

**DECISION 2002/3**  
**ON THE PRIORITIES, PROGRAMME OF WORK AND RESOURCES**  
**UNDER THE CONVENTION FOR 2003-2004**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the provisions of articles 18, paragraph 2 (b) and (c), and 4, and annex XII to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents,

Bearing in mind its decisions on strengthening the implementation of the Convention and on facilitating the exchange of safety technologies and of experience of safety management systems,

Recognizing that the successful implementation of the Convention and the work plan within its framework depends on adequate administrative and financial resources,

1. Sets the following priorities for its future activities:
  - (a) Provision of assistance to Parties in implementing the provisions of the Convention and to other UNECE member countries in ratifying or acceding to it so that as many as possible do so as soon as possible;
  - (b) Acceleration of the identification and notification of hazardous activities for the purpose of the Convention;
  - (c) Finalization of negotiations of a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities;
  - (d) Promotion of measures to prevent industrial accidents, especially accidental water pollution, thus protecting the public and the environment;
  - (e) Promotion of bilateral cooperation under the Convention, in particular in implementing preparedness and response measures;
  - (f) Improvement of the efficiency of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System;
  - (g) Encouragement of reporting of past industrial accidents and their analysis;
2. Adopts the programme of work under the Convention, including the updated long-term programme of work as set out in appendix I, Part One, and the work plan for 2003-2004 as set out in appendix 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 2003-2004 and 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 contribution of 50,000 Swiss francs to the budget pledged by Switzerland;
7. Accepts the secretariat's report on the use of financial resources under the Convention in 2001-2002 (CP.TEIA/2002/12) and adopts the budget of the Convention for the 2003-2004 period as set out in appendix 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 the framework of the Conference of the Parties, depending on the availability of funds, as set out in appendix 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 2003-2004;
10. Requests the UNECE secretariat to manage the voluntary financial contributions in agreement with the donor countries/institutions;
11. Requests the Bureau, with the support of the UNECE secretariat, to draw up a budget for the next two-year period for adoption at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

## **Appendix I**

### **PROGRAMME OF WORK UNDER THE CONVENTION**

#### **Introduction**

The present appendix sets out the long-term programme of work (Part One) as well as the work plan for the years 2003-2004 (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 2003-2004 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 and second 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 and made it available on the Convention's Internet home page (<http://www.unece.org/env/teia/authorities>). The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, established the Working Group on Implementation to assist the Conference in monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the Convention by the Parties and approved a reporting format to be used by Parties and other UNECE member countries (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex III, decision 2000/2 on the implementation of the Convention). With the assistance of the secretariat and based on individual country implementation reports, the Working Group on Implementation prepared the first report on the implementation of the Convention. The Working Group also prepared a draft decision on strengthening the implementation of the Convention containing 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 decision 2002/1 on strengthening the implementation of the Convention at its second 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. On the basis of the individual country implementation reports submitted by the Parties and other UNECE member countries wishing to do so, the Working Group will, with the assistance of the UNECE secretariat, 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 Internet home page and the individual country reports will be available only to competent authorities through a password-protected site.

## 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 difficulties they have encountered in the implementation of the Convention or in its accession/ratification. 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 background document for the subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention (originally scheduled for 19-21 September 2002, postponed until 13-15 March 2003) was prepared on the basis of replies from some newly independent States (NIS) to a questionnaire designed for this purpose. The Conference of the Parties discussed the background document for the workshop and endorsed it at its second meeting.

Work to be undertaken: A subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention will be held on 13-15 March 2003. The Bureau together with the Working Group on Implementation will continue to review the needs and difficulties of countries, in particular those with economies in transition, and will facilitate the provision of assistance wherever possible. Further workshops and seminars to facilitate the implementation and/or accession/ratification of the Convention will be organized at the request of a country or group of countries.

## **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, possibly at its third 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 case 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, pragmatic guidelines have been drawn up. Following article 18, paragraph 6, the Conference of the Parties adopted them at its first meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex IV, decision 2000/3 on the guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purposes of the Convention). A number of Parties notified their neighbouring countries of these hazardous activities and reported them within their implementation reports.

Work to be undertaken: The water-path-related criterion for the purpose of identifying hazardous activities capable of causing transboundary effects on transboundary waters contained in the Guidelines to facilitate the identification of hazardous activities for the purpose of the Convention (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, decision 2000/3, annex IV, appendix, paragraph 5 (b)) will be reviewed by the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents with a view to possibly suggesting a limitation of this criterion. 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 site on the Convention's Internet home page. 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 accidental water pollution**

Description: According to article 6, paragraph 1, of the Convention, 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, paragraph 7). The Conference of the Parties, at its second meeting, endorsed the group's progress report.

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 (CEP/WG.4/SEM.1/1999/3, annex I) with the assistance of the joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents. A common reporting scheme will be developed by the group, which will evaluate the responses and prepare an implementation report. 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 Internet home page.

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 (CP.TEIA/2000/5) was developed under the auspices of the Meeting of the Signatories. The Conference of the Parties accepted it 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 and made it available with restricted access on the Convention's Internet home page (<http://www.unece.org/env/teia/contact>). The UNECE System was tested twice in 2001, by Croatia and Hungary.

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 Internet home page. According to annex IX, paragraph 4, to the Convention, the UNECE System will further be periodically tested 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. Both practical events were supplemented by lectures: (i) International workshop and exercise on industrial safety and water protection in transboundary river basins - Tiszaújváros (Hungary), 3-5 October 2001 (Report: CP.TEIA/2001/6 – MP.WAT/WG.1/2001/4); 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 (Report: CP.TEIA/2002/4-MP.WAT/WG.1/2000/3). The Conference of the Parties endorsed the conclusions contained in the reports of both events at its second meeting.

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 Industrial Accidents and the Water Conventions. At their second meeting, the Parties to the Water Convention (on 23-25 March 2000) entrusted a task force on legal and administrative aspects to draw up a report identifying gaps in multilateral legislation on responsibility and liability and suggesting possible ways of bridging these gaps. Based on the



findings of this report, the Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, stressed the need for an appropriate regime, including a legally binding instrument, in the UNECE region on civil liability for damage caused by hazardous activities within the scope of both Conventions. The Conference of the Parties also entrusted its Bureau to work closely with the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention to prepare a joint special session of the governing bodies in 2001 with a view to considering entering into a negotiation process (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, annex VII, decision 2000/6 on responsibility and liability). 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, with a scope of application limited to damage due to an industrial accident occurring at a hazardous activity having caused transboundary effects on transboundary waters, is near completion. The Working Group has held four negotiation meetings so far.

Work to be undertaken: Finalization of negotiations to draw up a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities within the scope of the UNECE Industrial Accidents and the Water Conventions. Submission of the draft instrument to the governing bodies of the two Conventions at a special joint session for its adoption.

## **PROGRAMME AREA 7: Scientific and technological cooperation**

### 7.1 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. The workshop was held in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) on 4-5 November 2002, immediately before the meeting of the Conference.

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 data bank 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 2003-2004**

The following are specific programme elements selected from the long-term programme of work (Part One) as priority tasks to be implemented in the period between the second and third meetings of the Conference of the Parties (2003-2004).

#### **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 available on the Convention's Internet home page (UNECE secretariat);
- 1.1.2 Placement of the first report on the implementation of the Convention on the Convention's Internet home page and creation of a password-protected site to place individual country reports (UNECE secretariat);
- 1.1.3 Preparation of the second report on the implementation of the Convention. (Working Group on Implementation);
- 1.1.4 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 the subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention (Erevan, Armenia, 13-15 March 2003). (Armenia/Bureau/Working Group on Implementation/UNECE secretariat);
- 1.2.2 Drawing-up a needs-driven assistance programme to help countries in transition in acceding to and applying the Convention (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 on a password-protected site within the Convention's Internet home page (Working Group on Implementation/UNECE secretariat);
- 2.1.2 Review the water-path-related criterion for the purpose of identifying hazardous activities capable of causing transboundary effects on transboundary waters (Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial

accidents).

### **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 Drawing-up of a reporting scheme 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).

### **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/points of contact);
- 4.1.2 Testing of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System (European Community/points of contact/UNECE secretariat);
- 4.1.3 Review of the System and organization of consultations/training sessions for the personnel of points of contact (Slovakia/points of contact/ UNECE secretariat);
- 4.1.4 Facilitate the harmonization of the UNECE System with notification and alarm systems under the Water Convention (points of contact/Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents/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 a simulated industrial accident (Germany/Czech Republic/European Commission/UNECE secretariat).

## **PROGRAMME AREA 6: Responsibility and liability**

### 6.1 Responsibility and liability regime

- 6.1.1 Finalization of negotiations to draw up a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities within the scope of the UNECE Industrial Accidents and Water Conventions. (Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability/UNECE secretariat);
- 6.1.2 Organization of a joint special session of the two governing bodies to adopt the draft protocol upon its completion (Bureau/UNECE secretariat).

## **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 Organization of a training programme for experts from countries with economies in transition enhancing their knowledge and expertise in implementing safety measures (Germany);
- 7.1.3 Establishment of a register of institutions and experts capable of providing assistance regarding preventive, preparedness and response measures (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).

**Appendix II**  
**Resource requirements for 2003-2004**

No. a/	Programme area/element/activity	Lead country/institution supporting countries/institutions	Contributions	Expected budget	Expected output
<b>1.</b>	<b>Monitoring of and assistance in the implementation of the Convention</b>				
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Implementation of the Convention</b>				
1.1.1	Maintenance of the list of competent authorities available on the Convention's Internet home page	<b>UNECE secretariat</b>			List of competent authorities on the Internet
1.1.2	Placement of the first report on the implementation of the Convention on the Convention's Internet home page and creation of a password-protected site to place individual country reports	<b>UNECE secretariat</b>			Implementation reports on the Internet
1.1.3	Preparation of the second report on the implementation of the Convention	<b>Working Group on Implementation</b>	To be arranged by the Working Group	€ 10,000	Second report on the implementation of the Convention
1.1.4	Drawing-up of conclusions and recommendations to strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the basis of the report on the Convention's implementation	<b>Working Group on Implementation</b>	To be arranged by the Working Group		Conclusions and recommendations for adoption by the Conference of the Parties
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Assistance to Parties in implementing the Convention and to Signatories and other UNECE member countries wishing to become a Party in ratifying the Convention</b>				
1.2.1	Organization of the subregional workshop on the implementation of the Convention in Armenia	<b>Armenia Bureau Working Group on Implementation</b> UNECE secretariat	To be arranged by the Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation	€ 30,000	Recommendations and assistance to overcome obstacles to ratification and implementation
1.2.2	Drawing-up a needs-driven assistance programme to help countries in transition in acceding to and applying the Convention	<b>Bureau Working Group on Implementation</b> UNECE secretariat			Recommendations and assistance to overcome obstacles to ratification and implementation

No. a/	Programme area/element/activity	Lead country/institution supporting countries/institutions	Contributions	Expected budget	Expected output
<b>2.</b>	<b>Scope of the Convention</b>				
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Hazardous activities</b>				
2.1.1	Maintenance of information on hazardous activities on a password-protected site within the Convention's Internet home page	<b>Working Group on Implementation</b> UNECE secretariat			Information on hazardous activities
2.1.2	Review the water-path-related criterion for the purpose of identifying hazardous activities capable of causing transboundary effects on transboundary waters	<b>Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents</b>	To be arranged by the expert group		Recommendations for possible amendments to the guidelines
<b>3.</b>	<b>Prevention of industrial accidents</b>				
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Prevention of accidental water pollution</b>				
3.1.1	Continuation of work on the prevention of accidental water pollution	<b>Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents</b> Hungary Switzerland	Russian Federation (in kind - one meeting)	€ 25,000	Implementation of the programme of work
3.1.2	Drawing up of a reporting scheme on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Hamburg seminar	<b>Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents</b>			Reporting scheme on the implementation
<b>4.</b>	<b>Points of contact and industrial accident notification</b>				
<b>4.1</b>	<b>UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System</b>				
4.1.1	Maintenance of the list of points of contact	<b>UNECE secretariat</b> Points of contact			List of points of contact on the Internet
4.1.2	Testing of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System	<b>European Commission</b> Points of contact UNECE secretariat	European Commission		Test of the System
4.1.3	Review of the System and organization of consultations/training sessions for the personnel of points of contact	<b>Slovakia</b> Points of contact UNECE secretariat	To be arranged by the Bureau and the UNECE secretariat with donors	€ 25,000	Recommendations to make the system more effective and consultations/training sessions

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4.1.4	Facilitate the harmonization of the UNECE System with notification and alarm systems under the Water Convention	<b>Joint ad hoc expert group on water and industrial accidents</b> Points of contact UNECE secretariat			Recommendations on harmonization
<b>5.</b>	<b>Emergency preparedness, response and mutual assistance</b>				
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Emergency preparedness and response</b>				
5.1.1	Organization of transboundary response exercises to a simulated industrial accident	<b>Germany Czech Republic European Commission</b> UNECE secretariat	To be arranged by the Bureau and the UNECE secretariat with donors	€ 25,000 € 25,000	Exchange of experience in establishing and implementing preparedness and response measures
<b>6.</b>	<b>Responsibility and liability</b>				
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Responsibility and liability regime</b>				
6.1.1	Finalization of negotiations to draw up a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities within the scope of the Industrial Accidents and the Water Conventions	<b>Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability</b> UNECE secretariat	To be arranged by the Bureaux and the UNECE secretariat with donors	€ 30,000	Draft protocol on civil liability
6.1.2	Organization of joint special session to adopt the draft protocol on civil liability	<b>Bureau</b> UNECE secretariat		€ 25,000	Protocol on civil liability
<b>7.</b>	<b>Scientific and technological cooperation</b>				
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Exchange of information and safety technologies</b>				
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	<b>Bureau</b>	To be arranged by the Bureaux and the UNECE secretariat with donors		Country partnerships, training programmes, exchange of experts



No. <u>a/</u>	Programme area/element/activity	Lead country/institution supporting countries/institutions	Contributions	Expected budget	Expected output
7.1.2	Organization of a training programme for experts from countries with economies in transition enhancing their knowledge and expertise in implementing safety measures	<b>Germany</b>	Germany		Training programme
7.1.3	Establishment of a register of institutions and experts capable of providing assistance regarding preventive, preparedness and response measures	<b>UNECE secretariat</b>			Register of institutions and experts
<b>8.</b>	<b>Past industrial accidents</b>				
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Reporting of past industrial accidents</b>				
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	<b>European Commission - DG JRC</b> UNECE secretariat	In kind  In kind		UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System
	<b>Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties</b>	<b>Hungary Bureau</b> UNECE secretariat		€ 45,000	Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties
	<b>Two meetings of the Bureau (2003 and 2004)</b>	<b>Bureau</b> UNECE secretariat	To be arranged by the Bureau	€ 5,000	Bureau meetings
	<b>Promotion of the Convention and assistance in implementation of the work plan</b>	<b>UNECE secretariat Bureau</b>	To be arranged by the Bureau and the UNECE secretariat with donors	€ 10,000	Promotional material, substantive background papers and equipment

a/ The numbers correspond to the ones assigned in the work plan for 2003-2004.

**Appendix III**

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

Country	US\$ - GDP per capita 2001	<b>Eligibility note:</b> threshold set for financial support for 2003-2004 = US\$ 2500; countries with GDP per capita below \$1550 are eligible for financial support (travel expenses and DSA 1/); countries with GDP per capita between \$1550 and \$2500 are eligible for financial support (DSA only)				
<b>Russian Federation</b>	2140	Eligible for financial support (DSA only)				
<b>Romania</b>	1772					
<b>The FYR of Macedonia</b>	1727					
<b>Bulgaria</b>	1705					
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	1510	Eligible for financial support (travel and DSA)				
<b>Belarus</b>	1220					
<b>Albania</b>	1201					
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	1125					
<b>Turkmenistan</b>	1083					
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	986					
<b>Ukraine</b>	766					
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	705					
<b>Georgia</b>	693					
<b>Armenia</b>	558					
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	461					
<b>Republic of Moldova</b>	407					
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	308					
<b>Tajikistan</b>	167					
<b>COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE</b>	<b>18</b>					
<b>COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR DSA ONLY</b>	<b>4</b>					
<b>COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES + DSA</b>	<b>14</b>					
1/ DSA – daily subsistence allowance.						

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