

ZAMBIA'S OBLIGATION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS – WATER CONVENTION

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ROLE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- To formulate and administer Zambia's foreign Policy;
- To establish and maintain Zambia's good International Relations ;
- To coordinate the signing of treaties (Agreements and Conventions), pledges and contributions to the UN Agencies and other International Organisations ;
- **In short**, to promote and protect Zambia's interests and maintain good international relations in order to contribute to sustainable development .

ASSESSMENT OF OBLIGATIONS/BENEFITS OF ACCEDING TO A CONVENTION/TREATY

For Zambia to acced to any Convention or be Party to a Treaty or and Agreement, it must:

- Assess the advantages and disadvantages of being a Member to such a Treaty by engaging line Ministries and experts
- We also know that by joining, we must adhere to a set of norms and rules governing the actions of member states and other actors at the international level;
- **Some of the benefits of joining**, they provide a common platform to discuss and provide solutions to common challenges; provide technical, financial and material support to MS;
- A good platform for sharing best practices, which may aid the collection of statistical information critical for comparative studies and policy formulation
- Crucial in minimizing transaction costs Bargaining and settling of disputes, and strengthen the cooperation among member states.

Policy and Legal Obligations

- **Policy undertake the required process of accession;**
- Stakeholder consultations, Cab Memos, Parliament
- **Legal, assess any required changes to the existing domestic legislation and policies** for implementation of the Convention;

Administrative Obligations

Administrative obligations may include:

- Appointment of officials that will be charged with the responsibility of implementing the Water Convention agreed activities;
- Adequate briefing to all relevant stakeholders to ensure their buy-in; and

Financial Obligations

Members to international Organisations are obliged to:

- Pay **assessed contributions** and also **voluntary contributions**;
- Financial resources will be required to:
 - Participate in the meetings of the Convention;
 - Implementation of the Water Convention; and
 - Expense on other administrative arrangements, such as staffing and information dissemination.
- Provision in the National budget for public spending is necessary.

Reporting Obligations

- **REPORT MECHANISM**

- Some organisations requires Member States to report progress or lack of it, on some of the agreed areas; and
- The reports have to be in line with established standards, which are specific in respect of a given standard.
- Normally require participation of all relevant stakeholders

END OF PRESENTATION

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