

# Session 7 - Implementing arrangements (Section II, questions 9-13)

## Question 12 on Mutual assistance

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12. Are procedures  
in place for mutual  
assistance in case of a  
critical situation?

Yes /No

If yes, please  
provide a brief  
summary: [fill in]

## Suggestions to be included in the Guide

### 1. Definition/scope

- Explain what is meant by mutual assistance and that it could also be covered by separate arrangements.
- Explain what is meant by critical situation.

### 2. Examples

- Provide some indicative examples of the type of assistance that might be described in this section. Provide examples of arrangements.

## Questions for discussion

- Do we need to explain all terms? And if so which definition do we use
- What kind of examples are needed?
- Examples of how or type of mutual assistance provided:
  - Agreement regulates mutual assistance
  - Bilateral treaties, independent from the River Basin Convention
  - Through Head of Delegation vs. local authorities level
  - Drought/Floods: Parties provide immediate assistance to each other: human, material and technical resources