

Economic Commission for Europe

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

Thirteenth meeting

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Item 4 (b) 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 thirteenth 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/37), stipulates that:
 - “29. The Bureau shall consist of not more than 10 members, as follows:
 - (a) The Officers;
 - (b) Representatives of other Parties.
 30. 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.
 31. 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/37) stipulates that:
 - “23. 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.
 24. 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 received the following communications by Parties on candidatures for election as members of the Bureau at the upcoming thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, by 2 October 2024, i.e. up to eight weeks before the Conference:¹

¹ The list is presented in alphabetical order of the Parties which nominated candidates. It was updated on 28 October 2024 following additional information received from Parties.

Party	Name	Affiliation
Armenia	Ms. Armine Hayrapetyan	Director of “State Academy of Crisis Management” SNO of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, Rescue Service Colonel
European Union	Ms. Maud Casier	Policy Officer, Industrial Emissions and Safety Unit, Directorate-General Environment, European Commission
Finland	Mr. Pasi Ryyanen	Ministerial Advisor, Department for Rescue Services, Ministry of Interior of Finland
France	Ms. Marie-Claire Lhenry	Head of International and European Affairs, General Directorate for Risk Prevention, Ministry of the Ecological Transition of France
Germany	Mr. Michael Matthes	Scientific staff, Section III 2.3, Safety of Installation, German Federal Environment Agency
Montenegro	Ms. Dragana Raonić Popović	Advisor, Department for Pollution Control and Chemicals Management, Directorate for Ecology, Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro
Republic of Moldova	Ms. Aliona Rusnac	State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova
Serbia	Ms. Suzana Milutinovic	Head of Department for Major Chemical Accident Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia
Switzerland	Mr. Martin Merkofer	Head, Prevention of Major Accidents and Earthquake Mitigation Section, Hazard Prevention Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Ms. Gill Smart	Head, Chemicals and Land Use Planning Policy Team, Regulation, International and Major Hazards Policy Branch, Engagement and Policy Division, Health and Safety Executive of the United Kingdom

5. The Ministry of the Ecological Transition of France nominated Ms. Marie-Claire Lhenry to be a candidate for the election as Chair of the Bureau. Ms. Maud Casier was nominated as a candidate for Vice-Chair for the European Union from the Directorate-General for the Environment. Ms. Suzana Milutinovic was nominated as a Vice-Chair from Serbia by the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

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 thirteenth meeting the election of officers, as follows:

Party	Name	Officer
France	Ms. Marie-Claire Lhenry	Chair
European Union	Ms. Maud Casier	Vice-Chair
Serbia	Ms. Suzana Milutinovic	Vice-Chair
