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MAR DEL PLATA 1977
UN WATER CONFERENCE
Decision on River Commissions

• DAKAR 5-14 MAY 1981

INRERREGIONAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL RIVER AND LAKE COMMISSIONS
PRINCIPLES AND CONVENTIONS ON THE USE OF FRONTIER WATERS
MR. ELEMÉR PREHOFER (HU)

- Frontier waters as shared natural resources
- General obligations (do not cause damage to the environment of other states)
- Notice about emergency situation and unexpected events
- Informations and consultations
EU aims:
- Sustainable use of water

National aims:
- Consideration of the special flood prevention circumstances
- Introduction of the open planning process in water management
- Strengthen the sub-basin co-operation

ICPDR: Co-ordination of the Danube basin aims: Roof Report
Multilateral Co-operation Related to Water

- Helsinki Convention (1996)
- ICPDR (Sofia Convention) (1998)
- Tisza Water Forum (2001)
- Budapest Initiative (2002)
Bilateral Frontier Water Agreements

- Hungarian-Slovakian (1978)
- Hungarian-Ukrainian (1999)
- Hungarian-Romanian (2003)
- Hungarian-Yugoslavian (1955)
- Hungarian-Croatian (1995)
- Hungarian-Slovenian (1995)
- Hungarian-Austrian (1955)
• **HUNGARY-SLOVAKIA**

• New agreement will take into consideration very detailed way the WFD aspects (Committee of Common Basins and Transboundary Waters)

• WG for Implementation of WFD formulated
  (identification of surface WBs, preparation of maps, preliminary identification of the HMWBs, delineation of transboundary GWBs, exchange of information on pressures and risk assessment)
• **HUNGARY-UKRAINE**

• The Hungarian Side provided information on WFD harmonization

• The Ukrainian Side suggested to take into consideration the background materials prepared for the Tisza Water Forum

• The Ukrainian Side needs financing for the implementation of EU WFD
• **HUNGARY-ROMANIA**

• The new transboundary agreement (2003) took into consideration the aspects of WFD

• The harmonisation of WFD started: General presentations, surface water, groundwater and GIS groups in parallel sessions

• Identification of all transboundary WBs, agreed ICPDR templates, bilateral harmonisation of datasets
HUNGARY-SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO

After a long standstill in the bilateral transboundary co-operation the two Sides agreed about the continuation. The Serbian Side agreed to implement the WFD in transboundary context.
• **HUNGARY-CROATIA**

• 10 years of transboundary co-operation
• Discussions on Drava river water power utilisation
• WFD WG started its activity
• **HUNGARY-SLOVENIA**

• 10 years of co-operation

• Two meetings on WFD Harmonisation

• Experts nominated for surface waters, groundwaters and GIS
• HUNGARY-AUSTRIA

• The most traditional transboundary co-operation

• The Austrian-Hungarian Transboundary Water Commission since 2001 deals with the tasks raised by WFD

• Special WFD WG was formulated by the initiative of the water directors
Tiszabecs 1998.
Formulation of Tisza Water Forum
Co-operation under the Tisza Water Forum

- Review of the national flood policies
- Harmonisation of the national programmes
- Common Flood Control Concept
- Involvement of third partners
Tisza Water Forum
Working Groups

- Natural Characteristics of the Tisza River Basin / YU
- Description of Flood Control Situation by Countries / RO
- Increasing the Lead Time Available for the Preparation of the Flood Defence System / HU
- Definition of Design Flood Levels / SLO
- Implementation of Required Measures / U
- Determining the Environmental Impacts (Strategic EIA) / SLO
- International Co-operation and Legal Framework / HU
- Action Programme for the Sustainable Flood Protection in the Tisza River Basin / RO
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- Proposal for the extension of the activity of the Forum
- Co-operation with the ICPDR (Harmonizing the activities of Flood Protection EG of ICPDR and the WG 8 of the Forum)
- EU and ICPDR Initiative for strengthening the co-operation on sub-basin level
Thank you for your kind attention!