

Administrative arrangement

between

the Directorate-General for the Environment of the European Commission concerning the cooperation between the MOE Operational Centre and the Monitoring and Information Centre of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism

and

the Ministry of Ukraine of Emergencies and Affairs of Population Protection from the Consequences of Chornobyl Catastrophe (hereafter MOE)

Having regard to Articles 62 and 63 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and Ukraine, and with a view to facilitating rapid response in case of emergency, both Services have agreed to the following:

Article 1

To exchange contact details in order to be able to contact each other on a 24-hour basis.

To exchange templates for early warning on emergencies and requests/offers for assistance.

To exchange, where appropriate, relevant information during an emergency.

To conduct communication exercises on an agreed basis.

To exchange on a 24-hour basis early warnings and updated information on cross-border emergencies affecting EU Member States and Ukraine, including requests for and offers of assistance.

Article 2

Cooperation in the field of civil protection will encompass the following:

Facilitating mutual assistance in case of emergencies, as appropriate and subject to available resources. In the event of emergencies overwhelming the available response capacities, the Services may call upon each other to facilitate the provision of mutual civil protection assistance through their respective systems;

Cooperating on the assessment of the environmental impact of disasters;

Inviting experts to specific technical workshops and symposia on civil protection issues;

Inviting, on a case by case basis, observers to specific exercises and training organized by the EU or Ukraine;

Strengthening of cooperation on the issue of the most effective use of available civil protection capabilities.

Article 3

To ensure implementation of this arrangement and activity coordination to be carried out within its framework, the services appoint the following contact points:

from the Directorate-General for the Environment of the European Commission - the Monitoring and Information Centre of the Community Civil Protection Mechanism;

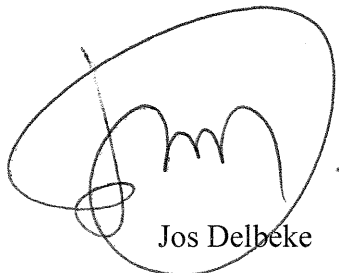
from the MOE - the Section for International Information Sharing.

Article 4

This arrangement does not entail financial or legal commitments for either Service and is not intended to be legally binding. Each Service bears the cost deriving from the actions taken under this arrangement. This arrangement replaces the previous arrangement signed on 10 May 2007.

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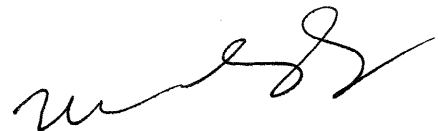
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