Session 7 - Implementing arrangements (Section II, questions 9-13)

Question 12 on Mutual assistance

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12. Are procedures in place for mutual assistance in case of a critical situation?

   Yes □/No □

   If yes, please provide a brief summary: [fill in]

Suggestions to be included in the Guide

1. Definition/scope
   - Explain what is meant by mutual assistance and that it could also be covered by separate arrangements.
   - Explain what is meant by critical situation.

2. Examples
   - Provide some indicative examples of the type of assistance that might be described in this section. Provide examples of arrangements.
Questions for discussion

• Do we need to explain all terms? And if so which definition do we use

• What kind of examples are needed?

• Examples of how or type of mutual assistance provided:
  • Agreement regulates mutual assistance
  • Bilateral treaties, independent from the River Basin Convention
  • Through Head of Delegation vs. local authorities level
  • Drought/Floods: Parties provide immediate assistance to each other: human, material and technical resources