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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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- **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
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
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• 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

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