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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION

Submitted by the delegation of Azerbaijan

Article 1, paragraph (iii)

Amend “Affected Party” to read “Affected Party (Parties)”, since an activity may affect not just one but several Parties.

Article 2, paragraph 6

Amend the beginning to read: “The Party of origin shall provide, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, an opportunity to the public in the Parties likely to be affected ...”, the rest of the text remaining unchanged. We think this change is needed because the public in areas likely to be affected, particularly rural areas, is not always able to assess the seriousness and scale of a possible impact, and we therefore feel that the debate should be open to the public not only in the affected areas but in the country as a whole.

Appendices

Appendix I

Paragraph 8

Amend to read “Large-diameter (over 500 mm) oil and gas pipelines, including underwater pipelines”.

Paragraph 15

Amend to read: “Offshore hydrocarbon production and hydrocarbon production in internal transboundary waters”. This amendment is necessary to take account of the large-scale development of hydrocarbon deposits currently under way in the Caspian sea, which is not covered by the term “continental shelf”.

Add an additional paragraph (paragraph 18) reading: “Transport of oil and other dangerous goods by seagoing vessels”.
