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**CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND USE
OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERCOURSES AND
INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

**CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS
OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability

Sixth meeting,
Geneva, 15-17 January 2003

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 January 2003

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Adoption of the report of the fifth meeting (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/14 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/14).
4. Election of officers.
5. Drawing up of a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of both Conventions.
6. Date and venue of future meeting(s) of the Working Group.
7. Other business.
8. Closing of the meeting.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Intergovernmental Working Group to draw up a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of the UNECE Conventions on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) was established by the Parties to both Conventions at their joint special session at Geneva on 2-3 July 2001 (ECE/MP.WAT/7 - ECE/CP.TEIA/5). Its first meeting took place at Geneva on 21-23 November 2001 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2001/2 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2001/2), its second meeting on 4-6 February 2002 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/3 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/3), its third meeting on 6-8 May 2002 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/6 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/6), its fourth meeting on 2-4 September 2002 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/11 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/11), and its fifth meeting on 11-13 November 2003 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/14 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/14).

Documents of the joint special session and the Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability can be downloaded from the Conventions web sites at:
www.unece.org/env/teia or www.unece.org/env/water by selecting “civil liability”.

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The sixth meeting will be opened by the Chairperson of the Working Group, Mrs. Phani DASKALOPOULOU-LIVADA (Greece).

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

The Working Group is expected to adopt the agenda for its sixth meeting as set out in the present document.

Item 3: Adoption of the report of the fifth meeting

The Working Group will adopt the report of its fifth meeting (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/14 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/14), prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson and the Rapporteur.

Item 4: Election of officers

Following the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Working Group shall, at its first meeting of each year, elect its officers – a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons. They shall be eligible for re-election.

Item 5: Drawing up of a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of both Conventions

The Working Group will continue its work on a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities.

At its fifth meeting, the Working Group invited its rapporteur and the secretariat to prepare a revised version of a draft instrument (MP.WAT/AC.3/2003/2 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2003/2) on the basis of the outcome of its fifth meeting.

The Working Group also requested the secretariat to prepare two working papers: one regarding the financial limits under article 8, and the other regarding the consequences that the inclusion of pipelines would have on annex I. Moreover, it invited delegations to submit working papers for consideration at the sixth meeting in addition to the working papers already submitted for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth meetings.

Item 6: Date and venue of future meeting(s) of the Intergovernmental Working Group

The Working Group is expected to set the indicative dates for its future meeting(s) and decide on its (their) venues. The secretariat has made preliminary arrangements for a meeting on 12-14 February 2003.

Item 7: Other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

Item 8: Closing of the meeting

The Chairperson will close the meeting.