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

Third meeting
Budapest, 27-30 October 2004
(Item 6 of the provisional agenda)

**DRAFT DECISION
ON STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION**

Submitted by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

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 twenty-four Parties and three other UNECE member countries reported on the implementation of the Convention,

Taking into account the work done by the Working Group on Implementation to analyse and evaluate the country implementation reports and compile the second Report on the implementation of the Convention,

Acknowledging the initiative taken by the Bureau and the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties to draw up an internationally supported assistance programme for the East European, Caucasian and Central Asian (EECCA) and the South-East European (SEE) countries,

1. Endorses the second Report on the implementation of the Convention as prepared and submitted by the Working Group on Implementation (CP.TEIA/2004/1);
2. 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 Governments of those Parties that have not submitted a report, i.e. Albania, Finland, Greece, Kazakhstan, Romania and the Russian Federation, in order to ensure that they comply with their reporting obligations under the Convention in the future;
3. Encourages UNECE member countries that are not yet Parties to ratify or accede to the Convention and to implement it as soon as possible;
4. Adopts the internationally supported assistance programme for the East European, Caucasian and Central Asian (EECCA) and the South-East European (SEE) countries to enhance their efforts to implement the Convention (CP.TEIA/2004/2);
5. Entrusts the Bureau, in cooperation with the Working Group on Implementation, to assist the Convention's secretariat to coordinate the activities under the assistance programme;
6. Requests all Parties to assign the highest priority to the identification, and notification to all potentially affected Parties, of the hazardous activities within their jurisdiction and to use the notification as a starting point to build up effective cooperation with neighbouring Parties; and
7. Elects, on the basis of nominations by the Parties, the following persons to serve as members of the Working Group on Implementation until the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.