

Expanding public access to environmental information with the new draft Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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The message of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the people of Kazakhstan "New development opportunities in the fourth industrial revolution" (Astana, January 10, 2018) ordered to develop a draft Environmental code of the Republic of Kazakhstan in a new version

The draft Environmental code provides for:



- review the current system of environmental impact assessment
- encouraging natural resources' consumers to reduce emissions
- improving the principles of emission regulation
- establishing progressive mechanisms of environmental regulation
- review the environmental standards of Kazakhstan based on international experience and technical and economic opportunities

The draft Environmental Code was developed based on the approaches of the OECD member countries

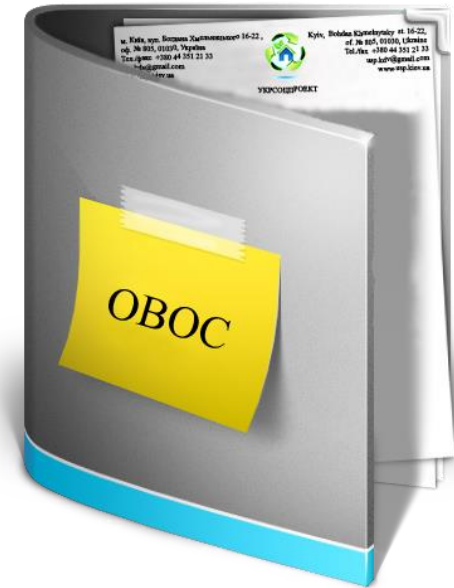
The features and diversity of existing tools and mechanisms for effective environmental protection are taken into account

Bringing legal acts on EIA to the requirements of the Espoo Convention

The EIA is considered as a complex procedure (rather than a document) that is initiated by the requester at the early stage

A number of international obligations, the implementation of which requires changes and additions to national environmental legislation

the legislation is expected to be harmonized with the principles of the UNECE Protocol on SEA to the Espoo Convention



Thank you for your attention!