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To:
Ms. Olga Algayerova
Executive Secretary
UNECE

Dear Ms. Olga Algayerova,

The Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (hereinafter referred to as the *Center*) presents its compliments to you and to the Secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

With the aim of ensuring coordinated activities between the Center and the Secretariat of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (hereinafter referred to as the *Convention*), we propose cooperation in the following areas:

- organization, within the framework of the Convention, of national, subregional, and regional capacity-building activities for the countries of Central Asia;
- participation of the Center's staff in capacity-building activities conducted under the Convention and its Assistance Programme;
- cooperation between the Center and the Convention in facilitating collaboration among Convention Parties and beneficiary countries of the Assistance Programme, as well as partner organizations, partner countries, donors, and donor countries of the Center;
- participation of the Convention Secretariat in regional events of emergency management authorities of Central Asia;
- participation of representatives of the Center as observers in meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;
- mutual provision of expert knowledge in the fields of industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response, management and reduction of technological disaster risks;
- mutual support and cooperation aimed at strengthening industrial safety in Central Asia and beyond;
- implementation of other activities of mutual interest.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my hope for further fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

V. Petrov
Director
Center for Emergency Situations
and Disaster Risk Reduction

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Reply from UNECE

Dear Mr. Petrov,

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 30 November 2018 regarding the proposed cooperation between the Secretariat of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (hereinafter referred to as the *Convention*) and the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction in Almaty (hereinafter referred to as the *Center*).

Recognizing the role of the Center in establishing and maintaining effective mechanisms for reducing the risk of emergency situations, mitigating their consequences, and organizing joint response measures, as well as recognizing the role of the Convention in preventing industrial accidents, assisting UNECE region countries in improving preparedness and response capacities, and strengthening transboundary cooperation, I would like to welcome the proposed areas of cooperation and express my agreement with them.

I believe that mutual support and cooperation within the framework of the Convention and the Center will be beneficial for the Convention's Parties and beneficiary countries of its Assistance Programme, as well as for the member states of the Center.

I look forward to expanding our cooperation in the field of industrial accident prevention, preparedness, and response in Central Asia and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

Olga Algayerova
Executive Secretary

To:
Mr. Valery Petrov
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