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CCMS Pilot Study Proposal

“Sustainable use and protection of groundwater resources – transboundary water management – Belarus - Poland - Ukraine “

Short Report on the preliminary meeting about the NATO Pilot Study Proposal 10-11 August 2006

The preliminary meeting was planned in Poland at the Marshal Office, Lublin.

The main subject of planned meeting was to create the final version of the Pilot Study Proposal application and preliminary plans for future work. Because some of the participants couldn't be present at that time in Poland, their standpoint was presented by Polish participants and the final version of the application was prepared via e-mail.

The project is envisioned to initiate international cooperation on groundwater monitoring, contamination migration, and water management issues. Study of contamination migration and monitoring of groundwater is essential to mitigate future problems with drinking water supply and degradation to water dependent ecosystems. One of the most important activities include the preparation of water-balance estimates of groundwater resources, assessment of factors potentially affecting individual aquifer formations, and implementation of protection systems. All these operations will enable sustainable utilization of groundwater reserves which are essential for our future existence.

There are 2 main focuses of the project;

- 1) development of transboundary water quality monitoring and assessment between Ukraine, Belarus, and Poland with strong support from the USA and Israel,
- 2) development of international cooperation on implementation of transboundary water quality assessment.

The discussion was held between the following participants of the Pilot Study Proposal:

- Michail Kalinin from Central Institute for Complex Use of Water Resources, Belarus
- Teresa Zań from Regional Board of Water Management in Warsaw, Poland
- Izabela Ploch from Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland
- Tomasz Nałęcz from Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland
- Jelena Ljusesic from Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland
- Nato Ormotsadze from Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia
- Orest Mukha from Technical Science and Economic Information Center in Lvov, Ukraine
- Petro Chalyi from Zachodhydgeologi, Ukraine
- Stefan Tatyach from Environmental Department of Lvov District, Ukraine
- Małgorzata Woźnicka from Polish Geological Institute, Warsaw, Poland
- Janusz Rybicki from Lublin Marshall Office, Poland

- Zdzisław Strycharz from Lublin Voievodoship Office, Poland
- Tadeusz Józefczak from Lublin Marshall Office, Poland

During constructive debates, the Pilot Study Proposal concept was evaluated and then the final version has been completed and accepted by all participants.

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