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**MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON
THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

Legal Board ¹

First meeting

Verona, Italy, 28-29 June 2004

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST MEETING

to be held at Palazzo Giuliani, University of Verona
starting at 3 p.m. on Monday, 28 June 2004

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Election of officers.
4. Draft rules of procedure for the meetings of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health.
5. Draft compliance review mechanism under the Protocol on Water and Health.
6. Date and venue of future meetings of the Legal Board.

¹ The Legal Board was established by the Parties at their third meeting in November 2003 to deal at the request of the Convention's bodies with legal questions related to the work under the Convention (see ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.1, decision III/3). It replaces the former Working Group on Legal and Administrative Aspects.

7. Other business.
8. Closing of the meeting.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Legal Board was established at the third meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, in November 2003, to deal with legal questions related to the work under the Convention, at the request of the Convention's bodies (see ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.1, decision III/3). The Working Group on Water and Health, at its third meeting (Budapest, 11-12 March 2004), entrusted the Legal Board with the preparation of legal documents for the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health, planned for 2005.

The first meeting of the Legal Board will take place on 28-29 June 2004 at the University of Verona (Palazzo Giuliani, Via dell'Artigliere 8). The meeting will start on 28 June at 3 p.m. and end on 29 June at 6 p.m. It will be held in English only.

Documents for the Legal Board's meeting as well as for other meetings under the Water Convention are available at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/documents.htm>.

Registration forms and further information on this meeting can be requested from (and submitted to):

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Item 1: Opening of the meeting

A representative of Italy will open the meeting.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

The Legal Board is expected to adopt the agenda for its first meeting as set out in the present document.

Item 3: Election of officers

The Legal Board will elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the participants.

Item 4: Draft rules of procedure for the meetings of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health

The Meeting will have before it a document on the draft rules of procedure for the meetings of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health based on the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Parties to the Water Convention as amended at the third meeting of the Parties (MP.WAT/AC.4/2004/3) and containing the indications given by the second meeting of the Signatories to the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, 2-4 July 2003) and the third meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Budapest, 11-12 March 2004).

Item 5: Draft compliance review mechanism under the Protocol on Water and Health

The Legal Board is expected to prepare a draft compliance review mechanism under article 15 of the Protocol on Water and Health, to be submitted to the Parties to the Protocol at their first meeting. To this end the Legal Board will have before it a document based on a paper prepared by a consultant and already submitted to the Signatories to the Protocol on Water and Health at their second meeting and to the Working Group on Water and Health at its third meeting (MP.WAT/AC.4/2004/4).

Item 6: Date and venue of future meetings of the Legal Board

The Legal Board is expected to set the indicative dates for its future meeting(s) and decide on their venue(s). The secretariat has made preliminary arrangements for a second meeting to be held in Geneva on 16-17 September 2004.

Item 7: Other business

At the time of writing the secretariat had no points to propose under this agenda item.

Item 8: Closing of the meeting

The Chairman will close the meeting.