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Extrabudgetary Project:

- **Capacity-building for cooperation on dam safety in Central Asia, phase 3**

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT

1. Project title:

“Capacity-building for cooperation on dam safety in Central Asia”, phase 3

2. Expected timing and duration:

1 August 2011 to 31 December 2014

3. Objective(s) and brief description of the project:

Project Objective:

To build trust between participating countries and promote economic, social and physical security by regional cooperation on dam safety.

Project directions include:

1. **Legislations and institutions at the national level:** Improvement, implementation and enforcement of national legislation; institutional strengthening.
2. **Training on the safe operation of hydrotechnical installations:** Capacity-building of officials and experts as well as of support to the development of national training programmes.
3. **Regional cooperation:** Support to the development of harmonized technical documentation, exchange of relevant data and information, early warning systems to ensure preparedness in case of increased risks for accidents and others.
4. **Safer operations of individual dams:** Support to bilateral cooperation to ensure the safety of individual dams or dam systems on transboundary rivers.

4. Expected Results/Impact of the Project:

1. Improved national legislation and strengthened institutions responsible for the safety of hydro-technical installations.
2. Improved capacity of national experts and officials on the safety of hydro-technical installations that would contribute to: i) high quality of national training programmes; ii) further development and implementation of national legislation and technical norms; and iii) the safe operation of individual dams.
3. Improved regional cooperation.
4. Increased safety of individual dams and development of confidence for active cooperation on such dams between neighbouring countries in transboundary river basins.

5. Main beneficiaries of Project:

- The Executive Committee of the International Fund for the Saving of the Aral Sea (EC-IFAS);
- National institutions in Central Asian countries responsible for the safety of hydro-technical installations:
 - Committee for water resource, Ministry of Agriculture, Kazakhstan
 - State Committee for Water Management and Melioration, Kyrgyzstan
 - Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources, Tajikistan
 - Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources, Turkmenistan
 - Water Control Facilities Committee “Gozvodhoznadzor”, Uzbekistan

6. Justification of project and relationship with the programme of work:

Part of the UNECE Water Convention and SPECA Work Programmes.

7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff): None

8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:

Donors

Amount (US\$)

Estimated XB resources needed; 850,000 USD. Expected to be partly funded by Finland (ENVSEC funds, 35,000 USD is being transferred to UNECE) and by the Russian Federation. In-kind contribution from Slovakia pledged. Additional fund-raising needed.

9. Name of Project Manager and Division

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Environment

Project Manager

Division