

DECISION 2002/2
ON FACILITATING THE EXCHANGE OF SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES AND OF
EXPERIENCE OF SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing that especially the countries with economies in transition need the transfer of know-how on both technological safety measures and organizational capabilities to improve production efficiency and risk management,

Acknowledging the importance of creating favourable conditions for the required transfer of technology and for encouraging potential outside investors,

Taking note of the conclusions of the Workshop on the Facilitation of the Exchange of Safety Management Systems and Safety Technologies, held within its framework on 4-5 November 2002 in Chisinau (Republic of Moldova),

1. Encourages Parties and other UNECE member countries to:

(a) Promote the recognition and application of harmonized technical standards and guidelines on safety in order to reduce trade barriers among them;

(b) Support efforts to introduce modern technology step by step in old hazardous establishments which are of great importance for the economy and employment in countries with economies in transition;

(c) Promote the introduction of strategic programmes for the implementation of safety management systems and clean technology;

(d) Take steps to organize regular meetings and round tables of national and international experts, e.g. experts from selected branches of industry or different regions with common interests;

2. Invites Parties and other UNECE member countries to take the leadership for further workshops relevant to the exchange of information and experience of safety technologies and safety management systems in order to facilitate their introduction and application;

3. Entrusts the Bureau with:

(a) Developing partnerships for training programmes and exchanges of experts on different levels, involving also the business community with the aim, among other things, of establishing industry organizations, in order to create a self-sustaining capacity and capability;

(b) Enhancing cooperation with international financial institutions and the European Union to facilitate the use of existing financing instruments and initiate new programmes to introduce safety management systems and the best available technologies in hazardous activities in countries with economies in transition.