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**THE EURASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S INVESTMENT POLICY
AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Conclusions

Sustainable economic development can only be secured if environmental integrity is preserved. Therefore, environmental policies aimed at protecting the environment and managing natural resources more effectively must be formulated and implemented in a consistent manner.

The environmental policies adopted by international financial institutions aim to address regional environmental problems and ensure the efficient use and protection of natural resources. The minimisation of investment risk is highly dependent upon the environmental protection strategy adopted, and upon investors' ability to comply with the rules of international law governing natural resources management, environmental protection and prevention of natural and manmade disasters.

The Eurasian Development Bank's (EDB) support for environmental and social protection will help to create more advantageous conditions for investment and international co-operation in environmental protection, thus ensuring:

- transition from an environmental policy focused on mitigating the harmful effects of cross-border pollution to practices which prevent economic losses linked to environmental problems;
- the implementation of programmes aimed at improving the environment, and the development and use of environmentally friendly and resource-saving technology;
- the creation of legal and economic measures to promote innovative eco-technology and the manufacture of environmentally safe products and reduce pollution;
- the development of a system for monitoring, controlling and preventing cross-border contamination of air and water;
- the enhancement of international co-operation to prevent natural and manmade environmental degradation and the depletion of natural resources.

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