



INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Inland waters protection

Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe (Magdeburg 1990)

Objectives:

- to allow the use of water from bank infiltration for drinking water supply purposes
- agricultural use of water and sediments
- to improve conditions of ecosystems to be as close as possible to the natural conditions with sound diversity of species
- to reduce pollution of the North Sea by the Elbe

Convention on Co-operation for the Protection and Sustainable Use of the Danube River

(Sofia 1994)

Objectives:

- sustainable water management
- protection and rational use of surface waters and groundwater
- reduction of hazards originating from accidents involving hazardous substances and floods
- to reduce pollution of the Black Sea from Danube river

Declaration on the Environment in the Danube River Basin (1994)

- Strategic Action Plan
- Program for the Implementation of SAP (investment activities sponsored from PHARE project)
- Environmental Program for the Danube Basin (improvement of environmental conditions)
- Accidental Emergency Prevention and Warning System (focused on timely warning in cases of accidents)

Convention on the International Commission for the Oder River Protection against Pollution Wroclaw 1996

Objectives:

- permanent reduction of the pollution of Oder River
Baltic Sea
- to restore aquatic and related ecosystems to get close
to natural conditions with adequate diversity of species
- to allow the use of the water from bank infiltration
for the drinking water supply
- agricultural use of water and sediments

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Helsinki 1992)

Objective: - the protection and the rational usage of transboundary watercourses and lakes

Obligations:

- pollution prevention and reduction
- sustainable management of water resources
- to monitor and evaluate water conditions
- information exchange
- to prepare emergency notification and warning system

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Protocol on Water and Health (London 1999)

Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Kiev 2003) – *not signed by the CR*

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Protocol on Water and Health (London 1999)

Objectives:

- to support human health protection and well-being by:
 - improvement of the water management
 - improvement of quality and quantity of drinking water
 - protection of water ecosystems

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Definitions of - industrial accident
- damage

Obligations of the operators to have financial insurance of his activities
Polluter-pay principle

Convention on the Law of Non-Navigational uses of International Watercourses (New York 1997)

Goals:

1. optimal and sustainable utilization,
2. co-operation,
3. information exchange,
4. pollution prevention
5. the protection, preservation and management of ecosystems
6. managing emergency situations.

Case Law

- Lake Lanoux - States must strive to reach agreements prior to the creation of operation that can pose potential problems.
- Gabčíkovo – Nagymaros