



Agenda item 7

## Joint Environment Unit Major activities 2007-2009

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## Major activities 2007-2009

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1. Mobilization and coordination of international assistance
2. Environmental Emergencies Partnership and preparedness activities
3. The Rosersberg Initiative

## 1. Mobilization and coordination of international assistance

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Since AGEE 7, response to 40 environmental emergencies

- a. Peru – Earthquake (Aug 2007)
- b. Philippines – Typhoon/capsized ferry (Jul 2008)
- c. Honduras – Floods/geohazards – (Oct/Nov 2008)

### 1a. Peru – Earthquake (2007)

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## 1b. Philippines – Typhoon / Capsized ferry (2008)



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## 1c. Honduras – Floods/landslides (2008)



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## 2. Environmental Emergencies Partnership & preparedness

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- Guidelines:
  - Guidelines for the development of a National Environmental Contingency Plan & Sample of National Environmental Contingency Plan;
  - Establishing a National Environmental Emergency Response Mechanism.
- Focus on dissemination at national level

## 3. Rosersberg Initiative

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- Thematic area 1:  
Awareness raising, engagement, training and capacity-building;
- Thematic area 2:  
Improving the international legal system in environmental emergencies (governance);
- Thematic area 3:  
Improving national structures and mechanisms (operational).

## 3a. Thematic area 1

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- Green Star Awards;
- Expansion of resource network;
- Training;
- Hazard Identification Tool (HIT);
- Flash Environmental Assessment Tool (FEAT);
- Environmental Assessment Module (EAM).

## 3b. Tools for emergency response

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- **HIT:** Desk research to identify big & obvious facilities with potential secondary environmental risks (JEU)
- **FEAT:** Field assessments to identify needs for specialised expertise/assessment and early recovery issues (UNDAC team);
- **EAM:** On-site sampling and analysis to identify substances and quantities and to suggest mitigation/prevention/clean-up measures.

## Summary

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### Consolidation of JEU emergency response:

- Monitoring & information management;
- Hazard identification;
- Rapid environmental assessment;
- Sampling and analysis;
- Specialized expertise;
- Link to early recovery.



THANK YOU!

