

# Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Geneva, 7–9 December 2020

## Overview of important dates, deadlines and logistical information

This document provides important dates, deadlines and logistical information for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-11). Due to the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, CoP-11 will be held from 7–9 December 2020 in Geneva as a hybrid meeting, including in-person and remote participation. The meeting will comprise three 2-hour sessions and have a virtual platform for delegates to remotely follow and participate in deliberations and take decisions. The meeting is planned to be interpreted into the 3 official UNECE languages: English, French and Russian.<sup>1</sup> The rules of procedure of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties will apply. Operating procedures to facilitate remote participation and decision-making in meetings of the Conference of the Parties due to extraordinary circumstances have been endorsed by the Bureau and recommended for adoption and use at CoP-11. They supplement the rules of procedure which continue to apply in full. In preparation for CoP-11, delegates are encouraged to attend two virtual events: the CoP-11 advance information session (30 October 2020); and the seminar on mine tailing safety (1 December 2020).

Important dates and deadlines for delegates	
28 September 2020	Availability of official documents in English at <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53220">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53220</a>
12 October 2020	<b>Deadline</b> to submit nominations for candidates for the Bureau (2021–2022) and Working Group on Implementation (2021–2024) elections (*Party delegations only) to the secretariat at <a href="mailto:ece-teia.conv@un.org">ece-teia.conv@un.org</a>
22 October 2020	<b>Deadline</b> to register for CoP-11 on Indico, including indication of remote participation and the head of delegation: <a href="https://indico.un.org/event/32046/">https://indico.un.org/event/32046/</a>
24 October 2020	Envisaged availability of official documents in French and Russian at <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53220">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=53220</a> <sup>2</sup>
26 October 2020	Secretariat to communicate list of candidates for the Bureau and Working Group on Implementation elections, available on the meeting webpage
30 October 2020	CoP-11 advance information session, Geneva (online): <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=55199">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=55199</a>
9 November 2020	<b>Deadline</b> to email comments on the draft workplan (2021–2022), draft operating procedures and three draft decisions (see below) to the Chairperson and the secretariat (*Party delegations only)
27 November 2020	<b>Deadline</b> to email advance copies of credentials to the secretariat, through the Geneva-based permanent missions (*Party delegations only)
1 December 2020	Seminar on mine tailings safety, Geneva (online): <a href="http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=55197">http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=55197</a>

<sup>1</sup> The final decision on the provision of interpretation, along with the allocation of the meeting room rests with the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

<sup>2</sup> Depending on processing time of translations on the side of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

By 4 December 2020 <sup>3</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pre-registered delegates who participate remotely to receive a secure link to the virtual meeting platform through their registered email address;</li> <li>- In-person participants to receive information on accessing the conference room, safety measures and the hybrid format of CoP-11</li> <li>- All participants to also receive a user guide for the virtual platform</li> </ul>
By 7 December, before 10:00 (start of the meeting)	<b>Deadline</b> to deliver originals of credentials by post or hand to the secretariat, through the Geneva-based permanent missions; if prevented by exceptional circumstances, deliver them soon as feasible (*Party delegations only)
7–9 December 2020	Login to the virtual platform by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 on 7 December (60 minutes prior to sessions beginning); and</li> <li>• 9:30 on 8 and 9 December (30 minutes prior to sessions beginning)</li> </ul>

**Documents to be reviewed and commented on in advance for adoption at the meeting:**

1. Draft decision on strengthening mine tailings safety in the ECE region (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/3)
2. Draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/6)
3. Priorities, workplan and resources for the Convention for 2021–2022 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/9)
4. Draft decision on guiding principles for financial assistance (ECE/CP.TEIA/2020/10)
5. 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)

**Connection to the virtual platform:** All remote participants, especially representatives of the Parties, should ensure a secure and stable internet connection throughout the meeting, ideally through a LAN network cable or, just in case no other connection is available, through Wi-Fi (generally less stable).

**Meeting webpage:** Practical information on Indico registration, credentials, all official documents (including the draft workplan, the draft operating procedures, the draft decisions) and on the virtual platform will be available [on UNECE's website](#).

**Secretariat contact:** [ece-teia.conv@un.org](mailto:ece-teia.conv@un.org)

**Time zone:** All times provided refer to Central European Time (CET)

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<sup>3</sup> The timing of the sending of the secure link is determined by the UNOG Conference Services. Once provided to UNECE, it will be promptly shared with registered delegates.