

# Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

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## Item 3. Representation and credentials



- No new Parties since 2013 (41)
- Increase in number of countries designating
  - competent authorities (from 40 to 44)  
1 Party has not
  - points of contact (from 35 to 43)  
3 Parties have not
- No change in status of the Protocol on Civil Liability

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## Item 3. Representation and credentials

- **38** Parties present in meeting
- **36** Parties have submitted credentials
- **6** other States present
- **3** Parties absent: **Albania, Denmark & Monaco**





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## **Item 4. Report by Bureau**

- Composition of the Bureau and its meetings listed in the report (ECE/CP.TEIA/2016/3)
- Bureau activities to implement the Long-term Strategy for the Convention described in the report
- Other Bureau activities to implement the workplan for 2015–2016 also described in the report
- Focus here on progress made and remaining challenges
- Discussion on review of the Long-term Strategy

# 1. Involvement of Parties and other stakeholders

- **Objective**

- To achieve comprehensive involvement of all Parties and other stakeholders

- **Progress**

- Bureau continued with activities on (re)engagement of Parties and stakeholders through working visits and participation in relevant forums
- Contributed to enhanced visibility and awareness of the Convention

- **Challenges**

- Ensure that number of Parties actively participating in activities further increased

## 2. Exchange of information

- **Objective**

- To consolidate and enhance the exchange of information

- **Progress**

- Bureau continued to support exchange of information and promotion of project results by building on previous activities and bringing them to other regions
- Promotion and use of good practices is an effective and efficient way to improve the level of implementation of the Convention

- **Challenges**

- Continue to focus on needs and interests of Parties, but also on emerging issues related to protection against industrial accidents
- Support the exchange of experience and good practices and development of innovative approaches to support Parties in the achievement of internationally-agreed goals

### **3. Assistance Programme**

- **Objective**

- To facilitate implementation and ratification of the Convention by beneficiary countries of the Assistance Programme

- **Progress**

- Bureau continued monitoring of the Assistance Programme
- Recognized the increased commitment of beneficiary countries engaged in project implementation

- **Challenges**

- Recognized challenges to development of the Assistance Programme
- Improving design and appeal of Assistance Programme, enlarging the donor base and seeking synergies with awareness raising and capacity-building activities of strategic partners
- Seek opportunities to increase beneficiaries' commitment through awareness-raising activities and promotion of application of the tools of Programme's strategic approach



## 4. Strategic partnerships

- Objective

- To enhance the Convention's relevance through strategic partnerships

- Progress

- Bureau maintained and strengthened cooperation with the identified strategic partners and broadened cooperation with new partners

- Challenges

- Searching for synergies to increase the (cost-) efficiency of actions to protect against industrial accidents in the region and beyond

## 5. Financing

- **Objective**

- To ensure sustainable financing

- **Progress**

- While overall financial support reduced in the biennium, number of Parties contributing to the trust fund increased

- **Challenges**

- Increased efforts to ensure robust and sustainable financing of the Convention's activities
- In line with the Sustainable Financial Mechanism, further enhance financial and in-kind contributions by Parties to the trust fund (in terms of the total amount contributed as well as the number of Parties providing financial contributions)
- Engage other potential donors to the trust fund
- Develop a targeted communication strategy to facilitate these activities

## **Review of the Long-term Strategy for the Convention**

- **Why?**

- Encourage Parties to increase their ownership of the workplan
- Full support in-kind and financially for workplan implementation
- Further implementation of the Sustainable Financing Mechanism
- Consider impact on future activities of Convention of the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- **Bureau wished to develop a revised long-term strategy until 2030**

- Aligned with the relevant international developments
- Enriched with new elements, such as gender balance
- Linked with a strategy for the Convention's opening
- ... if accorded such a mandate by the Conference of the Parties



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## **Item 5. Amendment of terms of reference , etc.**

### **• Terms of reference of the Bureau**

- Comprise 10 members representing and nominated by Parties
- Prepare draft programme of work
- Carry out functions with regard to sustainable financing
- Approve implementation of assistance activities funded by the Convention trust fund to support countries in implementing the Convention, including projects under the Assistance Programme
- Take note of reports submitted to it by other subsidiary bodies and engage with their chairs in case of any comments before forwarding reports to the Conference of Parties
- Conduct its business in English

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- **Terms of reference of the Working Group on Development**
  - Shortening of name
  - Open-ended meetings with participation of observers
  - Broaden perspectives away from referring only to Seveso Directive



## Item 5. Amendment of terms of reference , etc.

- Rules of procedure for Conference of the Parties
  - Define nomination procedure and explicitly allow for re-election
  - Specify need to consider both gender and geographical balance
  - Define procedure for when an elected member is unable to complete their term of office
  - Allow for definition of a working language



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## Item 6. Election of the Bureau

### Bureau Chair, Vice-Chairs and members

2015–2016 (current)	2017–2018 (proposed)
Jasmina Karba (Slovenia)	Jasmina Karba (Slovenia)
Paweł Dadasiewicz (Poland)	Paweł Dadasiewicz (Poland)
Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova)	<b>Senad Oprasic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)</b>
Chris Dijkens (Netherlands)	<b>Michael Struckl (Austria)</b>
Pavel Forint (Czechia)	Pavel Forint (Czechia)
Aléxandros Kiriazis (European Union)	Aléxandros Kiriazis (European Union)
Eero Kytömaa, <i>replaced by</i> Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund (Finland)	Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund (Finland)
Ismayil Nasirov, <i>replaced by</i> Yashar Karimov (Azerbaijan)	<b>Martin Merkofer (Switzerland)</b>
Torill Tandberg (Norway)	Torill Tandberg (Norway)
Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany)	Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei (Germany)



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