

## **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. Organization of a training session to share good practices on drawing up individual country implementation reports (Working Group on Implementation)

1.1.3. Preparation of the third 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 a high-level meeting in order to obtain a firm commitment from the EECCA and SEE countries towards the practical application of the basic tasks of 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 substances**

2.1.1 Review of annex I to the Convention – 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/drawing up of a possible amendment to annex I (Working Group on the Development of the Convention)

## 2.2 Hazardous activities

2.2.1 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 (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 two workshops to draw up safety guidelines/best practices in relation to pipelines (Germany/Netherlands/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);

4.1.2 Testing of the UNECE IAN System (Points of contact/UNECE secretariat);

4.1.3 Organization of consultations/training sessions for personnel of points of contact (Points of contact/UNECE secretariat);

4.1.4 Review of the communication procedures under the UNECE IAN System (Task force to review the communication procedures/Bureau/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 (Germany/Poland/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).