

**Extract from the report of the Seventh Meeting of Conference of the Parties of the Industrial Accidents Convention**  
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**III. Implementation of the Convention**

**A. Activities of the Working Group on Implementation and the sixth report on the Convention's implementation**

12. Mr. Hem, the outgoing Chair of the Working Group on Implementation, reported on the Working Group's activities and meetings since the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. He informed the Conference of the status of reporting on the implementation of the Convention by Parties and other ECE member States within the sixth round of reporting.

13. In the ensuing discussion, delegates emphasized the value and necessity of reporting. The EU encouraged the secretariat to identify issues of common interest and to facilitate the dissemination of good practices from those countries with an advanced level of implementation. The Conference stressed the issue of timely and qualitative reporting by Parties and by beneficiary countries of the Convention's Assistance Programme.

14. The Conference noted and shared the Working Group's concern that one Party — the Russian Federation — and six beneficiary countries of the Assistance Programme — Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan — had failed to report. The Conference mandated the Bureau to explore the reasons and possible solutions for non-reporting by the beneficiary countries that were not Parties. The representatives of two of the countries concerned, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine, explained the particular challenge that they faced because of the frequently changing roles and responsibilities in their national authorities.

15. The Conference regretted the failure of the Russian Federation to report in compliance with its legal obligations under the Convention (article 23). The Conference requested the ECE Executive Secretary to write to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to communicate its concern and to ask for the country to report on its implementation of the Convention.

16. In addition, the Conference invited the Working Group on the Development of the Convention to consider possible remedies for non-compliance with the reporting requirement.

17. The Conference also urged those beneficiary countries of the Assistance Programme that were not Parties to the Convention to comply with their commitment to report on implementation. It requested the ECE Executive Secretary to write to the respective ministers responsible for the countries' competent authorities to remind them of their earlier commitment to report.