

## **Economic Commission for Europe**

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

### **Working Group on Implementation**

#### **Fortieth meeting**

Online, 12 to 13 May 2020

### **Annotated provisional agenda of the fortieth meeting**

**To be held remotely, through WebEx, on 12 May, starting at 09.30 a.m.  
and ending on 13 May at 2 p.m.**

#### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Implementation of the Convention.
  - (a) Draft report on the implementation of the Convention.
  - (b) Draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention.
  - (c) Ideas for improving the reporting format and guidelines.
  - (d) Other business related to the implementation of the Convention.
3. Assistance and Cooperation Programme.
  - (a) Update on implemented and planned activities.
  - (b) Teleconferences and engagement with beneficiary countries of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme on implementation issues.
  - (c) Update on the country dossiers and engagement strategies.
  - (d) Other business related to monitoring the implementation of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme.
4. Composition of the next Working Group on Implementation.
5. Other business.
6. Closing of the meeting.

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

This provisional agenda was prepared by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe secretariat in agreement with the Chair of the Working Group.

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

The Chair of the Working Group on Implementation will open the meeting, introduce the etiquette for the online meeting and invite the Working Group to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

*Expected timing: 9h30-09h40*

## **2. Implementation of the Convention**

### **(a) Draft report on the implementation of the Convention**

The secretariat will present the draft ninth report on the implementation of the Convention. All members of the Working Group will be invited to provide comments on each chapter of the draft report. The Working Group will discuss how to address the comments and decide on the process for the finalization of the report, bearing in mind that the report has to be shared with the Bureau in advance of its meeting on 16–17 June 2020.

The secretariat will report on the sending of official letters to Parties and committed countries that failed to submit an implementation report.

*Expected timing: 9h40-12h45, including a 15-minutes break at approx. 11h00*

#### **Background documents:**

- Draft 9<sup>th</sup> report of the implementation of the Convention
- National implementation reports, available at <https://wiki.unece.org/display/TEIA/Implementation+Reports>.

*Lunch break: 12h45-14h00*

### **(b) Draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention**

The secretariat will present the draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention. All members of the Working Group will be invited to provide comments on the draft decision. The Working Group will discuss how to address the comments and decide on the process for the finalization of the decision, bearing in mind that it has to be shared with the Bureau in advance of its meeting on 16–17 June 2020.

*Expected timing: 14h00-15h30*

#### **Background documents:**

- Draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention
- Decision 2016/1 – Strengthening the implementation of the Convention, available at [http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2016/TEIA/COP/Decisions\\_Add1/E\\_1\\_2016\\_Strengthening\\_the\\_implementation\\_of\\_the\\_Convention.pdf](http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2016/TEIA/COP/Decisions_Add1/E_1_2016_Strengthening_the_implementation_of_the_Convention.pdf).

*Coffee/Tea break: 15h30-15h45*

### **(c) Ideas for improving the reporting format and guidelines**

The secretariat will provide an overview of the recommendations from members of the Working Group regarding improvements of the reporting format and guidelines. The Working Group will be invited to agree on these recommendations and may wish to request the secretariat to forward them to the next Working Group for its update of the reporting format and guidelines for the next reporting round. The secretariat will also report on the result of its inquiry to restrict the editing of some parts of the reporting format in the future.

*Expected timing: 15h45-16h15*

**(d) Other business related to the implementation of the Convention**

The Working Group may wish to discuss further issues resulting from the review of the national implementation reports, including:

- (i) whether clarifications and engagement with countries that are not benefitting from the Assistance and Cooperation Programme should be sought.
- (ii) the outcome of Mr. Buljan's inquiry, why an accident that occurred in Croatia and affected Slovenia, was not included in the Slovenian implementation report.
- (iii) Proposing to the Bureau, for its possible inclusion into the Convention's next workplan, the organization of a seminar to exchange experiences on the good practices mentioned in the national implementation reports.

*Expected timing: 16h15-17h30*

**3. Assistance and Cooperation Programme**

**(a) Update on implemented and planned activities**

The secretariat will provide an update of the developments related to the assistance activities since the last meeting of the Working Group as well as of the activities planned for 2020 under the Assistance and Cooperation Programme. The members of the Working Group will be invited to provide advice, if any, on the implementation of the activities.

*Expected timing: 09h15-09h30*

**(b) Teleconferences and engagement with beneficiary countries of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme on implementation issues**

At its thirty-ninth meeting (Geneva, 21-23 January 2020), the Working Group recommended to invite Georgia, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan to a teleconference at its next meeting, considering alternatively also Uzbekistan. The secretariat will provide further information on its contacts with the countries and the schedule for the teleconferences at the meeting. The Working Group on Implementation, in particular the members of respective subregional groups,<sup>1</sup> will be invited to present the agenda of the teleconference, proposed questions/issues and to lead the discussion with the respective Focal Points.

At its thirty-ninth meeting, the Working Group held a teleconference with Montenegro. The small group for South-Eastern Europe will be invited to report on the implementation of the agreed follow-up actions and make recommendations for how to proceed.

At its thirty-seventh meeting (Geneva, 11 February 2019), the Working Group held a teleconference with Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan. The small groups for the Caucasus and Central Asia will be invited to report on the implementation of the agreed follow-up actions and make recommendations for how to proceed.

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<sup>1</sup> Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia): Mr. Gonzalez (Switzerland) and Ms. Bouman (Netherlands); Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan): Ms. Fridh (Sweden), Ms. Tsarina (Russian Federation) and Ms. Vizbule (Latvia); Eastern Europe (Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine): Mr. Chukharev (Belarus) and Mr. Iberl (Germany); South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia): Mr. Buljan (Croatia), Ms. McCann (United Kingdom) and Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic (Serbia).

At its thirty-sixth meeting (Munich, Germany, 13-14 June 2018), the Working Group held a teleconference with Armenia and the Republic of Moldova. The small groups for the Caucasus and Eastern Europe will be invited to report on the implementation of the agreed follow-up actions and make recommendations for how to proceed.

The Working Group will be invited to make recommendations for countries to be invited to a teleconference at its next meeting.

*Expected timing: 09h30-11h15, including a 15-minutes break at approx. 10h45*

**(c) Update on the country dossiers and engagement strategies**

The members of the subregional groups will be invited to present their updated country dossiers and country engagement strategies, including recommendations for next steps, for discussion with all members of the Working Group on Implementation.

*Expected timing: 11h15-11h45*

**(d) Other business related to monitoring the implementation of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme**

(i) Presentation of activities carried out under the Assistance and Cooperation Programme at the upcoming eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-11) (Bonn, Germany, 1-3 December 2020), with examples of the evaluation of effectiveness;

(ii) Outstanding items from previous meeting minutes, including the Working Group's review and feedback on the demonstration tool, prepared based on the Benchmarks document (item 25 of the Minutes of the Thirty-seventh meeting).

*Expected timing: 11h45-12h15*

**Background documents:**

- Engagement strategies for beneficiary countries of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme, available at <https://wiki.unece.org/display/TAAP/Country+Dossiers>.

*Lunch break: 12h15-13h15*

**4. Composition of the next Working Group on Implementation**

In view of the elections for the Working Group on Implementation at the CoP-11, members of the Working Group may wish to indicate or confirm, if possible, their availability to serve as a member for the next four-year term (2021–2024). Members of the Working Group will also be invited to inform about their planned attendance at CoP-11.

*Expected timing: 13h15-13h35*

**5. Other business**

Members of the Working Group wishing to raise other business should contact the secretariat as soon as possible.

*Expected timing: 13h35-13h50*

**6. Closing of the meeting**

The Chair will close the meeting at about 2 p.m. on 13 May 2020.