



**Third meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, Madrid, 26-28 November 2003**

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The Republic of Moldova brings his thanks and regards to the Secretariat of the Water Convention, to the host country - Spain - for organizing the Meeting and also to the Government of Germany for the given support and sustenance of representing of Moldova at an such important meeting.

We are minded to inform the third Meeting of the Parties about Republic of Moldova position in reference with the realization in implementation field on Water Convention.

After ratification of Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, in 1994, the Republic of Moldova draw the bow up to the ear for the realization of its foresight.

In 2000, the Republic of Moldova signed the Protocol on Water and Health committing for its implementation.

At the present day, in our country are prepared the documents for the ratification of Protocol – an important tool for Convention implementation, witch will contribute at pollution reduction of waters, also at reduction of water diseases in transboundary context.

Participating (period 2002-2003) at the elaboration of an very important and useful document, for the prevention of water pollution and about countries transboundary liability in this field, such as Protocol on Civil Liability, the Republic of Moldova has assumed the responsibility of accomplishing the foresights of the above mentioned Protocol. The firs step was the signing of the mentioned document at the Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, held in Kiev, May 2003.

Participating at the Third Meeting of the Parties, the Republic of Moldova communicates that it agrees and considers that the proposal, made by Switzerland, on the amendment to the Convention, is very welcomed, and sustain integral this proposal. We consider that this amendment will enhance the role of Convention in solving the environmental problems and also will fortify the development of sustainable management of transboundary water sources.

We call all Part for further transboundary cooperation in order to achieve the convention goals.