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Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning**

**CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY
EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS
PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

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Background information

December 2005: Government of the Republic of Macedonia accepted the Declaration to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

May 2006: Fact-finding mission realized in cooperation with UNECE Secretariat and expert team

November 2007: An awareness-raising mission organised under the Assistance Programme of the Convention to support Macedonia towards the implementation of the basic tasks under the Convention

March 2008: Draft-Action Plan for Implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents Basic Tasks & Action Plan Time-Table

Comparison table

FFM CONCLUSIONS/NEEDS	ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN IN MACEDONIA
Convention is not available in the national language	2006: Convention translated in Macedonian language
Lack of institutional and human capacities at the national and local level	In 2007 the Division for Chemicals and Industrial Accidents was established within the MoEPP/Administration for Environment. Directly involved institutions (CCM, DPR) are fully aware of the Convention obligations. However, institutional strengthening and capacity building is extremely important for further country action.
Cooperation between national competent authorities and between national and local authorities, and promoting the involvement of industry and the public	Intersectoral working group established. Group , members: MoEPP, CCM, DPR, MTC, MH, ME, CA. The group has advisory and supervising role in sense of DAP and Convention ratification and implementation.

Comparison table

FFM CONCLUSIONS/NEEDS	ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN IN MACEDONIA
Increase awareness of the tasks under the Convention	Awareness raising mission was excellent opportunity to increase awareness of the Convention tasks among the involved stakeholders. The mission gave directions how the action plan to be developed and consist of, the role of the different institutions/installations, scheme of their future mutual action.
Prepare a plan of action for implementing the Convention, starting with the basic tasks	Draft-action plan and time-table prepared (February 2008)
Technical expertise in applying annex I to the Convention and the location criteria	Foreseen preparation of the List of dangerous substances & thresholds of presence of dangerous substances (sub-law to the Law on Environemnt)

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ARM RECCOMENDATIONS	ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN IN MACEDONIA
<p>Designate the leading authority for the work under the Convention. The leading authority will also be responsible for the implementation of the Action Plan</p>	<p>The Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning (MoEPP) is the Governmental body responsible for the coordination of the Convention implementation.</p> <p>The MoEPP also coordinated the activities on the Draft-action Plan development and its future coordination</p>
<p>Designate a Point of Contact for notification of Industrial Accidents and Mutual Assistance and start to use the Industrial Accidents Notification (IAN) System and to inform the Secretariat of the contact details of the Point of Contact</p>	<p>In coordination leaded by the MoEPP the intersectoral working group was established.</p> <p>The group is consisted of members from all institutions involved in the process of industrial accidents prevention and control.</p> <p>The group decided the Centre for Crisis Management to be nominated as a Point of Contact for notification of Industrial Accidents and Mutual Assistance. The official nomination will be proceeded in accordance to the national and international procedures.</p>

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Draft the Action Plan and implement it within the set deadline	Draft-Action Plan (DAP) was developed in January 2008. Some of the DAP activities are initiated (intesectoral working group establishment, Convention ratification procedure, nomination of the competent authority) even before the set deadline within the DAP.
Draft the Action Plan structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An attempt to identify the present situation• The target of the country for the completion of each of the basic tasks• An attempt to specify a timeline for the implementation of the tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background information• Draft-action plan for implementation of the Convention basic tasks• Action plan time table

Documents that supports Action-Plan development and implementation

National legislation:

- 1. Law on Environment (OJ of the RM 53/05, 81/2005, 24/2007)**
- 2. Law on Protection and Rescue (OJ of the RM, no. 36/2004 and 49/2004)**
- 3. Law on Crisis Management (OJ of the RM, no. 29/2005)**

Draft-Action Plan Structure

- I. Situation Report**
- II. Draft-Action Plan for Implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents**
- III. Draft-Action Plan Time-table**

Draft-Action Plan Structure

I. Situation Report:

Status of implementation of the Convention basic tasks in the country. The report contains, in the first place, the legal and institutional capacities of the country to realize the Convention provisions.

Draft-Action Plan Structure

II. Draft-Action Plan for Implementation of the Convention Basic Tasks

List of activities necessary to realize the Convention provisions. The defined activities cover most of the areas identified in the Convention and give opportunity for mutual action off all involved stakeholders.

Draft-Action Plan Structure

III. Draft-Action Plan Time-table

Detail and exact time-frame for the Action plan implementation. The tasks are in chronological order in accordance to the country needs and obligations from the national and international treaties.

Draft-Action Plan Time-table

BASIC TASK: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE												
ACTIVITIES	YEAR											
	2008				2009				2010			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Preparation and adoption of the bylaws for support of the implementation of the prepared laws connected with the Convention provisions												
Development of an inventory of the all stakeholders involved/responsible for emergency preparedness and response and mutual assistance												
Preparation of the technical guidelines to facilitate preparation of on-site and off-site contingency plans												

Future action/Country needs

- 1. Develop and adopt a comprehensive action plan on industrial accidents prevention and control including the tranboundary effects:**
 - Situation report,**
 - National priorities**
 - Action plan**

Future action/Country needs

Capacity building activities with an aim to initiate a process to further strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks for implementing the Convention:

- Training on different issues related to Convention/DAP implementation (Identification of Hazardous Activities, Notification of Hazardous Activities, Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, etc)
- Development of technical guidelines to facilitate the activities implementation;
- Development of standard procedures and operative plans involving all relevant stakeholders;
- Establishment of a strong network among all responsible institutions including industry responsible for the industrial accidents management.

Future action/Country needs

Operative procedures:

- Immediate definition of the standard operative procedures related to establishment of AN system on national level;**
- Providing training of the professionals for adequate implementation of the standard operative procedures;**
- Providing equipment for personal protection and industrial accident control and management;**
- Development of manuals containing safety procedures in the case of industrial accident.**

Future action/Country needs

Industry:

- Establishment of the preliminary list of installations that handle, store or produce hazardous chemical substances classified under the Seveso II Directive and the Convention;
- Technical guidelines for preparation and implementation of the on-site contingency/emergency plans;
- Training of the management teams and directly involved professionals on good practice in industrial accidents management;
- Establish communication and cooperation between industry and the institutions responsible for industrial accidents control.

Future action/Country needs

Public in general :

- **Preparation of the basis for conduction of the national public awareness campaign:**
 - **Development brochures, pamphlets, in order general public to be warned and kept informed,**
 - **Organization of forums, panel discussion to introduce and involve NGOs, media to transmits the relevant information to the public.**
- **Provide public preparedness and involvement in the development and implementation of the off-site contingency/emergency plans**
- **Conduction of the national public awareness campaign as a permanent task of the responsible institutions.**

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