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

Legal Board

Third meeting

Geneva, 13-14 June 2005

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD MEETING

to be held at the Palais des Nations^{*}
starting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 June 2005

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the report of the second meeting (MP.WAT/AC.4/2004/6)

* New accreditation procedures have been introduced for all delegates attending meetings held at the Palais des Nations. Delegates are therefore requested to complete the attached registration form also available from the Water Convention's web site (<http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/registrationmeeting.htm>) and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat, at the latest 10 days prior to the meeting, i.e. by **3 June 2005**, either by fax (+ 41 22 917 0107) or by e-mail (francesca.bernardini@unece.org). Prior to the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves at the Pass and Identification Unit of the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Villa Les Feuillantines, 13, Avenue de la Paix (a map is attached) for the issuance of an identification badge. In case of difficulty, please contact by telephone the UNECE Water Convention secretariat (Ms. Francesca Bernardini, +41 22 917 24 63).

4. Draft compliance review mechanism under the Protocol on Water and Health

In the light of the recommendations of the Working Group on Water and Health (see report MP.WAT/WG.4/2004/5 - EUR/5047016/2004/5), the Legal Board will review the draft compliance procedure (MP.WAT/WG.4/2004/7 - EUR/5047016/2004/7) under article 15 of the Protocol on Water and Health in order to finalize it.

The Legal Board will also deal with: (a) the procedural issues for the nomination and election of the members of the Compliance Committee, following, for example, the relevant procedures for the Compliance Committee of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (see ECE/MP.PP/2/Add.8, annex, para. 5); and (b) the resources implications of the work of the Compliance Committee.

5. Draft rules of procedure for the meetings of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health

In the light of the recommendations of the Working Group on Water and Health, the Legal Board will review the draft rules of procedure for the meetings of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (MP.WAT/WG.4/2004/6 - EUR/5047016/2004/6) in order to finalize them.

The Legal Board will also examine a working paper prepared by the joint secretariat on practical issues related to: (a) rule 5 on the notification of Parties and non-Parties; (b) invitations to the first meeting; and (c) requests for observer status from non-governmental organizations.

6. Guidance on the implementation of the Water Convention and its protocols

At the workshop on the legal basis for transboundary cooperation, held in Kiev on 22-24 November 2004 in the framework of the Water Convention's project "Capacity for Water Cooperation," some countries in transition requested assistance in the Convention's ratification process and further implementation. This would include the preparation of an implementation guide on provisions of the Convention and its protocols, such as the polluter-pays principle and transboundary water allocation, and guidance on the obligations and tasks of national and local authorities (see also the report on the first meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, MP.WAT/WG.1/2004/2, paras. 9 and 23). The Legal Board will discuss the request and make arrangements for future work.

7. Survey and analysis of bilateral and multilateral agreements on flood prevention, protection and mitigation

The Legal Board will examine a document prepared by Greece and Germany on model provisions on integrated flood management for States riparian to the same transboundary waters and will make arrangements for the further development of the model provisions.

8. Date and venue of future meetings of the Legal Board
9. Other business
10. Closing of the meeting

The meeting will be closed on 14 June 2005 at 6 p.m.

Some financial assistance is available to support the participation of experts from countries in transition. Due to the limitation of funds, priority will be given to participants from countries which have ratified the Protocol on Water and Health. Requests for financial assistance should be submitted not later than **9 May 2005** to the Water Convention's secretariat.



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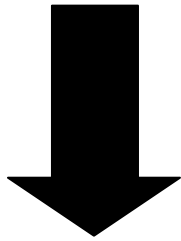
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