

POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS

- QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION GATHERING -

The following forms have been drawn up by the secretariat as a result of the discussion of the Working Group on Water Management at its first meeting (Budapest, Hungary, 23-24 September 1998). The questionnaire consists of two parts: Part I deals with general issues of cooperation among countries riparian to the same transboundary water. Part II deals with joint bodies. Countries and joint bodies are encouraged to fill in the questionnaire, and to make additional copies, if be, of the forms under part II.

Part I: GENERAL ISSUES OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

Part I deals with provisions of the Convention which are set out in its articles 9 (paragraph 1), 10, 15 and 16. Information should be provided, as far as possible or appropriate, jointly or in consultation with the respective riparian countries. The replies should also indicate those transboundary waters or catchment areas where no bilateral or multilateral agreements or other arrangements exist and the areas where existing agreements need to be adjusted to give effect to the obligations under the Convention.

A compilation of agreements on transboundary waters is annexed to this questionnaire. It is based on the document Bilateral and Multilateral Agreements and other Arrangements in Europe and North America on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Waters (ECE/ENWVA/32, Add.1 and Add.2).

Table 1.1 General information

| Do the agreements that your country has concluded with other riparian countries appear in this compilation and is the information provided in this compilation correct and complete? | yes | no |
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| <p>If the information is incorrect or incomplete, please mail a corrected version of the corresponding page to the secretariat.</p> <p>If the agreement that your country has concluded with other riparian countries does not appear in the annexed compilation, please fill in table 1.2.</p> | | |

Table 1.2 Existing agreements on transboundary waters

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| <p>Title of the agreement:</p> |
| <p>Field of application of the agreement</p> <p><i>Please cross out what does not apply:</i></p> <p>Qualitative and quantitative protection of surface water resources - qualitative and quantitative protection of groundwaters - water supply - hydropower generation - flood protection - irrigation - fishery - regulating - navigation</p> <p><i>Other fields of application (please indicate below):</i></p> |
| <p>River basin</p> <p>First order river basin:</p> <p>Catchment area(s) or part(s) of this (these) area(s) to which the agreement applies:</p> |
| <p>Contracting parties:</p> |
| <p>Date and place of signature, date of entry into force:</p> |
| <p>Joint body:</p> <p>Address of the joint body:</p> |
| <p>References:</p> |

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Table 1.4 Consultations between Parties

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| Which arrangements have been made for consultations between Parties bordering the same transboundary water (see article 10)? |
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Table 1.5 Mutual assistance

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| What are the key elements of procedures for the provision of mutual assistance in critical situation which your country has made together with the other riparian countries (see article 15)? |
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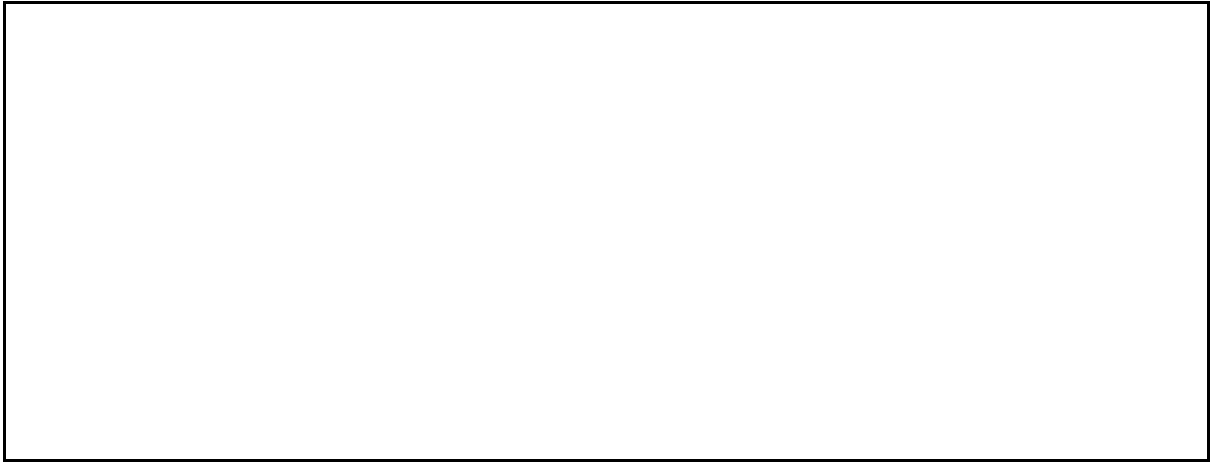


Table 1.6 Public information

Which procedures and practices have been established for making information on the issues mentioned in article 16 available to the public?

Part II: JOINT BODIES

This part covers provisions of the Convention which are laid down in its article 9, paragraphs 2 to 5. Information should be provided, as far as possible or appropriate, by the relevant joint body.

Table 2.1 General information

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| Name of the joint body | |
| Address of the joint body | |
| Telephone number | |
| Telefax number | |
| e-mail address | |
| Internet site | |

Article 9, paragraph 2 (a) to (g), of the Convention lays down a number of activities which shall be carried out by joint bodies. These obligations have been summarized in tables 2.2 and 2.3. Please mark with a circle whether the activity is part of the programme of work of the joint body (Ayes≅), is not part of the programme (Ano≅), or will soon become part of the programme (Aforeseen≅).

Table 2.2 Water bodies dealt with by the joint body

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| Water bodies dealt with by the joint body: | | | |
| Transboundary rivers | yes | no | foreseen |
| International lakes | yes | no | foreseen |
| Transboundary groundwaters | yes | no | foreseen |

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| Transboundary estuaries Other waters (please indicate below): | yes | no | foreseen |
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**Table 2.3 Activities of joint bodies according to the Convention= s
article 9, paragraph 2 (a) to (g)**

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| Collection, compilation and evaluation of data in order to identify pollution sources likely to cause transboundary impact | yes | no | foreseen |
| Elaboration of joint monitoring programmes concerning water quality and quantity: (a) For surface waters (b) For groundwaters (c) For other waters (please specify): | yes yes yes | no no no | foreseen foreseen foreseen |
| Drawing-up of inventories and exchange information on pollution sources | yes | no | foreseen |
| Elaboration of emission limits for waste water | yes | no | foreseen |
| Evaluation of the effectiveness of control programmes | yes | no | foreseen |
| Elaboration of joint water-quality objectives | yes | no | foreseen |
| Proposing measures for maintaining and, where necessary, improving the existing water quality | yes | no | foreseen |
| Development/implementation of concerted action programmes for the reduction of pollution loads from point and diffuse sources | yes | no | foreseen |
| Development/implementation of strategies / action plans regarding floods | yes | no | foreseen |
| Development/implementation of strategies / action plans regarding droughts | yes | no | foreseen |
| Establishing warning and alarm procedures | yes | no | foreseen |

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| Acting as a forum for the exchange of information on existing and planned uses of water and related installations that are likely to cause transboundary impact | yes | no | foreseen |
| Promoting cooperation and exchanging information on the best available technology | yes | no | foreseen |
| Encouraging cooperation in scientific research programmes | yes | no | foreseen |
| Participation in the implementation of environmental impact assessments relating to transboundary waters | yes | no | foreseen |

On some issues listed in table 2.3, joint bodies may have got specific experience which could be provided by responding to the questions in tables 2.4 and 2.5.

Table 2.4 Specific experience of joint bodies related to information exchange

Examples of activities undertaken by joint bodies to serve as a forum for the exchange of information on existing and planned uses of water and related installations that are likely to cause transboundary impact (see article 9, paragraph 2 (h)):

Examples of activities undertaken by joint bodies to promote cooperation and exchange of information on the best available technology, and to encourage cooperation in scientific research programmes (see article 9, paragraph 2 (i)):

Table 2.5 Specific experience of joint bodies related to assessments

Examples on how the effectiveness of control programmes is being evaluated by the joint body (see article 9, paragraph 2 (d)):

Examples of international regulations that are used by the joint body for environmental impact assessment, e.g. 1991 Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (see article 9, paragraph 2 (j)):

Criteria for carrying out EIA (e.g. modification of a water body of a given size; construction of dykes; operation of waste-water treatment facilities with a certain capacity, water intakes from a transboundary water of a certain amount):

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Paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 9 deal with cooperation among joint bodies existing in the same catchment area (e.g. among two or more river commissions; among river and lake commissions; among river commissions and other entities set up for nature conservation, navigation etc.) and cooperation with joint bodies dealing with the marine environment. Brief information should be provided by filling in the following tables

Table 2.6 Cooperation with joint bodies responsible for the marine environment

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| Are there arrangements between your joint body and a joint body, established by coastal States for the protection of the marine environment, e.g. HELCOM, OSPARCOM (see article 9, paragraph 4)? | Yes |
| | No |
| If the answer is yes, with which joint body? | |
| Main subject of these arrangements: | |
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