The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 18, paragraph 2 (c), of the Convention,

1. Establishes the Working Group on the Development of the Convention to:

   (a) Keep under review the developments in other regulatory instruments concerning the prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents, including relevant legislation adopted by the European Community and other Parties, and assess their legal and practical implications for the Convention;

   (b) Review, as a priority, annex I to the Convention in the light of the corresponding legal requirements of the Seveso II Directive of the European Community; and

   (c) Submit, if appropriate, to the Bureau recommendations and proposals for amending the Convention as part of the preparations for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties;

2. Entrusts the Bureau to appoint the Chairman of the Working Group;

3. Decides that the Working Group will be open to representatives from all Parties and recommends that it should regularly use inter alia electronic tools to facilitate active communication among its members and with the secretariat.