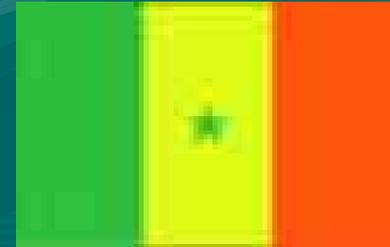


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**MAR DEL PLATA 1977  
UN WATER CONFERENCE  
Decision on River Commissions**

- **DAKAR 5-14 MAY 1981**

**INRERREGIONAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL  
RIVER AND LAKE COMMISSIONS**

# PRINCIPLES AND CONVENTIONS ON THE USE OF FRONTIER WATERS MR. ELEMÉR PREHOFFER (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

# INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE DANUBE RIVER BASIN

EU aims:



Sustainable use of water



ICPDR :Co-ordination of the Danube basin aims:Roof Report

National aims:

Consideration of the special flood prevention circumstances

Introduction of the open planning process in water management

Strengthen the sub-basin co-operation



# Multilateral Co-operation Related to Water

- Helsinki Convention ( 1996)
- ICPDR (Sofia Convention) ( 1998)
- EU Water Framework Directive (2000)
- 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)

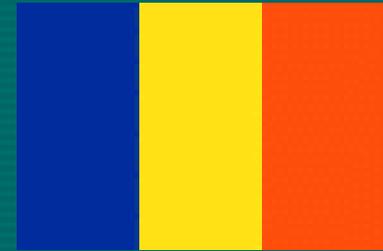


- **HUNGARY-SLOVAKIA**
- New agreement will take into consideration very detailed way the WFD aspects (Committee of Common Basins and Transboundary Waters)
- WG for Implementation of WFD formulated (identification of surface WBs, preparation of maps, preliminary identification of the HMWBs, delineation 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**
- **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.**



**Budapest Declaration 25. May 2001.**  
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 DEVELOPEMENTS

- Proposal for the extention 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 !**