

## WORKPLAN UNDER THE CONVENTION FOR THE YEARS 2009–2010

The following are specific elements of the workplan under the Convention for 2009–2010. They have been selected from the long-term programme of work under the Convention on the basis of priorities agreed by the Conference of the Parties.

The following abbreviations are used throughout annexes I and II: Bureau and secretariat of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) – Bureau and secretariat; Bureaux and secretariats of the Industrial Accidents Convention and of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) – Bureaux and secretariats; Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia – EECCA; Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents – JEG; South-Eastern Europe – SEE; Working Group on Implementation – WGI.

### 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 national implementation reports on the Convention's website (secretariat);
- 1.1.2 Implementation of the strategic approach for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);
- 1.1.3 Evaluation of the reporting procedure, establishment of a new procedure and preparation of the fifth report on the implementation of the Convention (WGI);
- 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 (WGI).

#### 1.2.1 Assistance to Parties in implementing the Convention and to Signatories and other UNECE member States wishing to become Parties by ratifying the Convention

- 1.2.1.1 Organization of fact-finding missions to those EECCA and SEE countries eligible for assistance under the Assistance Programme that have yet to host fact-finding teams. Reporting to the Bureau on the outcomes of the fact-finding missions (EECCA and SEE countries not yet visited/fact-finding teams/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);
- 1.2.1.2 Organization of needs-driven capacity-building activities, advisory missions, training sessions and similar activities within the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme for the EECCA and SEE countries in accordance with the strategic approach (ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/5) or advisory missions within the preparatory phase (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat).

## **PROGRAMME AREA 2: Scope of the Convention**

### **2.1 Hazardous activities**

- 2.1.1 Further assistance in the application of the amended annex I to the Convention, in particular to EECCA and SEE countries in accordance with the strategic approach (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);
- 2.1.2 Maintenance of information on hazardous activities in a password-protected folder on the Convention's website (WGI/secretariat).

## **PROGRAMME AREA 3: Prevention of industrial accidents**

### **3.1 Prevention of industrial accidents**

- 3.1.1. Organization of needs-driven Assistance Programme activities, in accordance with the strategic approach, related to the prevention of industrial accidents (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);
- 3.1.2. Exchange of good practice with respect to new developments related to the prevention of industrial accidents (Parties/Bureau/secretariat);
- 3.1.3. Continuation of work on the prevention of accidental water pollution, addressing common needs of Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention and the Water Convention (Bureaux/JEG/secretariats).

## **PROGRAMME AREA 4: Points of contact and industrial accident notification**

### **4.1 UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System**

- 4.1.1 Maintenance of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification (IAN) System's Web-based application used for points of contact for industrial accidents notification and mutual assistance requests (secretariat);
- 4.1.2 Testing of the IAN System through communications tests and comprehensive analytical exercises (points of contact/secretariat);
- 4.1.3 Organization of the fourth consultation for personnel of points of contact (Bureau/points of contact/secretariat).

## **PROGRAMME AREA 5: Emergency preparedness, response and mutual assistance**

### **5.1 Emergency preparedness and response**

- 5.1.1 Organization of needs-driven Assistance Programme activities, in accordance with the strategic approach, related to emergency preparedness and response (participating EECCA and SEE countries/Bureau/WGI/secretariat);
- 5.1.2 Promotion and organization of transboundary response exercises to a simulated industrial accident (host countries/Bureau/JEG/secretariat).

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

6.1 Responsibility and liability regime

- 6.1.1 Further exploration of ways to progress towards the entry into force of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (Bureaux/secretariats).

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

7.1 Exchange of information and safety technologies

- 7.1.1 Promotion of multilateral and bilateral cooperation aimed at facilitating the exchange of information and safety technologies among the Parties to the Convention (Bureau/secretariat);
- 7.1.2 Establishing and maintaining contacts with institutions and experts capable of providing assistance regarding preventive, preparedness and response measures (Parties/secretariat).

**PROGRAMME AREA 8: Past industrial accidents**

8.1 Reporting on past industrial accidents

- 8.1.1 Operation of the UNECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System, within the framework of the existing Major Accident Reporting System (MARS) of the European Union to ensure availability of information on past industrial accidents (Major Accident Hazards Bureau/secretariat).