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

High-level Commitment Meeting  
Geneva, 14 – 15 December 2005

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME  
OF THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMITMENT MEETING**

to be held in salle XII at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting on Wednesday, 14 December at 3 p.m.

This document contains the updated provisional programme for the High-level Commitment Meeting within the internationally supported assistance programme for the East European, Caucasian and Central Asian (EECCA) and the South-East European (SEE) countries to enhance their efforts in implementing the Convention.

## Provisional programme

### Wednesday, 14 December 2005

#### **Afternoon session (3 p.m. – 6 p.m.)**

1. Opening of the meeting (3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.)
  - Mr. Zaal Lomtadze, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia, will chair the High-level Commitment Meeting
  - Welcoming statement by Mr. Paolo Garonna, Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)  
*(The High-level Commitment Meeting in a wider context)*
  - Introductory statement by Mr. Kaj Bärlund, Director of the Environment and Human Settlements Division, UNECE  
*(Implementation of the Convention: a priority; introduction to the assistance programme and purpose of the meeting)*
  
2. The Convention: an ideal legal instrument for the prevention of, preparedness for and response to, industrial accidents (3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.)  
*(Clearly defined scope; the key stakeholders: government, industry and the public; competent authorities; safety technology and cross-border dimension)*  
  
*Mr. Ernst Berger (Switzerland), former Vice-Chairman of the Meeting of the Signatories and the first Chairperson of the Conference of the Parties (2000-2004)*
  
3. Safety management at hazardous installations (4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.)  
*(Safety management systems and effective prevention measures)*  
  
*Mr. Pierre Trauffler, Director, Safety, Health and Environment, Du Pont de Nemours International S.A.*
  
4. Coffee break (4.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.)
  
5. Bridging prevention with preparedness for industrial accidents (5 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.)  
*(The role of competent authorities and other stakeholders in applying proper preparedness measures and facilitating effective emergency response)*  
  
*Mr. Jon Lea (Norway), Director General, Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning*
  
6. Cooperation in EECCA to implement the Convention (5.30 p.m. – 5.50 p.m.)  
*(The Council for the Cooperation on Safety of Hazardous Industrial Facilities; practical application of bilateral and multilateral agreements regarding the prevention of industrial accidents and mutual assistance in case of an emergency)*  
  
*Mr. Nurakhmet Bizhanov (Kazakhstan), First Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations*
  
7. Chairman's concluding remarks after the first session (5.50 p.m. – 6 p.m.)

**Thursday, 15 December 2005****Morning session (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)**

1. The Convention – effectively reaching out to EECCA and SEE (10 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.)  
*(Convention's priorities; strengthened implementation in the EECCA and SEE countries; the assistance programme – an effective support mechanism; declaration)*  
  
*Mr. Ryszard Grosset, (Poland), Chairperson of the Conference of the Parties, Rector, Main School of the Fire Service*
2. Building an effective partnership among competent authorities to apply the Convention (two presentations – 10.20 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.)  
*(Commitment to working together in a cooperative spirit to implement the Convention and to take advantage of the assistance offered through the programme)*  
  
*Mr. Dzhevdet Chakarov, Minister of Environment and Water of Bulgaria*  
  
*Mr. Yury Brazhnikov, Director, Department for International Cooperation, Ministry for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters, Russian Federation*
3. Adoption of the declaration (11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.)  
*(Short statements by heads of delegation of the EECCA and SEE countries when adopting the declaration)*
4. Coffee break (11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.)
5. The way forward: How can we best support the further implementation of the assistance programme? (11.45 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.)  
*(Expression of further financial and in-kind support towards the full implementation of the assistance programme, and exchange of views on a more equal sharing of the projected costs)*  
  
*Statements of representatives of Italy, Netherlands and Switzerland – major financial donors to the activities under the Convention, including the assistance programme.*  
  
*Exchange of views: representatives of Central and Western European and North American countries, international financial institutions and programmes and industrial enterprises)*
6. Closing of the meeting (12.45 p.m. – 1 p.m.)  
  
- Concluding remarks by the Chairman and a representative of the UNECE