

# Proposal for a Reporting Mechanism

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# 1. Background

- \* Sixth Meeting of parties (2012) mandated the WG on IWRM to carry out an analysis on the need of reporting
- \* A questionnaire was send to Parties in 2013 and the results were summarized to WG meeting in 2014
- \* WG on IWRM reviewed the analysis and decided to establish a Core Group to develop a proposal for reporting



## 2. Purposes of Reporting

- \* Provide information on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention (article-based approach)
- \* Accumulate lessons learned, good practices and experiences
- \* Identify emerging issues and difficulties
- \* Provide means to enhance basin-specific cooperation
- \* Support national implementation of the Convention
- \* Provide information to support the mobilization of resources
- \* Purpose is **not** to report the status of transboundary waters → 3<sup>rd</sup> assessment



# 3. Introduction of the reporting

- \* Core group has prepared a template for the reporting (taking into account constructive comments and suggestions from parties)
- \* Core group recommends:
  - \* A pilot (?) exercise in 2016-2017
  - \* Analyse the possible needs for revisions
  - \* Allowing input to the preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Comprehensive Assessment
  - \* Prepare a draft decision on reporting for the Meeting of Parties in 2018
  - \* Reporting frequency: three years?



# Process of preparation

- \* The Core Group has met twice, December 2014 and March 2015
- \* After the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting a draft was sent to Parties for comments, suggestions and questions
- \* Major issues:
  - \* Country specific questions vs. basin specific questions
  - \* How to handle different arrangements:
    - \* One agreement covers several basins
    - \* A large basin covered by several agreements
  - The Template is divided to country specific and basin/group of basins sections



# Structure of the template

- \* Consists of three Sections
  1. Transboundary water management at national level
    - \* National legislation
    - \* Economic and financial measures
    - \* Technical measures
  2. Questions for each basin (or a group of basins)
    - \* Status and content of agreements
    - \* Status and activities of joint bodies
    - \* Other questions concerning different articles of the Convention
  3. Final questions: general verbal comments + technical information



# One more comment...

- \* SDG goals are still under negotiations
- \* If we will get a goal concerning transboundary waters (with reporting requirements) our reporting mechanism may be of help
- \* This may also increase the acceptability of this specific SDG goal

