

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

REVISED PROTOCOL ON SHARED WATERCOURSES (7 AUGUST 2000)

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

1. For the purposes of this Protocol the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them hereunder:

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"Emergency situation" means a situation that causes or poses an imminent threat of causing serious harm to Watercourse States and which results suddenly from natural causes, such as torrential rains, floods, landslides or earthquakes or from human conduct;

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ARTICLE 4 SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

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5. Emergency Situations

State Parties shall, without delay, notify other potentially affected States, the SADC Water Sector Co-ordinating Unit and competent international organisations of any emergency situation originating within their respective territories and promptly supply the necessary information to such affected States and competent organisations with a view to co-operate in the prevention, mitigation, and elimination, of harmful effects of the emergency.