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Agenda item 4:
Report of the Bureau on its activities since COP 9

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Bureau’s roles and responsibilities

1. Carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties;

2. Take the lead in, and take initiatives to strengthen and facilitate the implementation of the Convention;

3. Prepare the draft programme of work, monitor its implementation and take appropriate decisions, if needed, to strengthen its implementation;

4. Cooperate with subsidiary bodies, approve AP activities, prepare COP, cooperate with strategic partners.
Composition, meetings, report

Composition of the Bureau and its meetings listed in the report (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/3)

Report outlines Bureau’s activities to:
- prepare documents to guide future work under the Convention
- implement the Long-term Strategy for the Convention
- implement the workplan 2017-2018
- prepare COP 10.
Preparation of document to guide future work under the Convention

Draft Long Term Strategy (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/3)

Draft Communication, outreach and engagement Strategy
Implementation of LTS: Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders

Objective
To achieve comprehensive involvement of all Parties and other stakeholders

Action
Communication and awareness raising material (printed, electronic, videos)
High-level awareness raising mission to Ukraine

Progress
Enhanced visibility
Growing (re)engagement of Parties and stakeholders

Challenges
Maintain the interest and involvement

Message
Use guidance and other documenst and benefit from activities
Implementation of LTS: Exchange of information

Objective
To enhance the exchange of information

Action
Seminar on LUP
Risk assessment seminar

Progress
Support to Parties to overcome challenges in implementing the Convention and in reaching goals of other commitments

Challenges
Maintain activities tailored to the needs and interests

Message
Continue sharing of information on good practice, experience, Engage in planning and implementing activities
Implementation of LTS: Assistance Programe (and other assistance activities)

Objective
To facilities implementation and ratification of the Convention by beneficiary countries

Action
Project in Central Asia
Two sub-regional capacity building
Projects on safety of mining operations and TMF

Progress
Active engagement of beneficiary countries
Improved project management
Cooperation with partners, synergies

Challenges
Maintain motivation of beneficiaries, sustainability of results

Message
Take full advantage of Assistance programme
Implementation of LTS: Strategic Partnerships

Objective
To enhance Convention’s relevance through strategic partnerships, search for synergies

Action
Inter-agency coordination
UN ECE MEAs
Outreach to European Commission, UN Office for DRR, ...

Progress
Traditional and new partners

Challenges
Synergies, exchange of info on activities and plans

Message
Invitation to partners, in particular EU, to consider enhancing cooperation
Implementation of LTS: Financing

Objective
To ensure sustainable and predictable financing

Action
Monitoring the Convention’s Trust Fund
Review of SFM
Re-establishment of Bureau’s small group on financing

Progress
Traditional and new supporters, balance of the Trust Fund

Challenges
Sustainable and predictable financing by contributions from all Parties
Search for possible sources – other than Parties’

Message
Primar responsibility of Parties
Conclusions and observations

Renewed interest of Parties

Initiation of activities in non-traditional areas

Cooperation with variety of stakeholders and partners resulted in better coordination and efficiency

Increased recognition of linkages with SDGs and Sendai Framework

Increased commitments of Bureau members

Reliance on limited number of donors

Growing recognition of the Convention in the context of policymaking and governance

Expanding cooperation between countries beyond the exchange of technical information