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

First consultation, 10-11 November 2003
Bratislava (Slovakia)

**FIRST CONSULTATION AND A TRAINING SESSION
FOR POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCIDENT NOTIFICATION
AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE DESIGNATED WITHIN
THE UNECE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

Provisional programme

Introduction

1. This document sets out the provisional programme for the first consultation and a training session for points of contact for the purpose of accident notification and mutual assistance designated within the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System.
2. Background information and logistical details were contained in an earlier document – a note by the delegation of Slovakia and the Convention's secretariat (CP.TEIA/2003/7).
3. The consultation and the training session are held under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), within the framework of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention).
4. The consultation and training session will be organized by the Ministry of Environment, the Office of Civil Protection of the Ministry of Interior and the Slovak Environmental Agency.

Objectives of the consultation and training session

5. The key objectives are to provide a forum for:
- (a) Reviewing the effectiveness of the UNECE IAN System on the basis of the results of the System's tests carried out in recent years and an additional test to be carried out before the consultation and training session in Bratislava;
 - (b) Sharing of experience in the functioning and organization of work of a point of contact;
 - (c) Discussion on links and possible harmonization of the UNECE IAN System with other systems, in particular with existing alarm systems within international river commissions;
 - (d) Practical training of personnel of points of contact; and
 - (e) Discussion on whether a manual for points of contact should be drawn up.

Dates and venue

6. The consultation and the training session will take place from 10 to 11 November 2003 at Bratislava at the invitation of the Government of Slovakia.

7. They will be held at the Conference Centre of the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs "SUZA" at the following address:

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Provisional programme of the consultation and training session

8. The provisional programme is given in the annex to this document.

Annex

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

**OF THE CONSULTATION AND A TRAINING SESSION
FOR POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCIDENT NOTIFICATION
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THE UNECE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

Sunday, 9 November 2003

Arrival of participants to Bratislava

Monday, 10 November 2003

09.00 – 09.30 *Registration of participants*

09.30 – 10.00 *Opening and welcome Session:*

Mr. Laszlo Miklos, Minister of Environment of the Slovak Republic;

*Mr. Ernst Berger, Chairperson of the Conference of the Parties to the UNECE
Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, Switzerland*

Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Election of the Meeting Chairman

10.00 – 13.00 **Session I: Enhancement of the effectiveness of the UNECE Industrial
Accident Notification System (UNECE IAN System)**

10.00 – 10.20 Overview of the UNECE IAN System

*Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Secretary of the Conference of the Parties to the
UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents*

10.20 – 11.00 Results of tests of the UNECE IAN System performed by points of contact of
Switzerland, Poland, Croatia and Hungary (incl. discussions)

*Mr. Dominique Rauber, Head of International Affairs, National Emergency
Operations Centre, Switzerland*

*Mr. Ryszard Grosset, Deputy Chief Commandant of the State Fire Service
and Deputy Chief of the National Civil Defence, Poland*

Representative of Croatia

*Mr. Imre Varga, National Centre for Industrial Accidents, National Directorate
General for Disaster Management, Ministry of Interior, Hungary*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 Results of the most recent test performed by Slovakia and
Discussion of the results

*Mr. Milan Sisulak, Director, Office of Civil Protection, Ministry of Interior,
Slovakia*

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 Session II: Practical training of personnel of points of contact

14.30-14.45 Introduction to the UNECE early warning, information and assistance request
reports

*Mr. Ernst Berger, Head of Section on Safety of Installations, Agency for the
Environment, Forests and Landscape, Switzerland*

14.45-15.00 Presentation of the scenario of a simulated industrial accident for the purpose of
the training session

*Mr. Ryszard Grosset, Deputy Chief Commandant of the State Fire Service
and Deputy Chief of the National Civil Defence, Poland*

15.00-16.10 Hands-on training session – completing the UNECE early warning, information
and request reports – moderated by:

Mr. Ernst Berger and Mr. Ryszard Grosset

16.10-16.30 Conclusion of the training session

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

**17.00 – 18.00 Session III: Experience of different national points of contact with their
alarm systems within the framework of the Industrial Accident
Convention**

17.00 – 17.20 Tasks of the Hungarian point of contact within the framework of the Industrial
Accidents Convention

*Mr. Imre Varga, National Centre for Industrial Accidents, National
Directorate General for Disaster Management, Ministry of Interior, Hungary*

17.20 – 17.40 Experience of the Belarusian point of contact in fulfilling the tasks under the
Industrial Accidents Convention

*Mr. Mikhail Nestser, Head of Department of Operational Management of
Forces and Assets, Ministry for Emergency Situations, Belarus*

17.40 – 18.00 Experience and future challenges for the points of contact in the Caucasian UNECE member countries

Mr. Mutallim Abdulhasanov, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan

Tuesday, 11 November 2003

09.00 – 12.00 Session III (continued)

09.00 – 09.20 Organization of the Swiss point of contact within the framework of the Industrial Accidents Convention and its cooperation with other alarm and early warning systems

Mr. Doimnique Rauber, Head of International Affairs, National Emergency Operations Centre, Switzerland

09.20 – 09.40 Alarm and early warning systems within international river commissions and links with the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System – possible cooperation

Speaker to be determined

09.40 – 10.00 The national warning and alarm system for nuclear power plants in Slovakia and its role in the Centre for Nuclear Safety for Central and Eastern Europe

Mr. Lubos Tomik, Executive Director, Centre for Nuclear Safety for Central and Eastern Europe

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 12.00 Concluding Session:

Identification of major obstacles and future challenges to improve the effectiveness of the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System

Elaboration of recommendations of the points of contact for submission to the Conference of the Parties

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 16.30 Introduction and visit to the headquarters of the Slovak point of contact

Mr. Milan Sisulak, Director, Office of Civil Protection, Ministry of Interior, Slovakia

16.30 – 16.45 Closing of the Meeting

Departure of Participants