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Workshop on the Role of Enhancement of
Utilization of Primary and Secondary Hydro
Potential in the Context of Environmental
Protection
Bratislava (Slovakia), 13-15 May 1997

INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1

Introduction

At the invitation of the Government of Slovakia a workshop will be organized at Bratislava from 13 to 15 May 1997 on "The Role of Enhancement of Utilization of Primary and Secondary Hydro Potential in the Context of Environmental Protection".

This Information Notice contains guidelines on the preparation of papers and preliminary information on participation in and arrangements for the Workshop. Detailed information will be given in Information Notice No. 2.

I. PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

The purpose of the Workshop is to consider the important role of hydro power generation in the context of ecological and economic parameters and to exchange views on modelling of financial aspects of hydro-power generation projects as well as related issues at the design and operational stages. The Workshop will also discuss possibilities of international cooperation in this regard.

II. SPONSORSHIP AND VENUE

The Workshop is convened under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy of Slovakia, in cooperation with Slovenské Elektrárna a.s.(SE), with the Slovak National Committee of the World Energy Council, and with the Working Party on Electric Power of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

It will take place at the following venue:

Gastrocentrum SPECTRUM
Zahradnicka Street no.95
821 08 Bratislava

III. DOCUMENTATION AND PREPARATION OF PAPERS

The working language of the Workshop will be English and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Slovak. All documentation and papers prepared by national experts and experts from international organizations should be in English.

Authors are invited to transmit to the ECE secretariat and organizers a summary of their paper(s) of not more than 300 words by 1 February 1997 (annex I). Two camera-ready copies of the papers of not more than 4,000 words prepared in English should be transmitted to the secretariat and organizers by 15 March 1997 to be reproduced by the organizers and to be available at the Workshop (Diskettes in WordPerfect would be appreciated). Authors unable to meet the deadline for their papers are requested to send 70 copies of their papers to the organizers to be available to the participants.

Participants are invited to return the completed provisional registration form (annex II) to the secretariat and organizers by 1 March 1997.

All participants should be in possession of a valid passport or an equivalent document. Entry visas, where applicable, should be obtained from the diplomatic representation of Slovakia in the country of origin or residence.

A second Information Notice will be circulated in March 1997 containing all relevant information concerning the Workshop, including the forms for hotel reservation and final registration.

IV. TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Role of hydro-energy in energy economy: present situation and prospects for the development of large hydro power plants.
2. Environmental impacts of hydro power plants and related environmental impact assessment (EIA).

3. Rational use of hydro-electrical potential in the light of new concepts for environmental protection and progress in technologies. Modernization and ecologization of existing hydro-electric power stations.
4. Financing models of hydro-energy investments.

V. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR THE WORKSHOP

Monday, 12 May 1997	
	Arrival of participants
Tuesday, 13 May 1997	
1030 - 1230	Opening of the Workshop and working session I
1330 - 1630	Working session II
Wednesday, 14 May 1997	
9000 - 1200	Working session III
1330 - 1630	Working session IV and conclusions and recommendations
Thursday, 15 May 1997	
Technical visit to Gabčíkovo (Dunaj) hydro power plant	

Annex I

**WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF ENHANCEMENT OF UTILIZATION OF
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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REGISTRATION OF EXPERTS PREPARING REPORTS OR LECTURES

Completed form to be returned, along with two copies of summary of papers or lectures, no later than 1 February 1997 to:

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Annex II

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