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MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH
TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION
AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL
LAKES

Compliance Committee

Second meeting
Geneva, 24–25 September 2008

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in Salle I,
starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 24 September 2008*

* In accordance with the United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the registration form available from www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/registrationmeeting.htm, and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting – namely, by **10 September 2008** – either by fax (+ 41 22 917 0621) or by e-mail (olga.carlos@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14 (see the map on the UNECE Protocol website). Please allow enough time for this. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1926.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Compliance Committee
3. Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee
4. Guidelines for communication from members of the public
5. Procedures for handling submissions and referrals
6. Information gathering, including on-the-spot appraisals and cooperation with non-governmental organizations
7. Strategies for publicizing the work of the Compliance Committee
8. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings
9. Any other business
10. Adoption of the report

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. The Compliance Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 2: Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Compliance Committee

2. The secretariat will inform the Committee of relevant developments since its first meeting, in particular concerning the change in the composition of the Committee.

Item 3: Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee

3. In accordance with decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (and para. 8 of the annex thereto), the Committee is expected to approve its rules of procedure, taking into account the rules of procedure of the Meeting of the Parties, and in particular rule 21. On the basis of an informal paper prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Committee's Chairperson, the Committee will discuss and finalize its rules of procedure.

Item 4: Guidelines for communication from members of the public

4. On the basis of an informal paper prepared by the Committee members Ms. Diana Iskрева-Idigo and Mr. Serhiy Vykhryst, the Committee will discuss the format and the content of the guidelines for communication from members of the public.

Item 5: Procedures for handling submissions and referrals

5. The Committee will discuss the procedures for handling submissions by Parties and referrals by the secretariat on the basis of an informal paper prepared by the secretariat, addressing the role and tasks of the secretariat in the process.

Item 6: Information gathering, including on-the-spot appraisals and cooperation with non-governmental organizations

6. On the basis of an informal paper prepared by Chairperson, the Committee will discuss information gathering and will look into possibility of cooperation with non-governmental organizations.

Item 7: Strategies for publicizing the work of the Compliance Committee

7. The Committee will discuss potential instruments for publicizing the compliance mechanism under the Protocol, as well as possible capacity-building activities.

Item 8: Programme of work and calendar of future meetings

8. The Committee will discuss its future programme of work, will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings and will give indications to the secretariat on the next steps to be taken. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its next meetings, taking into account that the third meeting has already been tentatively scheduled for 25 and 26 February 2009.

Item 9: Any other business

9. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

Item 10: Adoption of the report

10. The report of the meeting will be presented for adoption by the Committee.
