The questions.

1) Is your country a party to any of the instruments listed under 1 to 3 above or, in the case of OPOL, are the offshore operators in your country parties to that agreement? If so please advise whether issues of liability and compensation are adequately addressed by the instrument itself or by any subsidiary national legislation.

Answer:

No, China is not a party to any of the instruments.

And no operators in China are parties to the agreement.

2) If your country is not a party to any of the instruments listed under 1 to 3 above, is it party to any other form of regional or bilateral agreements which address the issues of liability and compensation? May we please have details of any such agreement.

Answer:

No. China is not a party to any other form of regional or bilateral agreements which address the issues of liability and compensation.

3) Please identify the national regulations which are applied to offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation operations by the authorities in your country?
Answers:

There are totally six national regulations concerning with offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation operations by the authorities in China.


(Promulgated by the State Council on January 30, 1982; and revised for the first time in accordance with the Decision of the State Council on Amending the Regulation of the People's Republic of China on the Exploitation of Offshore Petroleum Resources in Cooperation with Foreign Enterprises on September 23, 2001, revised for the second time in accordance with the Decision of the State Council on Abolishing and Amending Some Administrative Regulations on January 8, 2011, revised for the third time in accordance with the Decision of the State Council on Amending the Regulation of the People's Republic of China on the Exploitation of Offshore Petroleum Resources in Cooperation with Foreign Enterprises on September 30, 2011, and revised for the fourth time in accordance with the Decision of the State Council on Repealing and Amending Some Administrative Regulations on July 18, 2013)


(Promulgated by the State Council on December 29, 1983)

3. Implementing Rules on the Regulations of the People's Republic of China Concerning Environmental Protection in Offshore Oil Exploration and Exploitation.

(Promulgated by the State Oceanic Administration on September 20, 1990)


(Promulgated by National Development and Reform Commission, National Energy Bureau, Ministry of Finance, State Administration of Taxation, State Oceanic Administration on June 23,
5. Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China (Order No.22 of the President of the People's Republic of China)

(Adopted at the 11th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Seventh National People's Congress on December 26, 1989, promulgated by Order No.22 of the President of the People's Republic of China on December 26, 1989, and effective on the date of promulgation)

6. Marine Environment Protection Law of the People’s Republic of China (Order No.26 of the President of the People's Republic of China)

(Adopted at the 24th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Fifth National People's Congress on August 23, 1982; revised at the 13th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ninth National People's Congress on December 25, 1999 and promulgated by Order No.26 of the President of the People's Republic of China on December 25, 1999)