

Questionnaire on issues relating to the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea

Situation

1. Is there an environmental risk for your country/region to be affected by waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea (WOCMDS)? If so, what are the environmental challenges and effects posed by WOCMDS?

According to our information, there are no chemical munitions dumped into the Black Sea.

2. Does the scientific community in your country/region examine the environmental effects related to WOCMDS? If so, what are the findings of such scientific researches?

We have no information about scientific researches in this field, till now.

Response to incidents

3. Does your country/region have experience in responding to incidents related to WOCMDS?

We have no experience in responding to incidents related to WOCMDS, because we didn't encounter such situations, but we have experience in responding to crisis situations related to CWA and toxic chemicals.

4. Does your country/region have the capacity to respond to incidents related to WOCMDS?

Unfortunately, no.

5. Has your government/organization developed an action plan or built capacities to respond to incidents related to WOCMDS? If not, does your government/organization intend to do so in the future?

We didn't developed any action plan or built capacities to respond to incidents related to WOCMDS, till now, but we are interested in international collaboration to exchange views regarding this issue.

Raising awareness and other actions

6. Does your government/organization provide information on WOCMDS to civil society and industry? Does your government/organization raise awareness on WOCMDS and how?

We didn't carry out such activities, till now.

7. Are there any partnerships between government industry and civil society in your country/region on raising awareness, reporting and monitoring of WOCMDS?

We didn't carry out such activities, till now.

Cooperation

8. Does your government cooperate with other States, regional and/or international organizations to assess or increase awareness of WOCMDS?

We didn't carry out such activities, till now.

9. What would be, in your view, possible modalities for international cooperation to assess and increase awareness of WOCMDS?

From our point of view, it's necessary the cooperation between the countries bordering the Black Sea, addressing the following topics:

- gathering information on possible chemical munitions discharges at sea in time;*
- conducting submarine research to locate these discharges;*

- *evaluation of the physical conditions of the containers with chemical munitions;*
- *evaluation of the potential risks of breaking the containers with chemical munitions;*
- *elaboration of the strategy for securing the containers with chemical munitions until their destruction/decontamination in specialized facilities.*