account the discussions and decisions with regard to the previous agenda items.

The Chair will draw attention to the proposal by the Bureau to review the Long-term Strategy of the Convention, with a view also to develop a strategy for the opening of the Convention to States beyond the ECE region and address gender issues.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider relevant funding arrangements under the Convention and agree on the budget for the implementation of the workplan for 2017–2018 on the basis of the Bureau's proposal.

On this basis, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt its workplan under the Convention for 2017–2018 and to decide on the resources allocated. Parties will be invited to indicate their pledges for the new workplan. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to decide on guiding principles for financial assistance for the participation of, in particular, representatives from the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe.

#### **Documentation**

Priorities, workplan and resources for the Convention for 2017–2018 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/17)

Draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/18)

### **16. Date and venue of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, 3.15–3.30 p.m.*

Delegations are encouraged to offer to host the tenth meeting, so that the Conference of the Parties can decide on its next venue.

### **17. Other business**

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, 3.30–3.40 p.m.*

Delegations wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

### **18. Review of decisions**

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, 3.40–5.15 p.m.*

The Chair will provide an overview of the decisions taken under each agenda item by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting. The Conference of the Parties is invited to entrust the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its ninth meeting.

### **19. Final statements and closing of the meeting**

*Provisional timing: Wednesday, 30 November, 5.15–5.30 p.m.*

The Chair and a representative of ECE will make final statements. The Chair will then officially close the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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