

ANNEX VII

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEASURES
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8

1. All contingency plans, both on- and off-site, should be coordinated to provide a comprehensive and effective response to industrial accidents.
2. The contingency plans should include the actions necessary to localize emergencies and to prevent or minimize their transboundary effects. They should also include arrangements for warning people and, where appropriate, arrangements for their evacuation, other protective or rescue actions and health services.
3. Contingency plans should give on-site personnel, people who might be affected off site and rescue forces, details of technical and organizational procedures which are appropriate for response in the event of an industrial accident capable of having transboundary effects and to prevent and minimize effects on people and the environment, both on and off site.
4. Examples of matters which could be covered by on-site contingency plans include:
 - (a) Organizational roles and responsibilities on site for dealing with an emergency;
 - (b) A description of the action which should be taken in the event of an industrial accident, or an imminent threat thereof, in order to control the condition or event, or details of where such a description can be found;
 - (c) A description of the equipment and resources available;
 - (d) Arrangements for providing early warning of industrial accidents to the public authority responsible for the off-site emergency response, including the type of information which should be included in an initial warning and the arrangements for providing more detailed information as it becomes available;
 - (e) Arrangements for training personnel in the duties they will be expected to perform.
5. Examples of matters which could be covered by off-site contingency plans include:
 - (a) Organizational roles and responsibilities off-site for dealing with an emergency, including how integration with on-site plans is to be achieved;
 - (b) Methods and procedures to be followed by emergency and medical personnel;
 - (c) Methods for rapidly determining the affected area;
 - (d) Arrangements for ensuring that prompt industrial accident notification is made to affected or potentially affected Parties and that liaison is maintained subsequently;