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Guidelines for summary reports

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Background

The Protocol requires Parties to:

- collect and evaluate data on their progress towards targets, and on indicators showing how far progress has contributed towards reducing water-related disease.
 - at least every 3 years, publish results of evaluation, review progress and targets
 - every 3 years, provide to the secretariat for circulation to the other Parties a summary report of the data collected and evaluated and the assessment of the progress
 - adopt guidelines for summary reports
- => The Meeting of the Parties shall evaluate progress in implementing the Protocol on the basis of such summary reports

Objectives of reporting

- Assess progress (self assessment by Party and assessment by the Meeting of the Parties)
- Exchange experience, share lessons learned
- Demonstrate the main challenges/obstacles in implementing the Protocol => inform the Protocol's programme of work
- The aim is not to compare Parties, however there's the need to have a basis of harmonized information throughout the region

What information should be included

- Consistent, transparent, accurate and complete information
- Information useful for the self-assessment of Parties
- Information useful for other Parties (impacts of measures, success stories, obstacles, ..)

Process of preparation

- Reports are submitted in the name of the Government of a particular Party
- National inter-ministerial consultation process on the report should take place at various stages of the preparatory process
- Broad consultation during the preparation
- Dissemination of results and use of summary reports

Structure of the summary reports

- Part I: On the process of setting targets and reporting and on national circumstances
- Part II: Common indicators
- Part III: Target and target dates set and assessment of progress towards the targets
- Part IV: Overall evaluation of progress achieved in implementing the Protocol
- Part V: Information on the person submitting the report

Timeline for preparation of reports

| Process | Time required |
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| Preparation in the draft summary report through inter- ministerial consultations | 3 months |
| Consultation on the draft summary report with a broader community | 30–60 days |
| Final report preparation (including translation, where necessary) | 30 days |
| Submission deadline | 180 days in advance of the meeting of the Parties |

Part I. General aspects

- Information on the process of target setting (authority (ies) involved, national and international strategies and legislations, cost-benefit analysis).
- What has been done in your country to ensure public participation?
- Information on the process by which this report has been prepared
- Any particular circumstances that are relevant for understanding the report
- Emerging issues relevant to water and health (e.g. climate change).

Part II: Common Indicators (1)

- Harmonization throughout the region
- Based on agreement of the WGWH
- No additional burden for Parties
- Information on the context of the data
- One additional indicator for water management

Part II: Common Indicators (2)

1. Quality of drinking water

● Bacteriological quality

WatSan_S2: Percentage of samples that fail to meet national standard for E. coli and percentage of samples that fail to meet national standard for Enterococci

● Chemical quality

WatSan_S3. Percentage of samples that fail to meet the national standard for chemical water quality for fluoride, nitrate and nitrite, arsenic, lead, iron and 5 additional chemical parameters as well as an integrative chemical failure rate

Part II: Common Indicators (3)

2. Reduction of the scale of outbreaks and incidents of infectious diseases potentially related to water

Incidence and outbreaks for Cholera, Bacillary dysentery (shigellosis), EHEC, Viral hepatitis A, Typhoid fever

3. Access to drinking water

Percentage of population with access to improved drinking water (total, urban, rural)

4. Access to sanitation Chemical quality

Percentage of population with access to improved sanitation (total, urban, rural)

Part II: Common Indicators (4)

5. Effectiveness of management, protection and use of freshwater resources

● Water quality

Based on national classification systems percentage of the number of water bodies or percentage of the volume of water falling into each defined class (e.g. in classes I, II, III, etc., for non-EU countries; for EU countries percentage of surface waters with high, good, moderate, poor and bad ecological status and percentage of groundwaters /surface waters of good or poor chemical status)

● Water use

Water exploitation index at the national and river-basin levels for each sector (agriculture, industry, domestic)

Part III: Targets and target dates set and assessment of progress

For each target set in the different target areas as well as for any additional target:

- Target, target date, baseline conditions and justification for the adoption of such target:
- Actions taken to reach the target and difficulties and challenges encountered
- Assessment of progress towards the target:
- Target and target date need to be revised? If so, new target and target dates

Part IV: Overall evaluation of progress achieved in implementing the protocol

- Analysis and synthesis of the status of implementation of the Protocol
- Including implementation of other articles
- Brief overview of status, trends and threats
- Basis for planning and decision-making (and revision of targets)

Next steps

- Discussion and endorsement of draft guidelines by the WGWH
- Test the guidelines and template in a pilot reporting exercise for the 2nd MOP

=> Is the guidelines approach correct? Is the template complete? Is reporting feasible?

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