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Of the Second meeting of the Steering Committee under the National Water Policy Dialogue on integrated water resources management in Tajikistan

Dushanbe

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Members of the Steering Committee, representatives of ministries and authorities of the Republic of Tajikistan, representatives of international governmental and non-governmental organizations participated in the work of the Second meeting. The list of participants is enclosed (Annex 1).

The participants of the meeting had adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting, adoption of the agenda and objectives of the meeting
2. Welcoming speeches
3. First session. Integrated water resources management in Tajikistan
4. Second session. Water sector reform in Tajikistan
5. Third session. Transboundary water cooperation development
6. Adoption of the decisions of the Second meeting of the Steering Committee
7. Closing of the meeting.

The agenda of the Second meeting of the Steering Committee is enclosed in the Annex 2.

The following objectives of the meeting have been identified:

1. Adoption of plans for continuation of the NPD on IWRM in the Republic of Tajikistan
2. Identification of efficient ways for the reform of the water sector management system and transition to basin approach
3. Development of the dialogue and strengthening transboundary water cooperation in Central Asia.

The meeting participants adopted the following decisions and recommendations on the discussed items of the agenda:

1. Identify as main directions of the NPD on IWRM the following:
 - Further support to the water sector reforms, especially in areas of the development of the legal and institutional framework based on IWRM principles;
 - Strengthening transboundary cooperation with Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan.
2. Adopt the draft Report on IWRM mapping. National and international experts shall submit the final version of the Report on IWRM mapping for approval of the Steering Committee at its next meeting.

3. Adopt draft Roadmap of NPD on IWRM in Tajikistan. Taking into account ongoing changes in the approaches to the water sector reform, foresee a possibility for possible changes in the Roadmap in future.
4. Establish a working group on integrated water resources management consisting of the SC members. The working group objectives will include development of recommendations for changes in the legislation and institutional framework for management of water resources.
5. As a part of the future activities of the Steering Committee:
 - To hold next meeting of the Steering Committee in April/May 2012;
 - To foresee a possibility of establishing other thematical working groups for the development of policy packages under the Roadmap on IWRM.

Chair

R. Bobokalonov