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DRAFT DECISION

**ON THE PRIORITIES, PROGRAMME OF WORK AND RESOURCES
UNDER THE CONVENTION FOR 2005-2006**

The Conference of the Parties,

1. Sets the following priorities for its future activities:
 - (a) Provision, on a need-driven basis, of assistance to Parties in implementing the Convention and to other UNECE member countries in ratifying or acceding to it;
 - (b) Further progress in the identification of hazardous activities and especially their notification to neighbouring Parties;
 - (c) Promotion of measures to prevent industrial accidents, including accidental water pollution;
 - (d) Promotion of bilateral cooperation under the Convention, in particular in implementing preparedness and response measures; and

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(e) Improvement of the efficiency of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System;

2. Adopts the programme of work under the Convention, including the updated long-term programme of work as set out in annex I, Part One, and the work plan for 2005-2006 as set out in annex I, Part Two, to this decision;

3. Requests the Parties and invites Governments of other UNECE member countries to actively participate in the implementation of the work plan for 2005-2006 and invites Parties to take the lead in specific projects within the work plan;

4. Decides that the Parties will contribute financially and/or in kind to the budget of the Convention on a voluntary basis and recommends them to make their contributions as soon as possible;

5. Invites other UNECE member countries to contribute to this budget as well;

6. Welcomes the contributions to the budget pledged by the following Parties to the Convention: and by the following other UNECE member countries:;

7. Accepts the secretariat's report on the use of financial resources under the Convention in 2000-2004 (CP.TEIA/2004/5) and adopts the budget of the Convention for the 2005-2006 period as set out in annex II to this decision;

8. Endorses the guiding principles for financial assistance to support the participation of experts and representatives from countries with economies in transition in meetings organized within its framework, depending on the availability of funds, as set out in annex III to this decision;

9. Invites the Executive Secretary of UNECE, strengthened with additional extrabudgetary resources, to continue to provide secretariat support for the tasks outlined in the work plan for 2005-2006;

10. Requests the UNECE secretariat to manage the voluntary financial contributions in agreement with the donor countries/institutions;

11. Requests its Bureau to draw up, with the support of the UNECE secretariat, a budget for the next two-year period for adoption at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex I

PROGRAMME OF WORK UNDER THE CONVENTION

The present annex sets out the long-term programme of work (Part One) as well as the work plan for the years 2005-2006 (Part Two) under the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents. The Conference of the Parties agreed that when implementing the long-term programme of work and the work plan for 2005-2006 the work done by other international organizations should be duly considered with a view to developing synergies and avoiding duplication of efforts.

Part One

LONG-TERM PROGRAMME OF WORK

The following long-term programme of work contains the intergovernmental tasks either provided for in the Convention or proposed by the Conference of the Parties at its first, second and third meetings.

PROGRAMME AREA 1: Monitoring of and assistance in the implementation of the Convention

1.1 Implementation of the Convention

Description: The Parties are to establish or designate one or more competent authorities for the purposes of the Convention (art. 17, para. 1). They also have to implement the Convention without undue delay and report on its implementation (art. 23). The Conference of the Parties will regularly review the implementation of the Convention (art. 18, para. 2 (a)). Other UNECE member countries are encouraged to ratify the Convention or accede to it as soon as possible and to report on its implementation using the same reporting format.

Work accomplished: The UNECE secretariat maintained an up-to-date list of competent authorities, available on the Convention's web site (<http://www.unece.org/env/teia/authorities.htm>). With the assistance of the secretariat and based on individual country implementation reports, the Working Group on Implementation, established by the Conference of the Parties (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex III, decision 2000/2 on the implementation of the Convention), prepared the second report on the implementation of the Convention. The Bureau prepared a draft decision containing conclusions and recommendations drawn up on the basis of the report. The Conference of the Parties discussed the current status of the Convention's implementation and adopted a decision on strengthening the Convention's implementation at its third meeting.

Work to be undertaken: The UNECE secretariat will continue to maintain an up-to-date list of competent authorities. The Working Group on Implementation will further monitor the implementation of the Convention. It will prepare further reports on the implementation of the Convention, draw conclusions from these reports, make draft recommendations to strengthen its implementation and submit these to the Conference of the Parties for discussion and adoption. The Working Group's reports on implementation will be publicly available on the Convention's web site and the individual country reports will be available only to competent authorities through a password-protected folder.

1.2 Assistance to Parties in implementing the Convention and to Signatories and other UNECE member countries wishing to become a Party in ratifying the Convention

Description: The Parties and other UNECE member countries are invited to report on the accession/ratification and implementation of the Convention and on the difficulties that they have encountered in this process. They will do this within the framework of their individual country implementation reports. The Conference of the Parties will identify obstacles in the implementation of the Convention and in the accession/ratification processes and provide the necessary assistance wherever possible and requested.

Work accomplished: A subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention was held in Erevan on 13-15 March 2003. A background paper on key obstacles to acceding to and implementing the Convention by Caucasian and Central Asian countries was prepared for the workshop on the basis of their responses to a questionnaire. The workshop identified the needs of these countries and elements for an internationally supported assistance programme. The Conference of the Parties discussed the outcome of the subregional workshop and endorsed its report and conclusions. Taking into account the workshop's conclusions and the recommendations contained in the second implementation report, it also adopted an action-oriented document launching an internationally supported assistance programme to enhance the efforts of the Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian (EECCA) countries as well as the South-Eastern European (SEE) countries in implementing the Convention.

Work to be undertaken: The Bureau together with the Working Group on Implementation will continue to review the needs and difficulties of countries, in particular the EECCA and SEE countries. Further activities aimed at facilitating the implementation and/or accession/ratification of the Convention such as workshops, seminars, exchange of experts, study tours, training sessions, awareness raising activities aimed at local capacity-building will be organized within the framework of the internationally supported assistance programme. In addition, bilateral assistance projects will be further encouraged.

PROGRAMME AREA 2: Scope of the Convention

2.1 Hazardous substances

Description: Annex I to the Convention defines categories of substances and preparations (part I) and named substances (part II) and their quantities for the purpose of defining hazardous activities under the Convention.

Work accomplished: Expert work was completed at the European Community level, in cooperation with UNECE, to re-evaluate the threshold quantities of substances "dangerous for the environment".

Work to be undertaken: The Conference of the Parties will discuss the recommendations of the European Community's Technical Working Group 7 (operating in the UNECE context as well) concerning possible modifications to annex I to the Convention, at its fourth meeting. According to annex XII, paragraph 1 (c), to the Convention, information on hazardous substances including their relevant characteristics and information on how to deal with them will be made widely available. Furthermore, according to paragraph 1 (f) of the same annex, a list of hazardous substances covered by annex I, part I, will be established and made widely available.

2.2 Hazardous activities

Description: According to article 4, paragraph 1, of the Convention, Parties are to identify any proposed or existing hazardous activities that are capable of causing transboundary effects in the event of an accident and to notify potentially affected Parties of such activities.

Work accomplished: In order to ensure that all Parties take the same approach when identifying hazardous activities, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex IV, decision 2000/3), in accordance with article 18, paragraph 6. At the request of the Conference of the Parties, at its second meeting, the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents reviewed the water-path-related location criterion for the purpose of identifying hazardous activities capable of causing transboundary effects on transboundary waters and proposed to amend it. At its fifth meeting (18-19 March 2004), the Bureau discussed it, modified it and submitted it together with a draft decision to the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties considered the Bureau's proposal to amend the guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention and took a decision in this respect at its third meeting. A number of Parties identified their hazardous activities and reported them within their implementation reports but to a lesser extent notified them to neighbouring countries.

Work to be undertaken: Information on hazardous activities will be maintained by the Working Group on Implementation, with the assistance of the secretariat, on the basis of the individual country implementation reports and made available to competent authorities through a password-protected folder within the Convention's web site. A map showing the locations of the hazardous activities may be produced at a later stage.

PROGRAMME AREA 3: Prevention of industrial accidents

3.1 Prevention of industrial accidents

Description: According to article 6, paragraph 1, the Parties are required to take appropriate measures to prevent industrial accidents. According to paragraph 2 of the same article, they are also obliged to see that operators of hazardous activities take action to reduce the risk of industrial accidents and demonstrate the safe performance of such activities. The Parties to the Industrial Accidents and the Water Conventions agreed to cooperate closely on issues related to the prevention of accidental pollution of transboundary waters. Cooperation with the business sector will be strengthened, for instance by organizing joint workshops, seminars and study tours.

Work accomplished: The joint ad hoc group of experts on water and industrial accidents continued its work concentrating on the prevention of accidental water pollution, as jointly decided by the Conference of the Parties and the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention. The expert group's work programme was agreed on by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex VI, decision 2000/5 on the prevention of accidental water pollution, para. 7). The joint expert group also started work on a common reporting scheme on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar (CEP/WG.4/SEM.1/1999/3, annex I). It also reviewed the water-related location criterion contained in the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention. The Conference of the Parties, at its third meeting, endorsed the group's oral report on progress in implementing its tasks.

Work to be undertaken: The Conference of the Parties, together with the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, will review the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar with the assistance of the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents. The group will evaluate the responses to a reporting scheme and prepare an overall implementation report for consideration by the Conference of the Parties and the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention in 2006. The Conference of the Parties, with the assistance of the joint ad hoc expert group, will promote policies and best practices aimed at increasing the safety of industrial operations, in particular hazardous activities, through the sharing of experience and will facilitate the provision of technical assistance, especially to countries with economies in transition.

PROGRAMME AREA 4: Points of contact and industrial accident notification

4.1 UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System

Description: According to article 17, paragraphs 2 and 3, the Parties are requested to designate or establish one point of contact for industrial accident notification and one for mutual assistance. These points of contact should preferably be the same. Parties are also to notify other Parties through the UNECE secretariat within three months of the date of entry into force of the Convention which bodies have been designated as points of contact.

According to article 17, paragraph 4, the Parties have to notify other Parties through the UNECE secretariat of any changes in the contact details of their points of contact within one month of such decision. Other UNECE member countries that have not yet designated or established a point of contact are invited to do so as soon as possible and notify the secretariat accordingly. An up-to-date list of points of contact is available with restricted access on the Convention's web site.

Work accomplished: In order to make the notification procedure between the points of contact as efficient as possible and in accordance with articles 10, 12 and 17 as well as annex XII, paragraph 1 (a), to the Convention, the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System (UNECE IAN System) was developed under the auspices of the Meeting of the Signatories. The Conference of the Parties accepted it (CP.TEIA/2000/5) at its first meeting for notifying, at the national level, a major accident, which causes or is capable of causing transboundary effects or an imminent threat thereof (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex II, decision 2000/1 on the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System). Thirty-seven UNECE member countries and the European Commission have so far designated points of contact. The UNECE secretariat maintained an up-to-date list of the points of contact, available on the Convention's web site (<http://www.unece.org/env/teia/contact.htm>) with restricted access. The UNECE IAN System was last tested on 9 November 2003 by Slovakia. The first consultation and the training session for points of contact for the purpose of accident notification and mutual assistance designated within the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System were held in Bratislava on 10-11 November 2003. Following a recommendation of the consultation, a task force on the procedures and reports within the UNECE IAN System was established and held its first meeting in Geneva on 22 June 2004. The Conference of the Parties considered the task force's recommendations and amended the UNECE IAN System. A meeting between UNECE, the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit and the European Commission took place on 21 June 2004 with the aim of harmonizing reports for accident notification and assistance requests.

Work to be undertaken: The UNECE secretariat will continue to update the list of points of contact and keep it available with restricted access on the Convention's web site. According to annex IX,

paragraph 4, to the Convention, the UNECE IAN System will further be periodically tested on a subregional basis and reviewed to ensure that it is operational at all times. Furthermore, a manual for the points of contact will be developed. Cooperation with other institutions operating notification and alarm systems, in particular with systems developed and operational within the framework of the Water Convention, will be established to ensure the most effective flow of information and achieve better harmonization. Training of the personnel of points of contact will be continued, in accordance with annex IX, paragraph 4, to the Convention. The above tasks will be carried out as part of consultations of the points of contact. Reports on the consultations of the points of contact and on their work will be made available to the Conference of the Parties.

PROGRAMME AREA 5: Emergency preparedness, response and mutual assistance

5.1 Emergency preparedness and response

Description: According to article 8, paragraph 1, the Parties have to establish and maintain adequate measures to respond to industrial accidents and to mitigate the transboundary effects of such accidents. Furthermore, the Parties are required to prepare and implement on- and off-site contingency plans and provide information on them to each other in order to make the latter compatible, in accordance with article 8, paragraphs 2 to 4. Furthermore, according to article 10, paragraph 3, and article 11, paragraph 1, the Parties are required to activate response measures and contingency plans in the event of an industrial accident.

Work accomplished: The Conference of the Parties and the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents promoted cooperation between Parties, and in particular, the sharing of experience in implementing preparedness and response measures. To this end, two response exercises were held under the joint auspices of the Conference of the Parties and the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention: (i) International workshop and exercise on industrial safety and water protection in transboundary river basins - Tiszaújváros (Hungary), 3-5 October 2001; and (ii) Polish-Russian transboundary response exercise "Kotki 2002" and the international seminar on the preparedness for and response to industrial accidents and the mitigation of their transboundary effects – Ketrzyn (Poland), 13-15 June 2002.

Work to be undertaken: Experience will be further shared and assistance provided in establishing and implementing preparedness and response measures. The organization of further bilateral and multilateral response exercises will be encouraged and supported.

5.2 Provision of mutual assistance

Description: According to article 12 of the Convention, Parties may ask for assistance from other Parties in the event of an industrial accident. A Party to whom a request is directed shall promptly decide whether it is in a position to render the assistance and inform the requesting Party accordingly.

Work to be undertaken: According to article 18, paragraph 2 (b), the Conference of the Parties shall facilitate the provision of technical assistance and advice at the request of Parties faced with industrial accidents. The Conference of the Parties may also decide to strengthen cooperation with other international organizations and institutions, and in particular with the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit, with a view to better coordinating and harmonizing assistance procedures.

PROGRAMME AREA 6: Responsibility and liability

6.1 Responsibility and liability regime

Description: According to article 13 of the Convention, Parties shall support appropriate international efforts to draw up rules, criteria and procedures in the field of responsibility and liability.

Work accomplished: In 2000, following the accident at Baia Mare (Romania), the delegation of Switzerland proposed to launch negotiations of a protocol on civil liability to both the UNECE Conventions on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. At their joint special session, held at Geneva on 2-3 July 2001, the two governing bodies decided to launch an intergovernmental negotiation process to draw up a legally binding instrument for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities within the framework of both Conventions. To this end, the Parties established an Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability (ECE/MP.WAT/7 - ECE/CP.TEIA/5). The negotiation process to draw up the instrument was completed within seven meetings of the Working Group. The Parties to both Conventions adopted the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters at their second joint special session on 21 May 2003. The Protocol was signed by 24 UNECE member countries and so far ratified by one.

Work to be undertaken: Promotion of the early entry into force of the Protocol. Make preparations for a third joint special session, preferably in 2006 at which UNECE member countries would report on the steps that they have taken to ratify the Protocol. Set the thresholds, limits of liability and minimum limits of financial securities for pipelines referred to in article 29, paragraph 2, of the Protocol. Eventually, make preparations for the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

PROGRAMME AREA 7: Scientific and technological cooperation

7.1 Facilitation of the exchange of information and safety technologies

Description: According to articles 14, 15 and 16 of the Convention, the Parties shall initiate and cooperate in research and development of technologies for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents; exchange reasonably obtainable information; and facilitate the exchange of the above technologies.

Work accomplished: The Conference of the Parties promoted the exchange of information, safety management systems and safety technologies between Parties and other UNECE member countries. At its second meeting, the Parties considered procedures to create more favourable conditions for such exchange, according to article 18, paragraph 5, of the Convention, and endorsed the conclusions drawn by participants of the workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety management systems and safety technologies.

Work to be undertaken: The Conference of the Parties will further promote multilateral and bilateral cooperation aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and safety technologies among the Parties to the Convention. It will also promote education and training on the application of preventive, preparedness and response measures by means of workshops, seminars and training sessions.

According to annex XII, paragraph 1 (d), to the Convention, a register of institutions and experts capable of providing assistance regarding preventive, preparedness and response measures will be established. The Conference of the Parties may take measures to inspect hazardous activities and provide assistance in organizing national inspections by these institutions and experts, at the request of a Party, in accordance with annex XII, paragraph 3 (b), to the Convention.

PROGRAMME AREA 8: Past industrial accidents

8.1 Reporting of past industrial accidents

Description: In accordance with annex XII, paragraphs 1 (b) and 2 (a), to the Convention, a databank for the reception, processing and distribution of information on past industrial accidents should be established and maintained.

Work accomplished: The Conference of the Parties established the UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System to be used by Parties and other UNECE member countries when reporting past industrial accidents with transboundary effects. Furthermore, the Conference accepted the proposal of the European Commission to make available the UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System and operate it within the framework of its existing EU-Major Accident Reporting System (MARS). To this end, the terms of reference for the cooperation between the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the European Commission's Directorate General – Joint Research Centre (DG-JRC) were adopted (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex V, decision 2000/4 on the reporting of past industrial accidents).

Work to be undertaken: The Parties to the Convention, as well as other UNECE member countries wishing to do so, will designate contact persons responsible for reporting on past industrial accidents. The necessary software support will be provided to them by the Major Accident Hazards Bureau of the DG-JRC. Parties and other UNECE member countries will report on industrial accidents with transboundary effects using the UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System. The Conference of the Parties will periodically review the process of reporting past industrial accidents as well as the conclusions drawn and lessons learnt from these accidents on the basis of reports prepared by the Major Accident Hazards Bureau. Information on past industrial accidents will be made available to all UNECE member countries in order to strengthen the prevention, preparedness and response to industrial accidents.

Part Two

WORK PLAN FOR THE YEARS 2005-2006

The following are specific programme elements selected from the long-term programme of work (Part One) as priority tasks to be implemented in 2005-2006.

PROGRAMME AREA 1: Monitoring of and assistance in the implementation of the Convention

1.1 Implementation of the Convention

- 1.1.1 Maintenance of the list of competent authorities and of the password-protected folder containing individual country implementation reports within the Convention's web site (UNECE secretariat);
- 1.1.2 Preparation of the third report on the implementation of the Convention (Working Group on Implementation);
- 1.1.3 Drawing-up of draft conclusions and recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the basis of the report on the Convention's implementation (Working Group on Implementation).

1.2 Assistance to Parties in implementing the Convention and to Signatories and other UNECE member countries wishing to become a Party in ratifying the Convention

- 1.2.1 Organization of a meeting in order to obtain a firm commitment from the authorities at ministerial level of the EECCA and SEE countries towards the practical application of the basic tasks of the Convention and to have these countries demonstrate their interest and readiness to receive external assistance to implement the more complex tasks required by the Convention (Ministers of competent authorities from EECCA and SEE countries /Bureau/Working Group on Implementation/UNECE secretariat);
- 1.2.2 Organization of field missions and/or meetings with high-level officials from the EECCA and SEE countries (Bureau/Working Group on Implementation/UNECE secretariat);

PROGRAMME AREA 2: Scope of the Convention

2.1 Hazardous activities

- 2.1.1 Maintenance of information on hazardous activities in a password-protected folder within the Convention's web site (Working Group on Implementation/UNECE secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 3: Prevention of industrial accidents

3.1 Prevention of accidental water pollution

- 3.1.1 Continuation of work on the prevention of accidental water pollution as specified in decision 2000/5 on the prevention of accidental water pollution (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex VI) (Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents);
- 3.1.2 Preparation of a report on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar (CEP/WG.4/SEM.1/1999/3, annex I) (Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents);
- 3.1.3 Organization of technical visits, in conjunction with a meeting of the joint expert group, to hazardous activities to study the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar (Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents/Conventions' secretariats).

PROGRAMME AREA 4: Points of contact and industrial accident notification

4.1 UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System

- 4.1.1 Maintenance of the list of points of contact (UNECE secretariat);
- 4.1.2 Testing of the UNECE IAN System (Points of contact/UNECE secretariat);
- 4.1.3 Review of the UNECE IAN System and organization of consultations/training sessions for personnel of points of contact (Points of contact/UNECE secretariat);
- 4.1.4 Harmonization of the UNECE IAN System with other notification and alarm systems (Points of contact/UNECE secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 5: Emergency preparedness, response and mutual assistance

5.1 Emergency preparedness and response

- 5.1.1 Organization of transboundary response exercises to simulated industrial accidents (Bureau/UNECE secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 6: Responsibility and liability

6.1 Responsibility and liability regime

- 6.1.1 Promotion of the early entry into force of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (Bureau in cooperation with the Bureau of the Water Convention/Conventions' secretariats);

- 6.1.2 Make preparations for a third joint special session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention and the Conference of the Parties, to take place preferably in 2006, at which the Parties would be able to report on the steps taken to ratify the Protocol (Bureau in cooperation with the Bureau of the Water Convention/Conventions' secretariats).

PROGRAMME AREA 7: Scientific and technological cooperation

7.1 Exchange of information and safety technologies

- 7.1.1 Initiation of country partnerships, training programmes and exchange of experts and enhancement of cooperation with international financial institutions and the European Union in this respect (Bureau);
- 7.1.2 Establishment of a register of institutions and experts capable of providing assistance regarding preventive, preparedness and response measures (Parties/UNECE secretariat).

PROGRAMME AREA 8: Past industrial accidents

8.1 Reporting of past industrial accidents

- 8.1.1 Operation of the UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System, within the framework of the existing EU-Major Accident Reporting System (MARS), and distribution of information on past industrial accidents (Major Accident Hazards Bureau/UNECE secretariat).

Annex II
Resource requirements for 2005-2006

No. <u>a/</u>	Programme area/element/activity	Lead country/institution supporting countries/institutions	Contributions	Expected budget	Expected output
1.	Monitoring of and assistance in the implementation of the Convention				
1.1	Implementation of the Convention				
1.1.1	Maintenance of the list of competent authorities and of the password-protected folder containing individual country implementation reports within the Convention's web site	UNECE secretariat All Parties			List of competent authorities on the web site
1.1.2	Preparation of the third report on the implementation of the Convention to be available on the Convention's web site	Working Group on Implementation All Parties		€4,000	Third report on the implementation of the Convention
1.1.3	Drawing-up of conclusions and recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the basis of the report on the Convention's implementation	Working Group on Implementation			Conclusions and recommendations for adoption by the Conference of the Parties
1.2	Assistance to Parties in implementing the Convention and to Signatories and other UNECE member countries wishing to become a Party in ratifying the Convention				
1.2.1	Organization of a meeting in order to obtain a firm commitment from the authorities at ministerial level of the EECCA and SEE countries towards the practical application of the basic tasks of the Convention and to have these countries demonstrate their interest and readiness to receive external assistance to implement the more complex tasks required by the Convention	EECCA and SEE countries Bureau Working Group on Implementation UNECE secretariat	To be arranged by the Bureau	€78,000	Commitments to implement the assistance programme
1.2.2	Organization of field missions and/or meetings with high-level officials from the EECCA and SEE countries	Bureau Working Group on Implementation UNECE secretariat		€45,000/68,000	Verification of implementation of part one and definition of needs for part two of the assistance programme

No. <u>a/</u>	Programme area/element/activity	Lead country/institution supporting countries/institutions	Contributions	Expected budget	Expected output
2.	Scope of the Convention				
2.1	Hazardous activities				
2.1.1	Maintenance of information on hazardous activities in a password-protected folder within the Convention's web site	Working Group on Implementation All Parties/UNECE secretariat			Information on hazardous activities
3.	Prevention of industrial accidents				
3.1	Prevention of accidental water pollution				
3.1.1	Continuation of work on the prevention of accidental water pollution as specified in decision 2000/5 on the prevention of accidental water pollution	Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents Hungary/Switzerland	<i>Host countries</i> (in kind - two meeting)	€10,000	Implementation of the programme of work
3.1.2	Preparation of a report on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar	Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents			Implementation report
3.1.3	Organization of technical visits, in conjunction with a meeting of the joint expert group, to hazardous activities to study the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar	<i>Host countries</i> Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents Conventions' secretariats	<i>Host countries</i> (in kind - two visits)	€20,000	Implementation monitoring and lessons learnt
4	Points of contact and industrial accident notification				
4.1	UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System				
4.1.1	Maintenance of the list of points of contact	UNECE secretariat Points of contact			List of points of contact on the web site
4.1.2	Testing of the UNECE IAN System	Points of contact UNECE secretariat		€2,000	Test of the System
4.1.3	Review of the UNECE IAN System and organization of consultations/training sessions for personnel of points of contact	Poland Italy Points of contact UNECE secretariat	Italy	€20,000	Recommendations to make the System more effective and consultations/training sessions

No. <u>a/</u>	Programme area/element/activity	Lead country/institution supporting countries/institutions	Contributions	Expected budget	Expected output
4.1.4	Harmonization of the UNECE System with other notification and alarm systems	Points of contact Conventions' secretariats			Recommendations on harmonization
5.	Emergency preparedness, response and mutual assistance				
5.1	Emergency preparedness and response				
5.1.1	Organization of a transboundary response exercises to a simulated industrial accidents	<i>Host countries</i> UNECE secretariat	To be arranged by the Bureau and the UNECE secretariat with donors	€30,000	Exchange of experience in establishing and implementing preparedness and response measures
6.	Responsibility and liability				
6.1	Responsibility and liability regime				
6.1.1	Promotion of the early entry into force of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters	Bureau Conventions' secretariats			Entry into force
6.1.2	Make preparations for a third joint special session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention and the Conference of the Parties, to take place preferably in 2006, at which, among other things, the Parties would be able to report on the steps taken to ratify the Protocol	Bureau Conventions' secretariats		€20,000	Third joint special session, reports on ratification status
7.	Scientific and technological cooperation				
7.1	Exchange of information and safety technologies				
7.1.1	Initiation of country partnerships, training programmes and exchange of experts and enhancement of cooperation with international financial institutions and the European Union in this respect	Bureau	To be arranged by the Bureau and the UNECE secretariat with donors		Country partnerships, training programmes, exchange of experts

No. ^{a/}	Programme area/element/activity	Lead country/institution supporting countries/institutions	Contributions	Expected budget	Expected output
7.1.2	Establishment of a register of experts capable of providing assistance regarding preventive, preparedness and response measures	UNECE secretariat All Parties			Register of experts
8.	Past industrial accidents				
8.1	Reporting of past industrial accidents				
8.1.1	Operation of the UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System within the framework of the existing EU-Major Accident Reporting System (MARS) and distribution of information on past industrial accidents	European Commission - DG JRC UNECE secretariat	In kind In kind		UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System
	Fourth meeting of the Parties	<i>Host country</i> Bureau UNECE secretariat		€50,000	Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
	Two meetings of the Bureau (2005 and 2006)	Bureau UNECE secretariat	To be arranged by the Bureau	€7,000	Bureau meetings
	Promotion of the Convention and assistance in implementation of the work plan	UNECE secretariat Bureau	To be arranged by the Bureau and the UNECE secretariat with donors	€12,000	Promotional material, substantive background papers and equipment
	Additional staffing in the Convention's secretariat (2005-2006)		To be arranged by the secretariat with donors	€234,000	Initiation and monitoring of the assistance programme

^{a/} The numbers correspond to the ones assigned in the work plan for 2005-2006.

Annex III

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION IN MEETINGS ORGANIZED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

1. The following Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian (EECCA) countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan as well as the following South-Eastern European (SEE) countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are eligible for full financial assistance (travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance (DSA)) to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the framework of the Conference of the Parties. Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and the Russian Federation are eligible for partial financial assistance (DSA only).

2. The Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian (EECCA) countries and South-Eastern European (SEE) UNECE member countries, as defined for the purpose of the internationally supported assistance programme to enhance their efforts to implement the Industrial Accidents Convention, are eligible for full financial assistance (travel expenses and DSA) to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the programme.