

**Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents**

Tenth meeting

Geneva, 4–6 December 2018

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

Election of officers and other members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties

**Candidatures for election as officers and members of the Convention's
Bureau**

1. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs as its officers and up to seven other members of the Bureau from among the representatives of the Parties.
2. Rule 22 of the rules of procedures, as amended by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (ECE/CP.TEIA/32/Add.1), stipulates that:
 - “1. The Bureau shall consist of not more than 10 members, as follows:
 - (a) The Officers;
 - (b) Representatives of other Parties.
 2. At the commencement of each meeting, the members of the Bureau other than the Officers shall be elected by the Parties present at the meeting, taking into account the need for a balanced representation of the different geographical subregions of ECE and gender. They shall be eligible for re-election. Candidatures shall be communicated by the Parties to the secretariat at least eight weeks ahead of the meeting. The secretariat shall communicate the list of candidates to the Parties at the latest six weeks before the meeting.
 3. The Bureau shall be chaired by the Chair of the Conference of the Parties. If the Chair is absent or is unable to complete his or her term of office or to perform his or her functions, a Vice-Chair shall act as Chair.”
3. Rule 19 of the rules of procedure (ECE/CP.TEIA/3, not amended), stipulates that:
 - “1. At the commencement of each meeting, a Chairperson and two Vice-Chairpersons shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. They shall serve as Officers of the Conference of the Parties and remain in office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election.
 2. The Chairperson shall participate in the meeting in that capacity and shall not at the same time exercise the rights of a representative of a Party. In such a case, the Party concerned shall designate another representative who shall be entitled to represent it in the meeting.”

4. The secretariat has received the following communications by Parties on candidatures for election as members of the Bureau at the upcoming, tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, by 9 October 2018, i.e. up to eight weeks before the Conference:¹

Party	Name
Austria	Mr. Michael Struckl
Belarus	Mr. Evgenij Baranovskij
Czechia	Mr. Pavel Forint
European Union	Mr. Rolf-Jan Hoeve
Finland	Ms. Wivi-Ann Wagello-Sjölund
Germany	Mr. Gerd Winkelmann-Oei
Norway	Ms. Torill Tandberg
Serbia	Ms. Suzana Milutinovic
Slovenia	Ms. Jasmina Karba
Switzerland	Mr. Martin Merkofer

5. The Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection nominated Ms. Torill Tandberg to be a candidate for the election as Chair of the Bureau.
6. Furthermore, in order to support a smooth and transparent election of officers, the Bureau agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting the election of officers, as follows:

Party	Name	Officer
Norway	Ms. Torill Tandberg	Chair
Austria	Mr. Michael Struckl	Vice-Chair
Slovenia	Ms. Jasmina Karba	Vice-Chair

¹ The list is presented in alphabetical order of the Parties which nominated candidates.