

**LIST WITH DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE
SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP WITHIN THE
PROJECT ON HAZARD AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN THE DANUBE DELTA**

*The meeting was organized as a videoconference
on 21 July 2015 from 10.30 a.m. to 12 p.m.*

Participants

Representatives from the project countries

1. Mr. Gavril Gilca (Republic of Moldova);
2. Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova);
3. Mr. Francisc Senzaconi (Romania);
4. Ms. Marilena Ghiu (Romania);
5. Mr. George Musala (Romania);
6. Mr. Yurii Nabyvanets (Ukraine);

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7. Mr. Chris Dijkens (Netherlands, Chair);
8. Mr. Pavel Danihelka (Czech Republic);
9. Mr. Pavel Dobes (Czech Republic);
10. Mr. Jorma Rytönen (Finland);

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11. Mr. Nikolay Savov, Assistance Programme manager;
12. Ms. Claudia Kamke, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer;
13. Ms. Franziska Ilg-Hirsch, Secretary, Industrial Accidents Convention;
14. Ms. Mihaela Popovici, consultant engaged by the UNECE secretariat.

List with decisions taken

The videoconference was chaired by Mr. Dijkens (Netherlands). The decisions taken are summarized below.

Scenario for the field exercise:

Participants agreed that:

- Ukraine would send the missing information in the background document for the field exercise within two weeks, i.e. by 4 August 2015, and keep the PMG informed about possible delays;
- The Republic of Moldova would provide Ms. Popovici with the missing information regarding the amount of the oil spill for inclusion into the scenario;
- Unexpected events be announced in the draft scenario whilst not providing detailed information about the concrete event that will happen;
- An Operative Committee (OC) should be established for the field exercise which would take a leading role in conducting the field exercise; The OC would be comprised of 1-2 persons from each project country, Ms. Popovici, Mr. Dijkens and the secretariat; It should hold a pre-meeting the evening before the field exercise to discuss its implementation;

Joint Contingency Plan (JCP)

- Romania would circulate the latest version of the JCP on 21 July 2015 to the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, highlighting which information the countries would still need to provide;
- Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova would send the missing information within two weeks, i.e. by 4 August 2015, to Romania, with the secretariat in cc, and inform the PMG, should there be unexpected delays;

Implementation of the field exercise

Participants agreed that:

- A field visit in preparation of the field exercise should be held in mid-August and requested the Republic of Moldova to coordinate the organization for it, keeping also the secretariat informed;
- Romania offered to provide a meeting room in Galati for the field visit;

Trilateral agreement

- The Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine informed the PMG that they agreed with the latest version circulated by the secretariat in July 2015¹ and requested the secretariat to circulate the official letters by the UNECE Executive Secretary with reference to the agreement asap, so as to back the national coordination process
- The Republic of Moldova agreed to discuss with Romania and Ukraine the procedure for signing the trilateral agreement, stressing that the time needed to coordinate at the national level the agreement of all involved needs to be considered carefully;

¹ Following the PMG meeting, the secretariat received comments by Romania on the draft previously circulated, which were discussed and agreed and thereafter circulated to all project countries and PMG members. This version is to be considered the version to be used for forwarding to Ministers and other national counterparts.

- Participants also discussed that, in case the trilateral agreement could not be signed by the Ministers in autumn 2015, a High-level Commitment Declaration or Statement could be prepared and signed instead also at a high level; The secretariat was requested to prepare, in cooperation with Ms. Popovici, a draft of such Declaration for discussion at the next PMG meeting.

Financing

- The secretariat informed the PMG that there is still a gap in the financing for the crisis management component of the project activities (approx. 5,000 Euro gap in the financing for the field exercise and lack of financing for the staff time needed to implement the project as well as approx. 5,000 Euro needed for materials for the field exercise);
- The Republic of Moldova informed about the in-kind contributions to the field exercise the country is able to secure (transport of participants within Moldova, staff time of participants, etc.);
- Romania confirmed that the participation of the national representatives in the field exercise will be in-kind support to the project;
- Ukraine could not commit to any in-kind support.

Final workshop

- The secretariat confirmed that, following discussion with Romania, the final workshop was envisaged to be organized in Bucharest in the week of 19 October;
- The secretariat will liaise with the Romanian national coordinators in order to discuss and clarify exact dates for the workshop and logistic details by the end of July 2015;
- The secretariat will distribute the first initial draft of the final workshop agenda, presented during the PMG meeting, with a view of finalizing it by end of August;
- The PMG members will provide feedback on the draft agenda by 26 July 2015;
- The secretariat will update the PMG on logistics details as soon as more detailed information is available.

Project reporting

- The national coordinators will send to the secretariat their input for the final project report by 17 August 2015;
- The secretariat to prepare and disseminate first draft of final report by mid September 2015;
- The PMG will give feedback on the first draft of final report by end September 2015.

Date for next video conference

- Participants agreed to hold another video conference on 18 August from 10 a.m. to 12.p.m.