

**Statement by the National Officer
from Kazakhstan's relationship with Tehran Convention
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea (Tehran Convention), let me briefly inform you about the work that is done on the subject of the littoral states of the site - game events, particularly the development of the Protocol on Environmental Impact Assessment on the marine environment of the Caspian Sea transboundary context.

But first a few words about the Tehran Convention. This is the first intergovernmental agreement between the littoral countries, signed in the five-sided format. It focuses on the formation of the basic principles and institutional mechanisms for cooperation in the region on environmental stressors. The Convention entered into force on 12 August 2006.

Article 6 of the Convention proposed to develop the protocols thereto, which would introduce additional measures, procedures and standards for the implementation of the Convention.

To date, completed at the expert level, development projects, four of the Protocols to the Tehran Convention, one of which is aimed at developing cooperation among the Caspian countries in case of incidents involving oil spills at sea, signed on 12 August this year in Aktau (Kazakhstan) and named Aktau.

In addition to the protocol experts Aktau Caspian states had been prepared as a draft Protocol to the Tehran Convention on EIA in a transboundary context. Its development began with the support of UNEP and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in 2002, initially in the form of a manual called "EIA in a Transboundary Context in the Caspian Region: step by step procedures." Then in 2004 at a meeting of authorized representatives of the countries - signatories of the Tehran Convention, it was decided to begin development of a legally binding document on EIA in a Protocol to the Convention.

Of course, the Protocol will be an important tool in protecting the marine environment of the Caspian Sea.

The draft Protocol has been prepared in the light of the above "Guidelines" and in accordance with the obligations and procedural framework of the UNECE Convention on EIA in a transboundary context, taking into account the views of countries not party to the Espoo Convention.

The Protocol was discussed at several meetings of experts of the Caspian countries from 2005 to February 2011. At the Third Conference of the Parties to the Tehran Convention, held in Aktau, in the current year, it was decided to approve and sign the Protocol on Transboundary EIA as soon as possible to the Fourth Conference of the Parties of the Tehran Convention, scheduled to take place in the Russian Federation in autumn 2012.

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Thank you for your attention.