

**A PROJECT UNDER THE ECE LOCAL
TECHNICAL COOPERATION TRUST FUND**

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS CONVENTION

Promotion and Implementation of the Convention on the
Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Project ID No: E106 (ECE-EV-102)

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The Industrial Accidents Convention

The UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) entered into force on 19 April 2000. The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Convention's governing body, was held in 22 to 24 November 2000. Currently 21 UN/ECE member countries and the European Community are Parties to the Convention

Background

At their first meeting (Brussels, November 2000), the Parties to the Convention agreed upon a long-term programme of work and a work plan for 2001-2002. (CEP/CP.TEIA/2, Annex VIII and IX – Decisions 2000/7 and 2000/8). The work-plan, which constitutes the basis for the activities under the Convention, is composed of eight programme areas. It is based on four main objectives: a) to monitor and assist in the implementation of the Convention; b) to promote the prevention of industrial accidents, in particular accidental water pollution; c) to promote implementation of preparedness and response measures; and d) to establish a regime on civil liability for damage caused by hazardous activities in the ECE region.

A number of specific working elements and tasks were agreed upon under the following eight programme areas: a) monitoring of and assistance in the implementation of the Convention, including the establishment of a Working Group on Implementation; b) Scope of the Convention – identification of hazardous activities; c) prevention of industrial accidents, and in particular prevention of accidental water pollution; d) points of contact and industrial accident notification, including the UN/ECE Industrial Accident Notification System; e) Emergency preparedness, response and mutual assistance; f) responsibility and liability; g) Scientific and technological cooperation; and h) Past industrial accidents. The meeting also agreed upon a number of other issues concerning the work of the secretariat, e.g. maintaining the list of competent authorities and the lists of points of contact for industrial accident notification and mutual assistance within the network of the UN/ECE Industrial Accident Notification System, and increasing the use of the web site to distribute information.

The secretariat of the Convention maintains close working relations with partner organizations active in the field of accident prevention, preparedness and/or response, including the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit; the UNEP/APELL programme, the European Commission ("Seveso II" Directive); and the OECD (Working Group on Industrial Accidents).

Objective of project

The objective of the project is to support the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention and its principles, in particular in the countries with economies in transition, and to provide technical support to activities undertaken under its auspices.

In order to achieve this objective, various activities are envisaged. These include measures to strengthen the visibility and raise political and public awareness of the Convention and the issues it covers throughout the UNECE region, as well as measures to support the participation of experts from countries in transition, in activities under the Convention. Among the specific types of activities envisaged under the project are the following:

- Drawing up an inventory of sub-regional and country specific obstacles to implementation on the basis of reports on the Convention's implementation and its conclusions and recommendations;
- Planning and implementation of sub-regional workshops facilitating the implementation and ratification of the Convention with the countries with economies, and in particular the CIS as the target countries. The workshops are intended to promote the Convention and its principles and to identify obstacles to implementation and ratification. Possible solutions to these problems will be looked for as a follow-up to the workshops;

- Provision of assistance to countries with economies in transition in identifying and notifying hazardous activities under the Convention;
- Promotion of the prevention of industrial accidents and in particular accidental water pollution among countries with economies in transition through such activities as: drawing-up guidelines, promotion of best practices, workshops;
- Review and further development of the UN/ECE Industrial Accident Notification System with the participation of points of contact for accident notification and mutual assistance, provision of assistance and training to points of contact from countries with economies in transition;
- Planning and organization of an International workshop and exercise on industrial safety and water protection with the participation of experts from countries with economies in transition, sharing of experience in implementing provisions on preventing, preparing and responding to industrial accidents;
- Facilitation of participation of experts from countries with economies in transition in an intergovernmental negotiation process to draw up an appropriate regime on civil liability in the ECE region for damage caused by hazardous activities, to be adopted at the fifth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" in Kiev in May 2003;
- Preparation and organization of a workshop on the facilitation of the exchange of safety systems and safety technologies among the Parties to the Convention (target countries – economies in transition);
- Provision of assistance to countries in transition in reporting on past industrial accidents within the framework of the UN/ECE Past Industrial Accident Reporting System;
- Development of tools to improve information and outreach on the Convention: measures will include expanding the range of information materials on the Convention, seeking increased media coverage of the activities under the Convention and upgrading and improving the maintenance of the Convention website;
- Support and facilitation of the participation of experts from countries in transition in the various processes taking place under the auspices of the Convention or related to its implementation.

Organisation

The project will fall under the responsibility of the Environment and Human Settlements Division. At operational level, it will be co-ordinated by the Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention, who is accountable through the Teamleader of the Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development Team to the Director of the Division.

Financing

The costs of the activities to be carried out under the present project would be financed from contributions to the ECE Local Technical Co-operation Trust Fund for this project.

At present, Switzerland and the European Commission have confirmed their contribution to the project (ECE/CP.TEIA/2, paragraph 48 and Annex X - Decision 2000/8, paragraph 3). Further fund raising efforts are needed to enable the other activities to take place, and to this end, consultations with other prospective donors are under way.

Contributions for the project should be transferred to the UNOG Chase Manhattan bank account details of which are provided at Annex I, for credit to the UN/ECE Trust Fund for Local Technical Co-operation.

Annex I

Banking Information

Contributions should be made to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) by bank transfer as follows:

Account number: 001-1-508629
Bank name: Chase Manhattan Bank, New York
Account title: UNOG General Fund
General Ledger: UN-0503456 (for UNOG/Finance reference only)
Bank address: International Agencies Branch
270 Park Avenue, 43rd Floor
New York, N.Y. 10017, USA
ABA: 021000021 (US Banking Code)
Reference: Indicate clearly:
*“For the Credit of account E106 (ECE-EV-102) -
ECE/Industrial Accidents Convention Local Technical
Cooperation Trust Fund”*

COST PLAN

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Programme: 1. Environment
Title of Trust Fund: Local Technical cooperation Trust Fund
Title of project: Promotion and implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention
Project ID No: E106 (ECE-EV-102)
IMIS BAC: 2001-ECE-0872-E106-2109
Programme output: *Activities undertaken relate to the 2001 proposed programme budget (Section 18) Economic Commission for Europe, sub-programme 1, Environment, especially paragraphs 27-29.*

Proposed cost plan for 1 July 2001 - 31 December 2002

Old TC Obj. code	IMIS Obj. Class	Object of expenditure	2001 (US\$)	2002 (US\$)	2001-2002 (US\$)
11-51	441	Consultants fees and travel	-	7,000	7,000
13-01	441	Administrative Support Personnel	-	1,750	1,750
15-01	441	Travel on official business	6,000	6,000	12,000
16-01	441	Travel of experts	-	2,000	2,000
22-01	442	Grants	-	8,000	8,000
32-01	443	Travel of participants to workshops/seminars/meetings	32,250	37,950	70,200
42-01	444	Non-expendable Equipment	-	3,000	3,000
53-01	445	External printing	-	3,000	3,000
53-02	445	Hospitality	250	500	750
	(1)	Net Total:	38,500	69,200	107,700
	(2)	13% Programme support cost of (1)	5,005	8,996	14,001
	(3)	15% Operating Reserve of (1) + (2)	6,526	11,729	18,255
	(4)	GRAND TOTAL: (1) + (2) + (3)	50,031	89,925	139,956

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Resource requirements for 2001-2002

11-51 Consultants fees and travel

This provision is related to obtaining outside expertise for the implementation of the above Convention as follows:

- to draw up an inventory of sub regional and country specific obstacles to implementation of the Convention and facilitate a programme of sub-regional workshops to promote awareness, understanding and its effective implementation (1 work month at \$3,500 - fees);
- to review and further develop the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System, develop a manual for the points of contact and provide input to training sessions for points of contact under the System (1 work month at \$3,500 - lump sum fees and travel).

13-01 Administrative Support Personnel

Requirements foreseen under this object code are to cover the salaries and related entitlements of a secretary or temporary secretarial assistance to support the project (1/2 work month at \$3,500 per month).

15-01 Travel on official business

Provisions under this object code are to cover the travel costs of project staff to enable their participation at meetings, workshops and seminars under the auspices of or related to the Convention, where no other funding is available.

Four missions per year, estimated average cost per trip \$1,500 per mission - (3-4 day meetings).

16-01 Travel of experts

Requirements foreseen under this heading are to cover the travel and subsistence costs of experts related to their participation in or facilitation at meetings, workshops and seminars, as speakers or trainers, held under the auspices of or related to the Convention.

One mission, estimated cost \$2,000 - (3-4 day meeting)

22-01 Grants

Provisions under this heading are needed to provide support for activities by third parties of a non-commercial nature, (such as

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NGOs, governmental agencies) to further the promotion and implementation of the Convention, such as organization of workshops/seminars/meetings and preparation publications and other promotional materials and provision of translations of documentation.

32-01 Travel of participants to workshops/seminars/meetings

Requirements foreseen under this heading are to cover the travel and subsistence costs of participants from eligible countries with economies in transition related to their participation at meetings, workshops, seminars, and other meetings, held under the auspices of or related to the Convention.

Five events (3-4 days), fifty participants - ten participants per event, estimated cost \$1,400 per participant.

42-01 Non-Expendable Equipment

Requirements under this object code are to acquire IT and communication equipment for the project activities.

53-01 External printing

This heading is meant to cover the costs of external printing of information materials publicizing the Convention and elaborating on its requirements.

53-02 Hospitality

Requirements under this heading are foreseen in circumstances where it is required to offer hospitality in the form of food or drink to meeting participants, e.g. in connection with very long meetings or meetings taking place outside normal working hours, or to cover the cost of receptions at important moments during a process.

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