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on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context
Second meeting
(Sofia, 26-27 February 2001)
(Item 4 (x) of the provisional agenda)

DRAFT DECISION TO BE TAKEN AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PARTIES
Submitted by the Working Group

**DECISION II/10
REVIEW OF THE CONVENTION**

The Meeting,

Acknowledging the review of the implementation of Agenda 21 and in particular principle 17 of the Rio Declaration on environmental impact assessment,

Having considered the results of the activities undertaken in accordance with the work-plan adopted at the first meeting, in particular the outcome of the workshop on recent EIA developments and links with other ECE conventions as well as of the workshop on amendments to the Convention and its proposal for particular amendments,

Welcoming the substantial findings of these workshops,

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Stressing the need to take into account all experience gained in the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling its commitment to providing for further and more active participation of the public and NGOs in the activities and the meetings under the Convention,

Recognizing the value of a comprehensive package of amendments,

1. Decides that the Convention merits review to make it more effective;
2. Establishes a task force with the following mandate:
 - (a) To undertake a comprehensive review of the Convention based on: i) experience gained in its implementation; and ii) recent developments in environmental impact assessment at national and international levels as well as in other ECE environmental conventions.
 - (b) To identify the areas in need of amendment; and
 - (c) To develop proposals for possible amendments including their rationale.
3. Decides that the Task Force will report to the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment with a view to facilitating the proposal of amendments for consideration and possible adoption at the third meeting of the Parties.