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**MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION AND USE
OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERCOURSES AND
INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

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

Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability

Fourth meeting,
Geneva, 2-4 September 2002

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 2 September 2002

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Adoption of the report of the third meeting (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/6 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/6).
4. Further preparation of a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of both Conventions (documents MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/8 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/8, MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/9 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/9, and MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/10 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/10).

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5. Date and venue of future meetings of the Working Group.
6. Other business.
7. Closing of the meeting.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Intergovernmental Working Group to draw up a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of the UNECE Conventions on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) was established by the Parties to both Conventions at their joint special session at Geneva on 2-3 July 2001 (ECE/MP.WAT/7 - ECE/CP.TEIA/5). Its first meeting took place at Geneva on 21-23 November 2001 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2001/2 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2001/2), its second meeting on 4-6 February 2002 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/3 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/3), and its third meeting on 6-8 May 2002 (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/6 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/6).

Documents of the joint special session and the Intergovernmental Working Group on Civil Liability can be downloaded from the Conventions' web sites at:
www.unece.org/env/teia or www.unece.org/env/water by selecting "civil liability".

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

The fourth meeting will be opened by the Chairperson of the Working Group, Mrs. Phani DASKALOPOULOU-LIVADA (Greece).

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

The Working Group is expected to adopt the agenda for its fourth meeting as set out in the present document.

Item 3: Adoption of the report of the second meeting

The Working Group will adopt the report of its third meeting (MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/6 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/6), prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson and the rapporteur.

Item 4: Further preparation of a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities, within the scope of both Conventions

The Working Group will continue its work on a legally binding instrument on civil liability for transboundary damage caused by hazardous activities (documents MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/8 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/8, MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/9 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/9, and MP.WAT/AC.3/2002/10 - CP.TEIA/AC.1/2002/10).

The Working Group also invited delegations to submit working papers for consideration at the fourth meeting in addition to the working papers already submitted for the first, second and third meetings.

Item 5: Date and venue of future meeting(s) of the Intergovernmental Working Group

The Working Group is expected to set the indicative dates for its future meeting(s) and decide on their venues. The secretariat has made preliminary arrangements for meetings to be held in Geneva on 11-13 November 2002 and on 12-14 February.

Item 6: Other business

At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

Item 7: Closing of the meeting

The Chairperson will close the meeting.