

National Seminar

“Legislation and procedures for the application of the Espoo Convention in Tajikistan”

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Thanks the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Committee on Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for their assistance in organizing and conducting the seminar, thanks UNECE and GTZ for their support and expresses appreciation to the international experts and representatives of Kyrgyzstan and the Republic of Moldova.

Expresses its gratitude to the international expert Dmitri Skrylnikov for his work on preparing a review of the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan on environmental impact assessment within the context of the introduction and application of the Espoo Convention, the draft of which was sent to interested agencies and was presented and discussed at the seminar.

Requests the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and other interested agencies to consider the draft review and submit comments on the draft review as soon as possible (no later than 31 July 2010).

Requests the international expert to take into account the comments received when finalizing the review.

Takes into account the information that the Espoo Convention does not restrict the right of the State to decide itself on the implementation of development projects within its territory.

Encourages the secretariat of the Convention to continue to strengthen the capacity of the Republic of Tajikistan in environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context, inter alia by further clarifying the provisions of the Convention, and including through the organization of a two- or three-day training course for the authorities concerned.

Requests the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan:

- To take into account the recommendations provided in the review when further improving legislation in the field of environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context;
 - To consider the possibility of a pilot project with Kyrgyzstan in the field of environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context (for example, within the wider GTZ programme “Transboundary water resources management in Central Asia”).
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