

Paragraph 4.

- 4.1. In the event of a pollution incident that affects or threatens to affect the areas of responsibility of both Parties, the Party in whose area of responsibility the pollution incident has occurred shall immediately notify the other Party in order to enable the latter Party to decide whether to initiate a response operation to combat the pollution incident. The notification shall if possible include:
- I) the geographical position of the pollution incident,
 - II) the source of the pollution incident,
 - III) a description of the nature of the pollution incident and of the type and amount of the harmful substance,
 - IV) other relevant details and such further information as may reasonably be requested by the other Party.
- 4.2. The notifying Party and the Party receiving notification shall keep each other fully informed of developments relating to the pollution incident, and of any action they may take or plan to take in order to combat the pollution incident.

Paragraph 5.

- 5.1. When a pollution incident occurs, each Party shall respond expeditiously and to the best of its ability to a call for assistance from the other Party.
- 5.2. Action taken by a Party in accordance with this Paragraph shall be consistent with its relevant laws and regulations and subject to the operational requirements or other obligations of the appropriate agencies of each Party.

Paragraph 6.

- 6.1. The Party in whose area of responsibility the pollution incident occurs shall, upon request by the other Party, provide facilities for a representative or representatives of the other Party to observe the planning, evaluation and implementation of response operations to combat the pollution incident.

Paragraph 7.

- 7.1. Response operations to combat a pollution incident shall be supervised by the Party initiating the response operation who shall designate an On-Scene Commander (OSC), who for this purpose need not necessarily be located in the geographical position of the incident.
- 7.2. When a Party calls on the other Party for assistance in response to a pollution incident, the first Party shall retain command of the combined operation and the other Party may appoint a Deputy On-Scene Commander (DOSOC).