



Appendix 3 to the Water Charter for the Volta Basin on the Prior Notification of Planned Measures



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Chapter 1. General provisions

Article 1. Purpose

1. This Appendix sets down the terms, conditions and procedures for the implementation of prior notification of planned measures pursuant to Articles 86 to 96 of the Water Charter for the Volta Basin.
2. Its specific purpose is to determine:
 - i) The content of prior notification submissions;
 - ii) The procedures for transmitting prior notification to the Authority and to the State Parties;
 - iii) The terms and procedures for the examination of prior notification submissions;
 - iv) The procedures for taking decisions as a result of notification of planned measures and the recourse available to the State Parties regarding such decisions;
 - v) The procedures for the emergency implementation of planned measures;
 - vi) The procedures for monitoring and controlling the implementation of decisions concerning planned measures.

Article 2. Sphere of application

1. All measures planned by a State Party in the Basin and liable to cause significant harmful effects in one or more other Basin countries shall be subject to prior notification to obtain prior authorization from the Authority.
2. The Authority shall, in the exercise of its powers to issue prior authorization for planned measures, establish a Nomenclature of planned measures for which prior notification is compulsory due to the significant harm such measures are likely to cause in other State Party countries.
3. The Nomenclature of planned measures subject to prior notification shall be updated regularly, as required, by the Volta Basin Observatory, in cooperation with the State Parties.
4. The Nomenclature of planned measures subject to prior notification is set down in Technical Document No. 1.

Article 3. Planned measures not subject to prior notification

1. Planned measures not listed in the Nomenclature of planned measures subject to prior notification shall be freely undertaken by the State Parties after prior declaration to the Authority. Such planned measures shall nevertheless be implemented considering firstly the rule for equitable and reasonable utilization, and secondly the rule for the utilization of national territory without causing harm to others.
2. Planned measures falling within the sphere of application of prior notification but which are still at project idea stage or preliminary design-type technical pre-feasibility study stage may be subject to notice of intent. Notice of intent shall be issued by the State responsible for the proposed measure at project idea stage and at preliminary design-type technical pre-feasibility study stage, by sending a notice of intent submission to the Executive Directorate, describing the characteristics of the project and including all the data and information available from the studies already carried out.
3. Prior declarations of planned measures and notice of intent to conduct planned measures shall be transmitted annually to the Executive Directorate by any appropriate procedure in accordance with the law and the internal practices of each State. Upon receipt of the prior declaration of planned measures and notice of intent to conduct planned measures, the Executive Directorate shall verify that the submissions are complete and formally acknowledge receipt within thirty (30) days of their date of receipt.

Chapter 2. Procedures for transmitting prior notification to the Authority and to the State Parties

Article 4. Transmission of prior notification to the Authority

1. The official prior notification of planned measures shall be sent to the Executive Directorate when the environmental and social impact assessment is available, using a form drawn up by the Authority.
2. The transmission of prior notification shall take place by any appropriate procedure in accordance with the law and the internal practices of each State Party.
3. The Form to be used for the prior notification of planned measures is provided in Technical Document No. 2.

Article 5. Content of the prior notification of planned measures submission

1. The prior notification of planned measures submission shall include all the technical and environmental information and data possible, in particular the environmental and social impact assessment, in order to document the Authority and the recipient States for thorough understanding of any potential adverse transboundary effects likely to be caused by the planned measures on their respective territories.
2. In particular, it shall contain an analysis of the cumulative impacts on the basin and of existing projects or ongoing planned measures.
3. The detailed content of the prior notification submission is set down in Technical Document No. 3.

Article 6. Timeframe for response to prior notification by the Authority

1. Upon receipt of prior notification of planned measures from a State Party, the Authority shall respond within six (06) months of its acknowledgement of receipt of such prior notification.
2. The absence of a decision at the end of the above-mentioned lapse of time shall constitute tacit consent to the implementation of the planned measures by the notifying State, in compliance with the obligations of equitable and reasonable utilization and the prohibition of significant harm to other States.

Article 7. Dispatch of prior notification by the Authority to the States

1. Upon receipt of a prior notification submission, the Executive Directorate shall verify that it is complete and formally acknowledge receipt.
2. Upon acknowledgement of receipt, the Executive Directorate has five (05) days to transmit the notification submission to the State Parties, which must acknowledge receipt within ten (10) days of receipt.
3. Within the time limit set for States to submit their comments to the Executive Directorate, the latter has one month to examine the case and determine whether it has sufficient internal capacity to analyse it or, if not, whether it should use the services of the Panel of Independent Experts.
4. When the Executive Directorate considers that it has sufficient internal capacity, it has two months to carry out an in-depth analysis of the notification case. When the Executive Directorate concludes that it does not have the internal capacity to analyse the notification file, it refers the matter to the Panel on the basis of terms of reference, which in turn has two (02) months to carry out a thorough analysis of the case. The Executive Directorate sends to the Panel simulation results of the impacts of the projected measure obtained from the technical tools available at the Observatory, such as the regional database and the resource allocation model.
5. The in-depth analysis of the notification case by the Executive Directorate or the Panel must highlight, inter alia, the positive or negative impacts, consequences and compensation measures necessary for the possible implementation of the planned measure. This in-depth analysis, when it emanates from the Panel of Independent Experts, shall not reflect the opinion required of the Panel, in accordance with Article 12 of this Appendix.
6. The results of the analysis of the notification case by the Executive Directorate or the Panel must be transmitted to the States Parties at least one month before the expiry of the deadline set for them so that they can use them in the analysis of the prior notification case at the national level.

Article 8. Examination of prior notification by the recipient States

1. The recipient States shall react to prior notification within four (04) months of its date of dispatch by sending their comments or their answers relating to the planned measures to the Authority, based on the notification submission and the results of the analysis carried out by the Executive Directorate or the Panel.
2. Upon receipt of the response of the recipient States to prior notification, the Authority shall promptly inform all the State Parties.

3. A lack of response from a recipient State within the lapse of time specified in paragraph 1 of this article shall be considered as tacit consent to the implementation of the planned measures.

Article 9. Additional information and data

1. During the examination of prior notification, any recipient State shall be entitled to request additional information and data from the notifying State in order to improve and clarify its assessment of the significant adverse transboundary effects of the proposed measures in the basin.

2. The request for additional information and data shall be made, at the latest, during the first two months of the lapse of time allowed for the States to comment on the prior notification of planned measures.

3. It shall be addressed to the Executive Directorate, for forwarding within two (02) days to the notifying State.

4. The notifying State shall provide the Executive Directorate with the requested information and data within one month at the latest.

5. Requests for additional data and information from the notifying State shall relate solely to the data and information available at the time of issuance of prior notification.

6. Additional data and information received by the Executive Directorate at the request of a State shall be shared with other States Parties.

Article 10. Public information and participation

1. Prior notification recipient States shall ensure, in particular through their National Focal Structures, that the public living in areas likely to be subject to adverse transboundary effects of planned measures is duly informed and has the opportunity to voice comments and objections.

2. The responses of the States to prior notification submissions shall describe the modalities used to inform and ensure the participation of the general public along with the observations and proposals voiced as part of the national examination of prior notification submissions.

3. The State Parties shall, insofar as is reasonably possible, take into account the comments in association with the prior notification of planned measures made by the general public concerned.

4. People considering that they have suffered a loss or prejudice in terms of information and participation relating to the prior notification of planned measures shall be entitled to administrative, judicial or other means of redress to enforce their rights, in accordance with the national law.

Chapter 3. The examination of prior notification of planned measures

Article 11. Examination by the Panel of Independent Experts

1. Within three (03) days of the expiry of the lapse of time allowed for recipient States to respond to prior notification, the Executive Directorate shall remit the prior notification submission to the Panel of Independent Experts for examination and delivery of an opinion.
2. The Panel shall proceed to examine the prior notification submission on the basis of (i) the data and information in the prior notification submission; (ii) the observations issued by the recipient States, (iii) the results of the analysis of the notification case carried out by the Panel, and iv) all relevant data and information available to the members of the Panel.
3. In its examination of prior notification submissions, the Panel shall take due account of all factors and criteria that are relevant for the Volta Basin and shall use the technical and administrative tools available within the Authority for this purpose.
4. During the examination of prior notification by the Panel, the Authority shall regularly consult the States concerned and, as and when appropriate, hold hearings to agree on the appropriate prevention or mitigation measures, if any, in response to their opposition, if voiced.

Article 12. Opinion of the Panel of Independent Experts

1. The Panel shall deliver its opinion on prior notification submissions within thirty (30) days.
2. Its opinion shall be duly justified.

Article 13. Additional information and data

1. During its examination of the prior notification submission, the Panel, through the Executive Directorate and by way of proper accomplishment of its duties, shall insofar as it deems necessary, request any additional data and information that may be available. Such requests may concern either the notifying State or the recipient States.
2. It may ask the Executive Directorate to extend the lapse of time allowed for the examination of notification by seven (07) days in order to review the additional data and information provided by the State Parties contacted.

Article 14. Use of external expertise

The Panel shall, insofar as it deems necessary, and in consultation with the Executive Directorate, consult any external persons with the necessary skills in water and the environment if they are likely to provide relevant enlightenment on the matter.

Chapter 4. Decision regarding the planned measures

Article 15. Decision of the Council of Ministers

1. After consulting with the other members of the Council, the Council of Ministers, or in an emergency its Chairman, shall issue its decision regarding the planned measures on the basis of the Panel's justified opinion within fifteen (15) days.
2. The decision of the Council of Ministers, or in an emergency, its Chairman, shall be forwarded to the notifying State and to the recipient States via the Executive Secretariat.

Article 16. Decision to authorize planned measures

1. If the Council of Ministers decides to authorize the planned measures, the notifying State shall proceed with their timely implementation, in full observance of the principles of equitable and reasonable utilization and the ban on causing significant harm to other basin countries.
2. Should the decision of the Council of Ministers subject the implementation of the planned measures to certain prerequisite conditions, the notifying State shall only proceed with the implementation of the planned measures when such prerequisites have been fulfilled.
3. The Executive Secretariat shall note compliance with such prerequisite conditions and duly inform the Council of Ministers.

Article 17. Decision to defer the implementation of planned measures

1. If the Council of Ministers does not consent to the implementation of the planned measures, the notifying State shall not implement them or have them implemented.
2. The decision to defer the implementation of the planned measures shall be duly justified and specify the conditions to be fulfilled for a review of the prior notification submission at a later date.

Article 18. Procedures for appeal against decisions of the Council of Ministers

1. Should a State Party consider it is suffering a loss or prejudice due to a decision of the Council of Ministers relating to the prior notification of planned measures, the State Party may appeal against it within thirty (30) days of notification of the said decision and request further consideration of the planned measures.
2. The Council of Ministers shall re-examine the prior notification submission within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of appeal by the State Party concerned in order to pronounce a decision after review.
3. Should a State Party consider it is still suffering a loss or prejudice due to the second decision of the Council of Ministers, it shall resort to procedures for the settlement of disputes in compliance with Articles 151 to 157 of the Water Charter for the Volta Basin.

Article 19. Obligations of the notifying State

1. During the entire procedure for the prior notification of planned measures, the notifying State shall cooperate in good faith with the Executive Directorate and the other States to facilitate the examination and assessment of the planned measures.
2. The notifying State shall remain available for consultation, upon request of the Executive Directorate, in order to secure a satisfactory solution for all parties involved.
3. During the entire prior notification procedure, the notifying State shall refrain from implementing or permitting the implementation of the planned measures.

Article 20. Publication of prior notification decisions

The Executive Directorate shall make all necessary arrangements for the timely publication of decisions concerning the prior notification of planned measures.

Article 21. Monitoring of the implementation of planned measures

1. The Executive Directorate shall verify the implementation of decisions concerning planned measures based on the information provided by the State Parties and duly inform the Council of Ministers on a regular basis.
2. The State Parties shall monitor decisions resulting from their prior notification of planned measures and shall send all relevant corresponding information to the Executive Directorate.

Article 22. Emergency implementation of planned measures

1. Where the implementation of the planned measures is extremely urgent for reasons of public health and safety or other equally important reasons, the State Party planning the measures shall be entitled, notwithstanding the provisions of articles 86 to 94, to proceed to implement them immediately under the procedure established in the present article.
2. The State Party contemplating such emergency implementation of planned measures shall immediately send an official declaration of extreme emergency to the Authority and the State Parties, accompanied by all relevant data and information.
3. Upon request from any State Party involved, the emergency-declaring State Party shall promptly undertake consultation and negotiation, via the Authority, in compliance with the present Water Charter, in order to clarify the extreme emergency of the situation.
4. If the Authority confirms the extremely urgent nature of the situation, it shall employ emergency procedure to examine the notification and issue clearance for the emergency implementation of the planned measures.
5. Clearance for the emergency implementation of planned measures shall not relieve the State Party concerned of its obligation of equitable and reasonable utilization nor lift the ban on causing significant transboundary harm.
6. Should the Authority decide that there is no extreme emergency, the State concerned shall resort to procedures for the settlement of disputes in compliance with Articles 151 to 157 of the Water Charter for the Volta Basin.

Chapter 5. Miscellaneous

Article 23. Transmission to the Authority of updated environmental and social impact studies

When a State Party which has been authorised to implement a planned measure subsequently undertakes to update the environmental and social impact assessments for the same proposed measure, it shall promptly inform the Authority and transmit to it the reports of the said environmental and social impact assessments for communication to the other States.

Article 24. Accompanying measures

Through its cooperation with the State Parties, the Authority shall make all administrative, technical, financial and other arrangements to ensure the effective implementation of this Appendix.

Article 25. Technical documents

1. The provisions of the present Appendix are detailed in Technical Documents.
2. The Technical Documents form an integral part of this Appendix.

Article 26. Costs related to the examination of notification

The costs of examining prior notification of planned measures submissions shall be covered by the budget of the Authority.

Chapter 6. Final provisions

Article 27. Amendments

1. Any State Party to the Authority shall be entitled to propose amendments to the present Appendix.
2. Such proposals of amendments shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Council of Ministers, who shall forward them to the State Parties no later than sixty (60) days after receipt and at least thirty (30) days before the meeting at which the proposed amendment(s) is(are) due to be examined.
3. Amendments shall come into force under the same conditions as the present Appendix.

Article 28. Date of coming into force

This Appendix to the Volta Basin Water Charter on the prior notification of planned measures shall come into force thirty (30) days after its adoption by the Council of Ministers.

Signed in, on in a single original copy in English and in French, both texts being equal.

Appendix 1. Technical document 1 relating to the nomenclature of planned measures subject to prior notification or declaration

The nomenclature of planned measures establishes the criteria that determine whether planned measures are subject to prior notification or to declaration due to their transboundary impacts, by application of articles ... and ... of Annex ... of the Volta Basin Water Charter on the prior notification of planned measures.

I. Water abstractions or impounding facilities causing quantitative impacts

I.1. Definition

This category includes all activities that lead, either directly or indirectly, temporarily or permanently, to detrimental modifications in the regime of the Volta River or any of its tributaries and sub-tributaries, likely to cause prejudice to any uses of the river's surface or underground water resources or its biological resources. Among others:

- ▶ Water storage, diversion or regulation works and facilities;
- ▶ Abstractions for irrigation;
- ▶ Abstractions for drinking water supply;
- ▶ Abstractions for cattle watering;
- ▶ Abstractions for industrial use;
- ▶ Wells.

I.2. Indicator

Rate of reduction of the flow at the next downstream reference estimation point.

I.3. Nomenclature

I.3.1. Abstractions, installations and structures for abstraction including by diversion, into a watercourse, its groundwater, or a lake or canal fed by this watercourse or this groundwater:

- ▶ With a maximum abstraction or storage capacity above 75 Mm³ per year are subject to prior notification (PN);
- ▶ With a maximum abstraction or storage capacity below 75 Mm³, but for which the cumulative impacts with the existing abstractions could be significant, per year are subject to prior declaration (D).

I.3.2. Permanent or temporary abstractions into an aquifer system from a drilling, well, or underground structure, by pumping, drainage, diversion or other process:

- ▶ With a maximum abstraction or storage capacity above 75 Mm³ per year are subject to prior notification (PN);
- ▶ With a maximum abstraction or storage capacity below 75 Mm³, but for which the cumulative impacts with the existing abstractions could be significant, per year are subject to prior declaration (D).

I.3.3. Installations and structures in the low flow channel for storage, regulation or abstraction, including by diversion, into a watercourse, its groundwater, or a lake or canal fed by this watercourse or this groundwater:

- ▶ With a maximum abstraction or storage capacity above 75 Mm³ per year are subject to prior notification (PN);
- ▶ With a maximum abstraction or storage capacity below 75 Mm³, but for which the cumulative impacts with the existing abstractions could be significant, per year are subject to prior declaration (D).

II. Qualitative impacts of discharges

II.1. Definition

This category includes all activities that lead, either directly or indirectly, temporarily or permanently, to detrimental modifications in the chemical or biological composition, the quality of the water and associated ecosystems, the temperature or the radioactivity of the Volta River, its tributaries or sub-tributaries, likely to cause harm to human health and safety or to any uses of the watercourse's water resources or biological resources. Among others:

- ▶ Water treatment plants (waste water and drinking water);
- ▶ Polluting industrial and mining activities;
- ▶ Storm and rain water overflows (and projects rendering the soils impermeable);

- ▶ Agricultural activities;
- ▶ Crafts activities (in particular tanneries, dyeing plants).

II.2. Indicator

Obligation to conduct an environmental and social impact assessment in accordance with the national law in the country where the project is located.

II.3. Nomenclature

Activities corresponding to the above definition (2.1) and subject to environmental and social impact assessment in the country planning the measures are subject to prior notification (PN).

Activities corresponding to the above definition (2.1) and not subject to environmental and social impact assessment in the country planning the measures are subject to declaration (D).

III. Impact on the physical or ecological environment

III.1. Definition

This category includes all activities that lead, either directly or indirectly, temporarily or permanently, to detrimental modifications in the regime, the water level, the physical characteristics, the sedimentary characteristics or the ecological functioning of the Volta River, its tributaries or sub-tributaries, likely to cause harm to human health and safety or to any uses of the watercourse's water resources or biological resources. Among others:

- ▶ Obstructions to flow (weirs);
- ▶ Dikes and embankments or structures modifying the longitudinal section of the river (normal river channel / flood plain);
- ▶ Dredging, extraction of materials, works or activities in the river bed (normal river channel / flood plain).

III.2. Criteria

Obligation to conduct an environmental and social impact assessment in accordance with the national law in the country where the project is located.

III.3. Nomenclature

Activities corresponding to the above definition (3.1) and subject to environmental and social impact assessment in the country planning the measures are subject to prior notification (PN).

Activities corresponding to the above definition and not subject to environmental and/or social impact assessment in the country planning the measures are subject to declaration (D).

Appendix 2. Technical Document n°2

Submission form of prior notification or de declaration of planned measures

Volta Basin Authority
Executive Directorate
10 B.P. 13621, Ouagadougou 10, Burkina Faso



Reference: ABV/MP/_____

VBA submission date:

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Volta Basin Authority

Submission form for prior notification or declaration of a planned measure

(Annex ... of the Volta Basin Water Charter, on the prior notification of planned measures)

Identification									
1. Notifying Member State						3. Ressource person			
						4. Tel.			
						5. Tel. (mobile)			
2. National responsible institution						6. Email			
						7. Address:			

Project description									
8. Name of project						13. Watercourse			
9. Nature of project						14. Administrative region			
10. Brief description						15. Commune			
						16. Latitude (X)			
						17. Longitude (Y)			
11. Type of uses (please tick)	Domestic		Energy		Other (precisions):				
	Irrigation		Industry						
	Herding		Mines						
	Fisheries / Navigation		Public safety						
12. Type of projects (please tick)	Dam	Weir	Abstraction	Well, borehole	Treatment plant	Discharge	Dike	Embankment	Dredging
	Sediments extraction		Works in the river bed		Storm overflow		Other (precisions):		

Qualification of the impact									
18. Nature of impacts (please tick)	Quantity			Quality			Environment		
	Abstraction	Regulation	Discharge	Biological	Chemical	Thermic	Ecological	Physical	Flooding
19. Detailed characteristics	Abstractions : mean monthly flows abstracted (m3/s)								
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	F		M		A		N		
	M		J		S		D		
	Total annuel								
	Discharge (list)	Diffused / localised	pollutant	Max concentration		Annual polluting flow		Temperature	

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	Physical environment			
	Length of L-profile affected (m)			
	Length of cross section affected (m)			
	Affected area (ha)			
	Modification of water levels			
	Sedimentary and ecological discontinuity			
	pH or oxygenation modification			
	Nature and volume of abstracted sediments			
	Flooding			
	Increase of water levels at the reference point ecise reference flood)			
	Embankment volumes (m3) (precising the reference flood)			
	Ecosystem			
	Summary of main impacts on biodiversity			
20. Affected components (please tick)	Flow regime		Banks	
	Low-water channel		Aquifers (precisions):	
	Flood plain		Wetland (precisions):	
21. Proposed measures to avoid, reduce and compensate impacts				
22. Proposed monitoring measures				

Planned programme for the project

23. Current step of the projet	
24. Dates for conceptual / detailed design	
25. Date for ESIA	
26. Date planned for starting works	
27. Date planned for beginning of operation	

Attachments required

Type of document	Notificat	Declarati	Comment
28. Conceptual design	✓	✓	
29. Detailed design	✓	✓	
30. ESIA	✓		
31. Transboundary impacts assessment	✓	recommende	
32. Cumulative impacts assessment	✓	recommende	
33. Notice of impact		recommende	

Other existing studies and documents concerning the project

Document (to be listed)	Comment

Given timeline for the instruction of the notification (minimum 3 months)

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Comments or additional notes

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Submission form of prior notification or de declaration of planned measures

Section reserved to NBA services

Planning of instruction for the notification		Allowed timeframe (j)	Calendar (j)
Acknowledgement of receipt		/	/
Remitting notification to the Member States and TCP		10	10
Remarks of the Member States		40	40
Remarks of the supporting bodies		20	30
Opinion of the PTC		60	60
Decision of the Council of Ministers		20	80
Decision forwarded to the notification issuing State		10	90

Notes

Appendix 3. Technical document n°3 – Composition of notification and declaration submissions

1. NOTIFICATION SUBMISSIONS

Notification submissions shall comprise:

- ▶ The summary elements requested in the notification form in Technical Document 2;
- ▶ The environmental and social impact assessments performed and more generally, all documents likely to facilitate the examination of the case;
- ▶ If the following information has not been provided in the environmental and social impact assessments, a document:
 - Containing a detailed description of the planned measures, stating the type, composition and purpose of the planned facilities, installations, works or activities;
 - When the planned measures are part of a broader programme, setting out the general implementation schedule of the programme;
 - Describing the initial status of the human activities in the other Member States and the environment likely to be affected by the implementation of the planned measures;
 - Indicating the positive and negative, direct and indirect, temporary and permanent impacts of the planned measures in the short, medium and long term, considering seasonal and climatic variability, as affecting i) water resources, aquatic habitat, stream flows, the level and quality of the waters, including runoff, and ii) human activities, hygiene, health, safety (especially floods) and public health in the Member States likely to be affected;
 - Analysing the cumulative impacts of the planned measures with those of i) existing installations, facilities and activities, ii) planned measures having already been notified or declared to the Executive Directorate, and iii) planned measures for which an environmental impact assessment has already been carried out in the Member States. The Executive Directorate and the Member States shall provide this information to the requesting Member State.
 - Including an outline of alternative solutions and the reasons why they were discarded;
 - Proposing measures to avoid, mitigate or compensate for the predicted impacts on other Member State countries.
 - Defining the means planned for monitoring, and if the operation represents any danger whatsoever, all due provisions for safety and/or actions to be taken in the event of problems or accidents.

2. DECLARATION SUBMISSIONS

Declaration submissions shall comprise:

- ▶ The summary elements requested in the declaration form in Technical Document n°2;
- ▶ The environmental and social assessments performed (environmental statement, etc.) and more generally, all documents likely to facilitate the examination of the case,
- ▶ A document:
 - Containing a detailed description of the planned measures, stating the type, composition and purpose of the planned facilities, installations, works or activities;
 - When the planned measures are part of a broader programme, setting out the general implementation schedule of the programme;
 - Describing the initial status of the human activities in the other Member States and the environment likely to be affected by the implementation of the planned measures;
 - Indicating the positive and negative, direct and indirect, temporary and permanent impacts of the planned measures in the short, medium and long term, considering seasonal and climatic variability, as affecting i) water resources, aquatic habitat, stream flows, the level and quality of the waters, including runoff, and ii) human activities, hygiene, health, safety (especially floods) and public health in the Member States likely to be affected;
 - Analysing the cumulative impacts of the planned measures with those of i) existing installations, facilities and activities, ii) planned measures having already been notified or declared to the Executive Secretariat, and iii) planned measures for which an environmental and social impact assessment has already been carried out in the Member States. The Executive Directorate and the Member States shall provide this information to the requesting State.
 - Including an outline of alternative solutions and the reasons why they were discarded;
 - Proposing measures to avoid, mitigate or compensate for the predicted impacts on other Member State countries.
 - Defining the means planned for monitoring, and if the operation represents any danger whatsoever, all due provisions for safety and/or actions to be taken in the event of problems or accidents.

The composition of notification and declaration submissions is indicated in Technical Document n°2.



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