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

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Item 8 of the provisional agenda

**DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF THE DECISION ON STRENGTHENING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

**Draft Decision
on Strengthening the Implementation of the Convention**

Submitted by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties
and the Working Group on Implementation

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the provisions of articles 18 and 23 of the UNECE Convention on the
Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents,

Recognizing that 32 Parties and seven other UNECE member countries have
reported on the implementation of the Convention,

Taking into account the work done by the Working Group on Implementation to
analyse and evaluate the national implementation reports and to compile the third report on
the implementation of the Convention, and

Acknowledging the results of the High-level Commitment Meeting, in particular the declaration adopted by heads of delegations of 17 countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-East Europe (SEE) and the outcome of fact-finding missions to some of these countries,

1. Encourages UNECE member countries that are not yet Parties to ratify or accede to the Convention and to implement it as soon as possible;
2. Welcomes the impact of the training session on drawing up national implementation reports conducted by the Working Group on Implementation in Warsaw on 12–13 September 2005, and endorses its report (CP.TEIA/2005/6);
3. Adopts the third Report on the implementation of the Convention as prepared and submitted by the Working Group on Implementation (ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/2);
4. Invites the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, with the support of the Chairperson of the Conference of the Parties, to contact the Governments of those Parties that have not submitted a national implementation report (i.e. the Russian Federation and Spain) to ensure that they comply with their reporting obligation under the Convention in future reporting rounds;
5. Requests all Parties to assign the highest priority to the notification, to all potentially affected Parties, of hazardous activities within their jurisdiction and to use such notifications as opportunities to develop an effective cooperation with neighbouring Parties or countries;
6. Entrusts the Working Group on Implementation with the task of continuing its efforts to enhance the quality and completeness of national reports through working together with the individuals responsible for drawing up such reports from countries in group III as defined in ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/2, para. 59;
7. Elects, on the basis of nominations by the Parties in groups I and II as defined in ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/2, para. 59, the following persons to serve as members of the Working Group on Implementation until the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
8. Accepts the reports of fact-finding missions to the following countries of EECCA and SEE:
9. Endorses the report on the results of the preparatory phase of the assistance programme for the countries of EECCA and SEE prepared and submitted by the Chairperson of the Conference of the Parties and the Chairman of the Working Group on Implementation, in cooperation with the secretariat (ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/3);

10. Decides to provide assistance to the following EECCA and SEE countries, which demonstrated implementation of the Convention's basic tasks to the fact-finding teams:
11. Entrusts the Bureau, in cooperation with the Chairman of the Working Group on Implementation, with the task of accepting further reports of fact-finding missions to the remaining countries of EECCA and SEE and to decide to provide assistance to them within the programme's implementation phase;
12. Adopts the action plan for the implementation phase of the assistance programme as prepared and submitted by the secretariat (ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/4);
13. Requests the secretariat to implement the action plan;
14. Welcomes the constitution of a group of friends of the secretariat to provide advice on designing specific capacity-building activities and ensuring their cost-effectiveness.