

DECISION 2006/1
STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

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 the Heads of Delegation of 17 countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-Eastern 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 Government of Spain to ensure that it complies with its 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 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 “c” as defined in ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/2, paragraph 59;
7. *Elects*, on the basis of nominations by the Parties in groups “a” and “b” as defined in ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/2, paragraph 59, the following persons to serve as members of the Working Group on Implementation until the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties: Mr. Pavel Forint (Czech Republic), Mr. Leo Iberl (Germany), Ms. Judit Mogor (Hungary), Mr. Massimo Cozzone (Italy), Ms. Ausra Sablinskiene (Lithuania), Mr. Gunnar Hem

(Norway), Mr. Francisc Senzaconi (Romania), Ms. Anna Balakireva (Russian Federation), Mr. Tomas Trcka (Slovakia) and Ms. Helena Nasslander (Sweden);

8. *Accepts* the reports of fact-finding missions to the following countries of EECCA and SEE: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine;

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 have demonstrated implementation of the Convention's basic tasks to the fact-finding teams: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine;

11. *Entrusts* the Bureau, in cooperation with the Chair of the Working Group on Implementation, with the task of inviting Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to the implementation phase following the completion of the remaining basic tasks and accepting further reports of fact-finding missions to the remaining countries of EECCA and SEE, and to decide to provide assistance to them in the Programme's implementation phase;

12. *Entrusts* the Bureau, together with the Working Group on Implementation and with the assistance of the secretariat, to elaborate further the action plan for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme as soon as possible based on the document (ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/4) and comments made by Parties and other UNECE member countries during the meeting. This document will establish specific activities and priorities for the short and long term, including indicators and related financial planning;

13. *Requests* the secretariat to implement the action plan;

14. *Invites* the Bureau and the Working Group on Implementation, in cooperation with the secretariat, and the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as well as other possible countries, to develop and deliver need-driven guidance on strengthening the capacities of these countries to enable them to implement the basic tasks under the Convention.