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Convention on Damage Caused to the Environment

A convention on damage resulting from activities that prove dangerous to the environment is being prepared by the Council of Europe, in response to the need to propose measures to compensate victims of damage to the environment. To date, such problems have received scant attention at any international level — with the exception of specific issues such as nuclear energy or the transport of goods.

In addition to providing for suitable compensation, the Convention will offer the bases of means to prevent

environmental damage and of those to rehabilitate impaired sites. Provision will also be made for access to pertinent information — particularly information that held by public authorities or industrial operators.

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