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Eleventh meeting

Geneva, 7–9 December 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda and operating procedures

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting

To be held in Geneva, starting on Monday, 7 December 2020, at 10 a.m.*

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* Delegates attending the meeting are requested to register by **22 October 2020**. Instructions and all the documentation for the meeting and related information will be made available on the meeting web page (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53220>). 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 document” tab. Please email any questions to the secretariat (ece-teia.conv@un.org). The meeting will be paperless and delegates are kindly asked to bring their own copies of any meeting documentation they will require.

** Delegations of Parties to the Convention are reminded of the requirement to submit credentials to the secretariat at the beginning of the meeting. Copies of credentials of all representatives of Parties intending to participate in meetings with remote participation shall be submitted electronically via email through their Permanent Mission in Geneva to the secretariat (ece-teia.conv@un.org) as soon as possible and no later than 10 days in advance of the meeting, i.e., by **27 November 2020**. Permanent Missions shall submit the originals of credentials to the secretariat (by post or in person) prior to the beginning of the meeting.

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.



- (a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and ninth report on the implementation of the Convention;
 - (b) Election of the members of the Working Group on Implementation for the period 2021–2024.
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 - (a) Targeted communication;
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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

The present provisional agenda was prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) in consultation with the Chair of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents.

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda and operating procedures

Provisional timing: Monday, 7 December, 10–10.25 a.m.

The Chair of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will open the eleventh meeting, which, owing to the extraordinary circumstance of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, will be limited to three morning sessions — each one beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at noon. A representative of ECE will make an opening statement.

The Chair will introduce the provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting, as set out in the present document, which the Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt.

The Chair will also introduce the draft operating procedures to facilitate remote participation and decision-making in meetings of the Conference of the Parties due to extraordinary circumstances. At its forty-fourth meeting (Geneva (online), 18 September 2020), the Bureau endorsed the draft operating procedures and recommended that the Conference of the Parties adopt them at the beginning of its eleventh meeting.

Parties with comments on the draft operating procedures are invited to communicate these four weeks in advance of the meeting to the Chair and the secretariat (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e., by 9 November 2020. This approach will facilitate the presentation of an updated version of the operating procedures in advance of and during the meeting, with a clear indication of comments as communicated by the Parties. At the meeting, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the operating procedures.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/41)

Draft operating procedures to facilitate remote participation and decision-making in meetings of the Conference of the Parties due to extraordinary circumstances (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/11)

2. Representation and credentials

Provisional timing: Monday, 7 December, 10.25–10.30 a.m.

Delegations will be invited to refer to the ratification status of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/1), in order to be informed of the current status of ratification of the Convention, and the countries that have designated competent authorities and points of contact in accordance with article 17 of the Convention. The secretariat will highlight the representation of Parties and ECE member States at the meeting.

A Vice-Chair will report on the representation at the eleventh 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/2020/1)

3. Decision on strengthening mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond

Provisional timing: Monday, 7 December, 10.30–10.45 a.m.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the conclusions of the online seminar on mine tailings safety in the ECE region and beyond (Geneva (online), 1 December 2020), presented by the Chair, and to adopt a decision on strengthening mine tailings safety in the ECE region and beyond (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/3). For further background information on mine tailings safety and the work under the Convention, delegations are invited to refer to the comprehensive background document (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/2). They are also invited to attend the online seminar.

Parties with comments on the draft decision are invited to communicate these four weeks in advance of the meeting to the Chair and the secretariat (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e., by 9 November 2020. This approach will facilitate the presentation of an updated draft decision before and during the session, with a clear indication of comments as communicated by the Parties, and the adoption of the decision by the Conference.

Documentation

Mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region and beyond (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/2)

Programme of the online seminar on mine tailings safety (CP.TEIA/2020/INF.1)

Draft decision on strengthening mine tailings safety in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/3)

4. Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

Provisional timing: Monday, 7 December, 10.45–10.50 a.m.

At its tenth meeting (Geneva, 4–6 December 2018), the Conference of the Parties elected Ms. Torill Tandberg (Norway) as its Chair and Ms. Jasmina Karba (Slovenia) and Mr. Michael Struckl (Austria) as its Vice-Chairs. In addition, it elected or re-elected as Bureau members: Mr. Evgenij Baranovskij (Belarus); Mr. Pavel Forint (Czechia); Mr. Rolf-Jan Hoeve (European Union), later replaced by Mr. Camille Siefritd; Mr. Martin Merkofer (Switzerland); Ms. Suzana Milutinovic (Serbia); Ms. Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund (Finland); and Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany).

In accordance with rule 22 of the rules of procedure (ECE/CP.TEIA/37), as revised by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (Ljubljana, 28–30 November 2016), the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs as its officers and up to seven other members of the Bureau from among the representatives of the Parties. Candidatures shall be communicated by the Parties to the secretariat at least eight weeks ahead of the meeting, i.e., by 12 October 2020. The secretariat shall communicate the list of candidates to the Parties at the latest six weeks before the meeting, i.e., by 26 October 2020.

Documentation

Rules of procedure for the Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/37 (consolidated version, including amendments agreed at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties))

Terms of reference of the Bureau (ECE/CP.TEIA/32/Add.1)

Candidatures for election as officers and members of the Convention's Bureau (CP.TEIA/2020/INF.2)

5. Implementation of the Convention

Provisional timing: Monday, 7 December, 10.50–11.20 a.m.

(a) Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and ninth report on the implementation of the Convention

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation, in cooperation with the secretariat, will introduce the ninth report on the implementation of the Convention (2016–2018) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/5), including its key conclusions and recommendations, and a draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/6), prepared by the Working Group on the basis of the national implementation reports received from Parties and committed countries. Parties and countries that have not reported on the implementation of the Convention will be invited to explain their failure to comply with their reporting obligations or commitments. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to adopt the ninth report on implementation of the Convention and a decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

Parties with comments on the draft decision are invited to communicate these four weeks in advance of the meeting to the Chair and the secretariat (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e., by 9 November 2020. This approach will facilitate the presentation of an updated draft

decision in session, with a clear indication of proposed changes, to facilitate the adoption of the decision at the Conference.

Documentation

Ninth report on the implementation of the Convention (2016–2018) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/5)

Draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/6)

(b) Election of the members of the Working Group on Implementation for the period 2021–2024

At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties elected or re-elected the following candidates as members of the Working Group on Implementation for the period 2017–2020: Mr. Hrvoje Buljan (Croatia); Mr. Pavel Chukharev (Belarus); Ms. Helena Fridh (Sweden); Mr. Raphael Gonzalez (Switzerland); Mr. Leo Iberl (Germany); Ms. Rachel McCann (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Ms. Suzana Milutinovic (Serbia), later replaced by Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic (Serbia); Ms. Anna Tsarina (Russian Federation); Ms. Laura Vizbule (Latvia); and Mr. Peter Westerbeek (Netherlands), followed by Ms. Anneke Raap (Netherlands), who was later replaced by Ms. Nicolette Bouman (Netherlands). The Working Group subsequently elected Mr. Iberl as its Chair and Mr. Gonzalez and Mr. Chukharev as its Vice-Chairs.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation, as amended at the ninth meeting, 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 thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure, candidatures shall be communicated by the Parties to the secretariat at least eight weeks ahead of the meeting, i.e., by 12 October 2020. The secretariat shall communicate the list of candidates to the Parties at the latest six weeks before the meeting, i.e., by 26 October 2020.

Documentation

Ninth report on the implementation of the Convention (2016–2018) (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/5)

Rules of procedure for the Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/37)

Terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation (ECE/CP.TEIA/32/Add.1)

Candidatures for election as officers and members of the Working Group on Implementation (CP.TEIA/2020/INF.3)

6. Plan of action for the Convention for the biennium 2021–2022 and its financing

Provisional timing: Monday, 7 December, 11.20–11.50 a.m.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the draft workplan for 2021–2022 on the basis of a proposal made by the Bureau, in cooperation with the secretariat.

Parties are invited to share information on their pledges and leadership of workplan items, as well as any other eventual comments on the draft workplan, four weeks in advance of the meeting, with the Chair and the secretariat (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org), i.e., by 9 November 2020. This approach will facilitate the presentation of an updated draft workplan in advance of the session, with a clear indication of proposed changes as communicated by the Parties, and the adoption of the workplan in session, with its accompanying resources.

All Parties will be invited to communicate their pledges for financial and in-kind contributions for the period 2021–2022. In doing so, Parties will be invited to consider the sustainable financial mechanism (ECE/CP.TEIA/24, annex I) and decision 2018/2 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1) on fostering its implementation, adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. On this basis, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to

adopt its workplan under the Convention for 2021–2022 and to decide on the resources allocated.

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. Similar to the procedure outlined above, Parties with comments on the draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/10) are invited to share these with the Chair and the secretariat four weeks in advance of the meeting, i.e., by 9 November 2020 (via email to ece-teia.conv@un.org).

Documentation

Priorities, workplan and resources for the Convention for 2021–2022 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/9)

Draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/10)

7. Wrap-up of the first day

Provisional timing: Monday, 7 December, 11.50 a.m.–noon.

The Chair, with the support of the secretariat, will provide an overview of the draft decisions taken under the agenda items discussed thus far. The secretariat will circulate the draft decisions in English after the end of this session. Delegations with eventual comments on the draft decisions will be invited to share these in writing by 6 p.m. on the same day.

8. Review of decisions taken on the first day

Provisional timing: Tuesday, 8 December, 10–10.25 a.m.

The Chair will invite the Conference of the Parties to agree on the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties on the first day. She will invite the secretariat to present the updated draft decisions, with any eventual comments received by Parties (see agenda item 7).

9. Report of the Bureau on its activities since the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Provisional timing: Tuesday, 8 December, 10.25–10.35 a.m.

The Chair will highlight key elements of the report on the activities of the outgoing Bureau in 2019–2020, and how these have contributed to the implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1), adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting. Delegations are invited to refer to the full report on the activities of the Bureau since the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/4) for a more comprehensive overview.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the information contained in the report, and to reflect on proposed future activities.

Documentation

Activities of the Bureau since the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/4)

Long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030 (ECE/CP.TEIA/38/Add.1)

10. Assistance to countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe — Progress report on assistance activities carried out in 2019–2020

Provisional timing: Tuesday, 8 December, 10.35–11.05 a.m.

Delegations are invited to refer to the Progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2019–2020 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/7) for a comprehensive overview of such activities carried out in the biennium. The secretariat will provide a brief overview of key assistance activities organized in the framework of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme since the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

In this context, the secretariat will briefly highlight selected evaluations of the effectiveness of activities carried out under the Programme and their results. Comprehensive information on these is available in the above-mentioned document. At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties had suggested revisiting the subject of the effectiveness of the Assistance Programme at the eleventh meeting, following the implementation of steps 1 and 2 of the then-adopted three-step approach (ECE/CP.TEIA/32, para. 62 (c)). Step 1 has been pursued since the adoption of the amended terms of reference of the Working Group on Implementation in 2016, and involves the pursuit of a more rigorous approach to monitoring the implementation of the Programme. Step 2, namely the request for high-level feedback from beneficiary countries on behalf of the Bureau, in cooperation with the Working Group on Implementation, was implemented in 2017–2018. The Conference of the Parties was presented with the results of this feedback by the Working Group on Implementation at its tenth meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/11, annex II). At that meeting, the Conference also decided on the Programme's further development, rebranding it as an "Assistance and Cooperation Programme," by adopting the long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the implementation of the three-step approach, and the ongoing evaluation of activities under the Assistance and Cooperation Programme, carried out by the secretariat.

Countries of Central Asia will be invited to highlight achievements under the project on strengthening industrial safety, and the project on supporting countries of Central Asia in strengthening the safety of mine tailings, as well as future plans. Countries having initiated the process of establishing National Policy Dialogues on Industrial Safety will be invited to report on plans for the next biennium. Ukraine will be invited to highlight its progress and plans with respect to accession to the Convention. The Conference of the Parties will also be invited to endorse the progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2019–2020.

Documentation

Progress report on the implementation of assistance activities in 2019–2020 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/7)

11. Use of financial and in-kind resources in 2019–2020

Provisional timing: Tuesday, 8 December, 11.05–11.15 a.m.

The secretariat will present the report on the use of financial and in-kind resources under the Convention in 2019–2020, which the Conference of the Parties will be invited to endorse.

Documentation

Use of financial and in-kind resources to implement the workplan in 2019–2020 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/8)

12. Prevention of accidental water pollution

Provisional timing: Tuesday, 8 December, 11.15–11.30 a.m.

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

The Hungarian Co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group will report on the outcome of the seminar on accidental transboundary water pollution prevention — contingency planning, early warning, mitigation (Budapest, 4 and 5 November 2019).

The secretariat will provide information on actions taken to strengthen cooperation with the river basin commissions and briefly highlight the publication of the Safety guidelines and good practices for the management of firefighting water in the three official languages of ECE, and promotional materials, notably a brochure on the Joint Expert Group and four postcards on its safety guidelines and good practices.

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 the proposed activities of the Group, as contained in the draft workplan for the Convention for 2021–2022 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/9).

Documentation

Priorities, workplan and resources for the Convention for 2021–2022 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/9)

13. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Industrial Accident Notification system

Provisional timing: Tuesday, 8 December, 11.30–11.40 a.m.

Delegations will be invited to refer to the results of the seventh online consultation of the points of contact (CP.TEIA/2020/INF.4). The secretariat will briefly highlight the conclusions of a connectivity test of the Industrial Accident Notification system and an online consultation of the points of contact organized in 2020. Parties will be invited to report on subregional connectivity tests conducted in the current biennium and announce planned subregional connectivity tests in the following biennium.

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

Documentation

Results of the seventh online consultation of the points of contact (CP.TEIA/2020/INF.4)

14. Development of the Convention

Provisional timing: Tuesday, 8 December, 11.40–11.50 a.m.

At its tenth meeting, the Conference resumed consideration of the draft amendment to the Convention (articles 1, 9, 18, 29 and related provisions, articles and annexes) and the accompanying draft decision (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/7), developed and agreed by the Convention's Working Group on Development in the biennium 2015–2016 and considered at the ninth meeting of the Conference. At the ninth meeting, the Conference had approved the proposed changes to articles 1, 4, 18 and 26 and to annex VIII and had agreed on the proposed changes to article 29 (ECE/CP.TEIA/32, para. 32). The Conference had not, however, then been able to reach a consensus on the proposed changes to article 9 on information to the public, public consultation and participation in decision-making and access to justice.

Moreover, at its tenth meeting, the Conference did not reach a consensus on the draft decision on amending the Convention, as Parties did not agree on the proposed amendments to article 9 on information to, and participation of the public. The Conference then encouraged the concerned Parties to continue informal consultations, in particular on the proposed amendments regarding public information and participation in decision-making, as well as access to justice, and invited the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Bureau to facilitate those consultations with a view to respective positions possibly becoming closer, and to report back on the outcome of those consultations to the eleventh meeting of the Conference (ECE/CP.TEIA/38, para. 37).

The Chair will provide an update on actions taken, information exchanged, and dialogues pursued among the Parties since the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Conference will be invited to take note of the information provided.

15. Wrap-up of the second day

Provisional timing: Tuesday, 8 December, 11.50 a.m.–noon.

The Chair, with the support of the secretariat, will provide an overview of the draft decisions taken under the agenda items discussed during the session. The secretariat will then circulate the draft decisions in English after the end of the session. Delegations with eventual comments on the decisions will be invited to share these in writing by 6 p.m. on the same day.

16. Review of decisions taken on the second day

Provisional timing: Wednesday, 9 December, 10–10.30 a.m.

The Chair will invite the Conference of the Parties to agree on the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties on the second day of the meeting. She will invite the secretariat to present the updated draft decisions, with any eventual comments received by Parties (see agenda item 15). Following agreement on the decisions taken, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to entrust the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its eleventh meeting, on the basis of the decisions taken.

17. Implications of the coronavirus disease pandemic for industrial safety

Provisional timing: Wednesday, 9 December, 10.30–11.15 a.m.

A representative of the European Union Joint Research Centre will present the outcome of a European Union/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)/ECE survey on the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for industrial safety.

Delegations will be invited to share information on the implications/impact of the pandemic for authorities and industry in the area of industrial safety, in particular for the shutdown and start-up of operations. They will be invited to share information on how industry manages risks during these disruptive times, and to discuss:

- (a) The kind of guidance provided by authorities to industry and whether that guidance addressed aspects related to the shutdown and start-up of operations;
- (b) How authorities maintained contact with industry during the pandemic and how scheduled inspections were handled;
- (c) How the risks from disruptions like the pandemic related to the operation of hazardous installations, like the shutdown and start-up of operations, were integrated into existing risk assessments; future plans in that respect;
- (d) Whether countries experienced any incidents or near misses that could be related to the consequences of the pandemic — for example, due to the start-up of operations following a period of shutdown — and the lessons learned from that experience.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the survey and the information shared by Parties.

18. Facilitation of implementation

Provisional timing: Wednesday, 9 December, 11.15–11.30 a.m.

(a) Risk assessment

A representative of Switzerland, leading the Small Group on Risk Assessment, will report on progress in the Small Group's work and the development of a report on risk assessment, to be presented to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting.

(b) Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction

The secretariat will highlight its contribution to the Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction: 2019, and report on its cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction going forward.

(c) Land-use planning and industrial safety

The ECE secretariat, in cooperation with the European Investment Bank, will report on the development of an information repository of good practices on land-use planning and industrial safety, with reference to environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment and public information and participation.

19. Outreach, awareness-raising and strategic partnerships

Provisional timing: Wednesday, 9 December, 11.30–11.40 a.m.

(a) Targeted communication

The secretariat will report on targeted communication, working visits and high-level missions to Parties and other stakeholders.

(b) Natural Hazards Triggering Technological Accidents risk management

The secretariat will report on the follow-up to the United Nations/OECD workshop on Natural Hazards Triggering Technological Accidents (NATECH) risk management (Potsdam, Germany, 5–7 September 2018), including dissemination of its outcome, good practices, and information-sharing on the Convention's role with respect to NATECH, including a new website. It will also share information on its contribution to the NATECH-III Project, implemented under the leadership of OECD and Germany, in partnership with the Joint United Nations Environment Programme/Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Environment Unit and the European Union Joint Research Centre. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to take note of the information provided.

(c) Strategic partnerships

The secretariat will report on actions to maintain and enhance strategic partnerships with other international organizations, including the Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting hosted by the International Labour Organization (Geneva, 22 September 2020). Representatives of other international and regional organizations will be invited to speak about relevant activities and cooperation with ECE.

The Conference of the Parties will be invited to reflect on the continued importance of strategic partnerships, in view of the implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030.

20. Date and venue of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Provisional timing: Wednesday, 9 December, 11.40–11.45 a.m.

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

21. Other business

Provisional timing: Wednesday, 9 December, 11.45–11.50 a.m.

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

22. Final statements and closing of the meeting

Provisional timing: Wednesday, 9 December, 11.50 a.m.–noon.

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