



# Protocol on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea

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# Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea - Tehran Convention

## Key dates

Adopted on November 4, 2003 in Tehran,  
the Islamic Republic of Iran  
Entered into force on August 12, 2006

## Member States

Five Parties to the Convention are Caspian littoral States: Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan





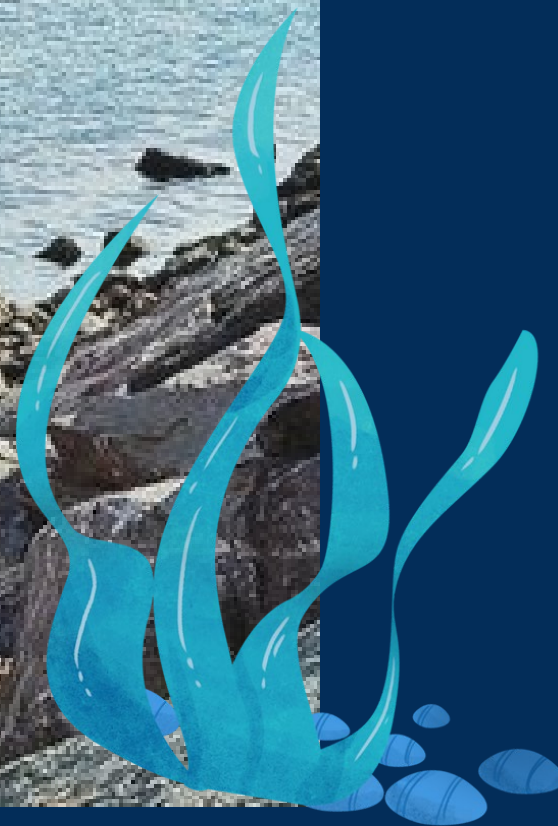
# Protocol on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (EIA Protocol)

## Adoption of the Protocol

Negotiations under the Protocol text were held from 1999 to 2018. The EIA protocol to the Tehran Convention was adopted and signed in Moscow, on July 20, 2018

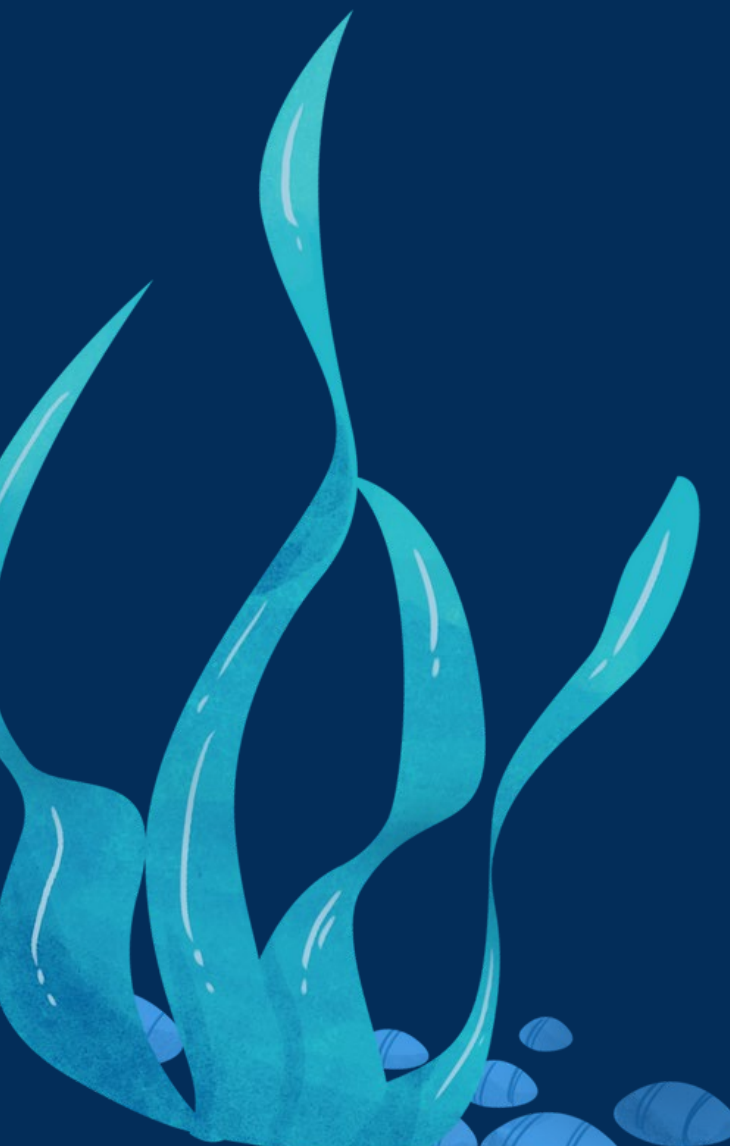
## Ratification status

The EIA protocol to the Tehran Convention is currently signed by all the Member States of the Convention. It is ratified by four countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan. The ratification by the I.R. of Iran is pending



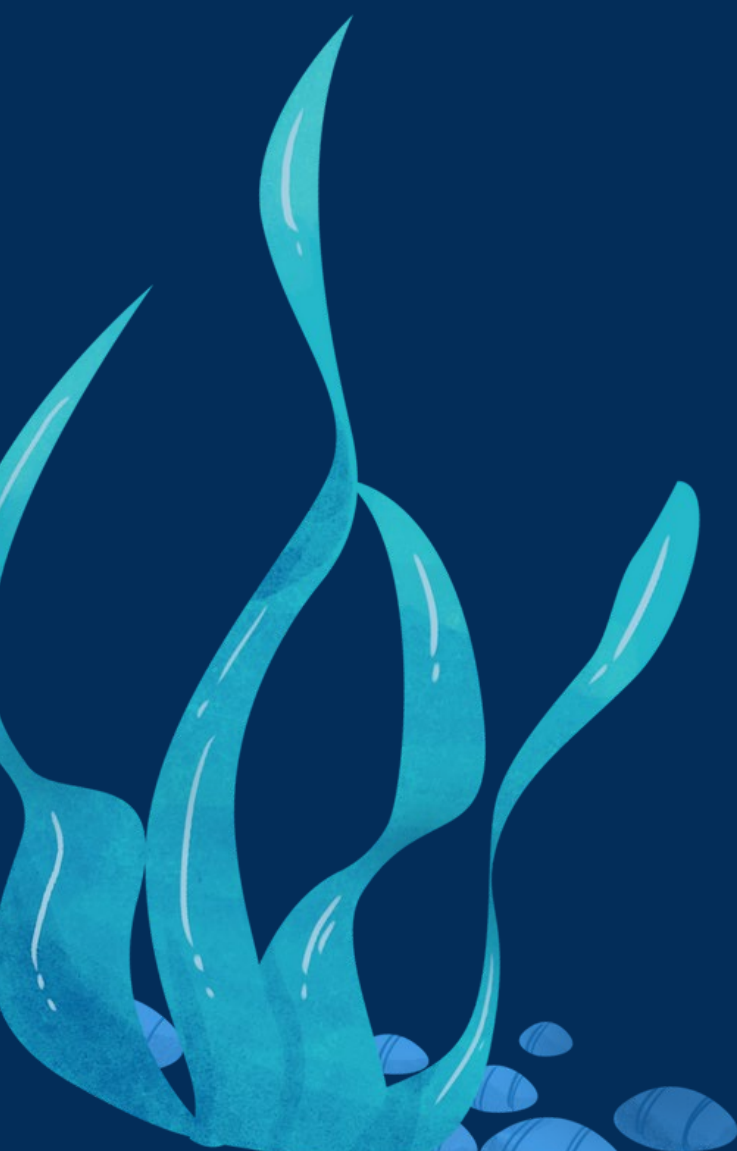
# EIA Protocol to the Tehran Convention: an overview

- 23 articles + 3 annexes
- Significant articles: "Use of Terms", "Objective", "Scope of Application", "General Provisions", "Review of environmental impact assessment Documentation and Public Consultations", "Final Decision on Implementation of a Proposed Activity", "Post project analysis", "Reporting", "Institutional Provisions"
- Annexes: List of Activities (I), List of Criteria to Assist in Determining Significant Transboundary Impact (II), Minimum Content of the Environmental Impact Assessment Documentation (III)



# Provisions highlights:

- “this Protocol shall be applied to the marine environment of the Caspian Sea taking into account its water level fluctuations and pollution from land-based sources” (art. 3 “Scope of application”)
- “Each Contracting Party shall adopt necessary legal, administrative or other measures to implement the provisions of this Protocol with respect to proposed activities listed in Annex I, that are likely to cause significant transboundary impact as determined in accordance with the criteria set forth in Annex II to this Protocol, the establishment of an environmental impact assessment procedure that permits public participation and preparation of the environmental impact assessment documentation described in Annex III to this Protocol” (art. 4 “General Provisions”).



# Annex I: List of Activities

- Crude oil refineries and installations for the gasification and liquefaction
- Thermal power stations and other combustion installations
- Nuclear power stations and other nuclear reactors
- Major installations for the initial smelting of cast iron and steel
- Integrated chemical and petrochemical installations
- Large diameter pipelines for the transport of oil, gas and oil products, or chemicals
- Large dams, reservoirs and canals connected to the Caspian Sea
- Etc.



## Annex II: List of Criteria to Assist in Determining Significant Transboundary Impact

- **Size:** proposed activities which are large for the type of the activity
- **Location:** proposed activities which are located in or close to an area of special environmental sensitivity or importance and/or would be likely to have significant effects on the population
- **Effects:** proposed activities with particularly complex and potentially adverse effects, including those giving rise to serious effects on humans or on valued species or organisms, those which threaten the existing or potential use of an affected area and those causing additional loading which cannot be sustained by the carrying capacity of the environment.

# Annex III: Minimum Content of the Environmental Impact Assessment Documentation

- Description of the proposed activity and its purpose
- Description, where appropriate, of reasonable alternatives
- Description of the potential environmental impact of the proposed activity and its alternatives and an estimation of its significance
- Description of mitigation measures to keep adverse environmental impact to a minimum
- Identification of gaps in knowledge and uncertainties encountered in compiling the required information
- Etc.







THANK YOU!

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