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International Lakes**

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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION  
AND  
USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY  
WATERCOURSES  
AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS AND INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS:  
PRIORITY NEEDS OF UNECE COUNTRIES**

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prepared by the task force members nominated by the two Bureaux for this purpose, with the assistance  
of the secretariat.

**Please note that this document is a draft, which is currently under the revision by the task force.  
The document was made available to the Meeting of the Parties for information only and it will  
not be discussed by the Meeting of the Parties.**

This questionnaire is addressed to the focal points of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention) and of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention). The questionnaire will allow countries to express their priority needs and to identify specific activities related to water and industrial accidents in the transboundary context. The responses will help to tailor to the requirements of countries the work to be carried out by the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, established under the two Conventions.

The Questionnaire is in line with the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar on the Prevention of Chemical Accidents and Limitation of their Impact on Transboundary Waters<sup>1</sup> (Hamburg, Germany, 1999) that have been adopted/endorsed by the governing bodies of the both Conventions. The conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar in English, French and Russian are enclosed.

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1 (CEP/WG.4/SEM.1/1999/3 - MP.WAT/SEM.1/1999/3) see also  
<http://www.unece.org/env/teia/doc/mpwat.sem1.1999.3e.pdf>

The responses to this Questionnaire will provide the basis for a decision by the two Bureaux on one or more priority activities for 2010-2012 in this area in accordance with the Strategy for Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.3.

The areas of interests for Joint Expert Group identified by the two Convention are as follows:

- (a) Measures for prevention, control and reduction of transboundary accidental water pollution (article 6 of the Industrial Accidents Convention and article 3 of the Water Convention);
- (b) Effective transboundary contingency planning, including warning and alert systems (articles 8 and 10 of the Industrial Accidents Convention and articles 3 and 9 of the Water Convention);
- (c) Exchange of information and experience, particularly through joint training programmes and the organization of relevant seminars and meetings (article 16 of the Industrial Accidents Convention and article 13 of the Water Convention).

The Questionnaire consists of the two parts. Part I provides for identification of up to 3 priority issues for a country. Part II provides for identification of activity(ies) that should be implemented to address 3 priority issues mentioned in part I. To simplify work of experts, part II contains 3 templates with questions for each of the 3 priority issues identified in part I.

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Insert here the <b>COUNTRY</b> that is responding to the Questionnaire
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>
Please provide name and contact data of the person, who filled in the questionnaire:
First Name:.....
Last Name: (Ms/Mr).....
Position: .....
Name of the Organisation:.....
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Fax:.....
E-mail:.....
Website:.....

**I.**

**I. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR YOUR COUNTRY**

Please mark “x” as relevant for your country in the table below. :

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Priority Issues (choose up to three issues maximum)</b>	<b>Important issues</b>	<b>Not a priority issues</b>
Institutional structures for transboundary/basin wide cooperation			

Water quality/quantity monitoring, classification, intercalibration/ compatible data outputs			
Mutual monitoring data exchange			
Alarm systems/Notification/Information exchange			
Contingency planning/harmonisation			
Tailing Dams Management (incl. orphaned/abandoned sites)			
Wastewaters treatment			
Fire protection			
Pipelines management			
Natural disasters (e.g. land slides, avalanches)			
Flood management			
Drought management			
Trans-shipment of hazardous substances			
Siting of hazardous installations			
Impact studies/risk assessment			
Response exercises			
Other ( <i>pls. add as appropriate for your country</i> )			

## II. ACTIVITIES

Please provide for **each Priority Issue** (indicated in the table above), answers in the sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) below.

<b>Issue 1.....</b> ( <i>pls. include one of the three priority issues. Identified in part I</i> )
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**(a) Aspects to be addressed** (*please choose up to two options maximum and delete other options*)

Political	Legal	Institutional and Managerial	Technical	Other ( <i>add, as relevant for your country</i> )
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*Briefly explain your answer:*

**(b) Level of implementation** (*please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”*)

National	Bilateral	Basin-wide	Subregional	UNECE region
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*Briefly explain your answer, also specifying the basins and countries concerned:*

**(c) Format of activity** *(please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”)*

Workshop	Advisory service	Expert Group	Emergency exercise	Other <i>(add, as relevant for your country)</i>
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*Briefly explain your answer:*

**(d) Expected outcome of an activity** *(please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”)*

Key conclusions/report	Technical manual	Policy recommendations/guidance	Electronic tools such as interactive website	Other <i>(add, as relevant for your country)</i>
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**(e) Existing experience in your country**

Please assess your country’s experience regarding this issue following the scale below *(underline most relevant aspects):*

- Political aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*
- Legal aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*
- Institutional and managerial aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*
- Technical aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*
- Other aspects Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Add as relevant for your country and briefly explain your answer:*

**(f) Additional information**

*You may add any other information regarding this issue, as you consider appropriate.*

**Issue 2.....** (pls. include one of the three priority issues. Identified in part I)

**(a) Aspects to be addressed** (please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x” )

Political	Legal	Institutional and Managerial	Technical	Other (add, as relevant for your country)
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Briefly explain your answer:

**(b) Level of implementation** (please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”)

National	Bilateral	Basin-wide	Subregional	UNECE region
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Briefly explain your answer, also specifying the basins and countries concerned:

**(c) Format of activity** (please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”)

Workshop	Advisory service	Expert Group	Emergency exercise	Other (add, as relevant for your country)
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Briefly explain your answer:

**(d) Expected outcome of an activity** (please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x” )

Key conclusions/report	Technical manual	Policy recommendations/ guidance	Electronic tools such as interactive website	Other (add, as relevant for your country)
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**(e) Existed experience in the country**

Please assess your country’s experience regarding this issue following the scale below (underline most relevant aspects):

- Political aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor

Briefly explain your answer:

- Legal aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor

Briefly explain your answer:

• Institutional and managerial aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*

• Technical aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*

• Other aspects Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Add as relevant for your country and briefly explain your answer:*

**(f) Additional information**

*You may add any other information regarding this issue, as you consider appropriate.*

**Issue 3.....** (pls. include one of the three priority issues. Identified in part I)

**(a) Aspects to be addressed** (please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”s)

Political	Legal	Institutional and Managerial	Technical	Other (add, as relevant for your country)
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*Briefly explain your answer:*

**(b) Level of implementation** (please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”)

National	Bilateral	Basin-wide	Subregional	UNECE region
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*Briefly explain your answer, also specifying the basins and countries concerned:*

**(c) Format of activity** (please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”)

Workshop	Advisory service	Expert Group	Emergency exercise	Other (add, as relevant for your country)
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*Briefly explain your answer:*

**(d) Expected outcome of an activity** (please choose up to two options maximum and mark with “x”)

Key conclusions/report	Technical manual	Policy recommendations/guidance	Electronic tools such as interactive website	Other ( <i>add, as relevant for your country</i> )
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**(e) Existed experience in the country**

Please assess your country's experience regarding this issue following the scale below (underline most relevant aspects):

- Political aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*
  
- Legal aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*
  
- Institutional and managerial aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*
  
- Technical aspects: Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Briefly explain your answer:*
  
- Other aspects Excellent/ Good /Moderate/ Poor  
*Add as relevant for your country and briefly explain your answer:*

**(f) Additional information**

*You may add any other information regarding this issue, as you consider appropriate.*

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