THE LEGAL BASIS FOR TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION
Hotel Dzherelo, Kyiv, 22-24 November 2004

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Day 1, Monday 22 November

Session 1, 13.00-15.00, Coffee break 15.00-15.30:
Introduction
Moderated by Natalia Zakorchevna, Ministry for Environmental Protection, Ukraine

- Opening (30 minutes)
  - Ms. Natalia Zakorchevna, Head of Department for Water Resources and Ecosystems, Ministry for Environmental Protection, Ukraine
  - Mr. Mikola Babich, Deputy Chairman, State Committee for Water Management
  - Mr. Rainer Enderlein, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
  - Ms. Stina Lundberg, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

- Introduction to the Workshop objectives and programme (10 minutes)
  Bo Libert, UNECE

- Transboundary Water Cooperation in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia: An Overview (20 minutes)
  Nikolaj Grishin, Director of the NGO ECOTERRA

- Introduction to international law of water resources (45 minutes)
  Sergei Vinogradov, International Water Law Research Institute, Dundee University

Session 2, 15.30-18.00:
Cooperation on the Dniпро and Dniester rivers basins
Moderated by Lubomyr Markevych, Manager of the UNDP/GEF Dnipro Basin Environment Programme

- Development of cooperation on the Dnipro river (45 minutes)
  Lubomir Markevych, UNDP/GEF Dnipro Basin Environment Programme

- Cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in the Dniester river basin (20 minutes)
  Mikola Babich, State Committee of Ukraine for Water Management and Mikhail Volk, State Water Concern Apele Moldova

- Project presentation: Sustainable Management of the Dniester River Basin (15 minutes)
  Annica Carlsson, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

- Expert and NGO views on the Dnipro and Dniester cooperation (20 minutes)
  Sergei Vinogradov, IWLRI and Ilya Trombitsky, Executive Director of the NGO ECO-TIRAS

- Discussion

Evening 18.30: Reception in Hotel Dzherelo
**Day 2, Tuesday 23 November**

Session 3, 09.00-12.30, Coffee break 10.30-10.45:

**International legal framework**

*Moderated by Rainer Enderlein, UNECE*

- The 1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (30 minutes)
  *Sergei Vinogradov, IWLRI*

- The 1992 UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (25 minutes)
  *Francesca Bernardini, UNECE*

- The latest development in the Convention’s regime, including the protocols on Water and Health and Civil Liability (25 minutes)
  *Rainer Enderlein, UNECE*

- Transboundary Groundwaters: Legal Aspects of Internationally Shared Aquifer Resources Management (20 minutes)
  *Rainer Enderlein, UNECE*

- Country interventions (1 h 15 minutes; 5-7 minutes per country)
  Participants will exchange information on their transboundary water agreements and their implementation, including the application of the Water Convention principles.

- Conclusions: use and impact of Conventions (15 minutes)
  *Sergei Vinogradov, IWLRI*

Session 4, 14.00-19.00, Coffee break 15.45-16.00:

**Basin-specific agreements: recent experiences**

*Moderated by Mikhail Volk, State Water Concern Apele Moldova*

- Basin-specific legal and institutional frameworks (1 hour)
  *Sergei Vinogradov, IWLRI*
    - Europe: The Rhine river basin agreement
    - Africa: The Incomaputo agreement
    - Asia: The Mekong river agreement
    - River basin institutions
    - Legal framework under river basin agreements (Protocols, Commission Statutes, Monitoring, Exchange of information, etc)

- The Danube river basin agreement (30 minutes)
  *Karoly Futaki, the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River*

- Work in groups: Needs and opportunities in the development of the legal framework in different sub-regions (Caucasus, Central Asia, Transboundary waters shared with EU countries, Other transboundary waters) (2 hours)
Day 3, Wednesday 24 November

Session 5, 09.00-12.00, Coffee break 10.30-10.45:
Needs and recent experiences of transboundary water cooperation in the EECCA
Moderated by Bo Libert, UNECE (each of the four regions/working groups 45 minutes)

- Transboundary cooperation EECCA - EU Member States including Legal framework for cooperation in the Neman (Nemunas) and Zapadnaya Dvina (Daugava) river basin (country representatives)
- Bilateral cooperation on transboundary waters: Russia Federation -Kazakhstan or Russia Federation -Ukraine (country representatives)
- Approaches to integrated water resources management in the Aral Sea basin (country representatives)
- Transboundary water cooperation in the Caucasus (country representatives)
- Reports from the groups of the previous day: strategic and concrete proposal for future development of transboundary legal framework

Session 6, 13.00-15.00:
Future transboundary water cooperation in the EECCA Region: prospects and challenges
Moderated by Mikola Babich, State Committee of Ukraine for Water Management

- Conclusion on needs and opportunities for development of the legal framework for transboundary cooperation
- Discussion of general and basin-specific conclusions/recommendations
- Workshop evaluation
- Next stop St Petersburg: Introduction to the next Workshop on Access to and exchange of information, and public participation (June 2005)

A visit to Kyiv city centre will be arranged after the final session.