QUESTIONNAIRE TO REGULATORS

1. What national directives/laws, regulations set requirements to provision of safety of land and offshore oil and gas pipeline systems?

2. What laws, regulations and/or standards set requirements to pipelines safety?

3. What safety criteria (ecological, technological, social etc.) for pipeline systems are considered substantial for your national legislation in concern with location of specific pipeline system (mountain, polar, shelf region etc.)?

4. What additional laws, regulations contain provisions regulating processes of designing and construction of oil and gas trunk pipelines?

5. Are the requirements of national standards to designing, construction and operation of pipelines mandatory for compliance or alternative requirements may be applied (that of international standards, regional standards etc.)?

6. What national laws, regulations, standards regulate designing, construction and operation of pipelines?

7. Are there mandatory conformity assessment procedures in place for designing, construction and operation of pipelines?

8. What voluntary conformity assessment systems for designing, construction and operation of pipelines are recognized by national state bodies empowered in the sphere of pipelines safety?

9. What is the role of national and international standards in mandatory and voluntary procedures of conformity assessment? Whether national laws and regulations refer to the standards?

10. Are the results of foreign conformity assessment accepted in your country and for what stages (designing, construction, operation)?

11. What state body is authorized to issue permission for pipelines construction start and put into operation?

12. What is the procedure of recognition and application of international, regional and foreign standards used in designing, construction and operation of pipelines?

13. Are there additional or specific laws, regulations and standards regulating pipelines put into operation (along with laws, regulations and standards regulating procedures of designing and construction)?

14. What state body is implementing supervision of oil and gas pipelines in operation?

15. What documents regulate inspection, maintenance and repair issues for pipelines and equipment applied?

16. How the responsibility of pipelines safe operation is arranged between state and operator?