

Decision 2016/3

Guiding principles for financial assistance

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Decides* that the countries of Eastern Europe (Belarus, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) are eligible, depending on the availability of funds, to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the framework of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and under the Assistance Programme, as follows: the secretariat will provide participants with financial support and airplane tickets to help them cover the expenses related to their participation, including accommodation;
2. *Also decides* that least developed countries outside the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe having expressed an interest in the Convention are eligible, depending on the availability of earmarked funds, to receive financial assistance to support the participation of their experts and representatives in activities organized within the Convention's framework;
3. *Agrees* to apply these guiding principles for financial assistance in the biennium 2017–2018 and to review them at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2018.