

PROTOCOL ON SHARED WATERCOURSE SYSTEMS (28 AUGUST 1995)*

Entered into force on 29th September 1998. Remains in force until entry into force of Revised Protocol on Shared Watercourse Systems in the SADC Region, 2001 (see Art. 16, Revised Protocol)

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**ARTICLE 2
GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

For the purposes of this Protocol the following general principles shall apply:

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9. Member States shall, without delay, notify other potentially affected States and competent international organisations, of any emergency originating within their respective territories.

10. In the event that implementation or execution of any planned measures is of the utmost urgency in order to save life, or to protect public health and safety, or other equally important interests as a result of an emergency situation, the Member State planning the measures may notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 9, immediately proceed with implementation or execution, provided that in such event a formal declaration of the urgency of the measures shall be communicated to the other Member States.