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

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(Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda)

DRAFT DECISION

ON THE PRIORITIES AND THE PROGRAMME OF WORK

<u>**The Conference of the Parties**</u>,

<u>Recalling</u> the provisions of articles 18, paragraph 2 (b) and (c), 4 and 5, and annex XII to the UN/ECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents,

<u>Acknowledging</u> the intergovernmental tasks under the Convention as outlined in CP.TEIA/2000/8, the current needs of the Parties and the other UN/ECE member countries as well as the work done under the auspices of the Signatories to the Convention aimed at applying the Convention in practice,

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1.   **Sets** the following priorities for its future work programme:

(a)   Implementation of the provisions of the Convention by its Parties and ratification or accession to it by as many UN/ECE member countries and as soon as possible;

(b)   Identification and notification of hazardous activities for the purpose of the Convention;

(c)   Promotion of measures to prevent industrial accidents, including accidental water pollution;

(d)   Negotiation of a joint protocol on responsibility and liability to the Conventions on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes;

(e)   More efficient industrial accident notification;

(f)   Facilitation of the exchange of information and safety technologies;

(g)   Reporting of past industrial accidents and their analysis;

2.   **Adopts** the programme of work under the Convention, including the long-term programme of work and the work plan for 2001-2002 (CP.TEIA/2000/9);

3.   **Requests** the Parties and invites Governments of other UN/ECE member countries to actively participate in the implementation of the work plan for 2001-2002 and to take the lead in specific projects within the work plan.