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**Meeting of the Parties to the Convention
on Environmental Impact Assessment
in a Transboundary Context
First meeting
(Oslo, 18-20 May 1998)
(Item 6 of the provisional agenda)**

DRAFT DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Submitted by the preparatory meeting

DECISION I/3

POINTS OF CONTACT

The Meeting,

Recalling Article 3, paragraph 1, of the Convention and the relevant decision taken at the second meeting of the Signatories in 1992,

1. Agrees that notifications of proposed activities likely to cause significant adverse transboundary impact shall be transmitted to the relevant points of contact as annexed unless otherwise provided for in bilateral or multilateral agreements or other arrangements. Where no point of contact has been nominated, the notification shall be transmitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the affected Party or Parties;
2. Calls on Parties to submit information on modifications or additions to the list of points of contact to the secretariat immediately;

3. Also calls on Parties which have not yet informed the secretariat of their point of contact to do so as soon as possible;
4. Invites non-Parties to implement this decision in order to ensure a region-wide application of the Convention in the light of the 1991 Resolution on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context;
5. Requests the secretariat to update this list continuously in order to facilitate the effective implementation of the Convention.

Annex

**POINTS OF CONTACT REGARDING NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ARTICLE 3 OF THE CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT**

Background

Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context sets a specific notification procedure regarding proposed activities listed in Appendix I that are likely to cause a significant adverse transboundary impact. This procedure relates, *inter alia*, to the content and acknowledgment of receipt of the notification, and to the exchange of relevant information between the concerned Parties. To facilitate the implementation of the Convention to the maximum extent possible, the Signatories decided at their first meeting, to prepare a list of points of contact regarding notification in accordance with this article (ENVWA/WG.3/2, para. 21).

**REVISED LIST OF POINTS OF CONTACT REGARDING NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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