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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

Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism Third meeting Geneva, 26 May 2010 Item 2 of the provisional agenda Adoption of the agenda

# Annotated provisional agenda<sup>1</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Starting on Wednesday, 26 May 2010, at 10 a.m.\*

# I. Provisional agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting.
- 2. Adoption of the agenda.

<sup>\*</sup> Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations are requested to complete the registration form available on the UNECE website (http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/documents\_AHPFM.htm) and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting by e-mail (olga.carlos@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva's Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix (see the map on the UNECE website: http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1926.



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- 3. Progress in the recruitment of the Facilitator.
- 4. Progress in ongoing cooperation programmes.
- 5. Discussions of new proposals for cooperation.
- Discussion of the Water Fund of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- Future programme of work for the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism for 2011–2013.
- 8. Other business.
- 9. Date and venue of the fourth meeting.
- 10. Closure of the meeting.

#### II. Annotations

- 1. The main objective of the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism is to take stock of ongoing cooperation programmes, discuss new proposals for cooperation, receive information on innovative financing mechanisms and contribute to the discussions at the third session of the Working Group on Water and Health, particularly with regard to the development of the 2011–2013 programme of work.
- 2. The meeting will begin on 26 May at 10 a.m. and will close on 26 May 2010 at  $5 \, \mathrm{p.m.}$
- 3. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Carola Bjørklund (Norway).
- 4. The working languages will be English, French and Russian.
- 5. All relevant documentation for the meeting of will be available online at http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/documents\_AHPFM.htm.

# Item 1

#### Opening of the meeting

6. The Chair of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism will welcome participants and open the meeting.

#### Item 2

#### Adoption of the agenda

7. Participants are expected to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

#### Item 3

## **Progress in the recruitment of the Facilitator**

8. A member of the World Health Organization (WHO) will inform the participants on progress made in the recruitment of the Facilitator.

#### Item 4

### Progress in ongoing cooperation programmes

- 9. Participants will be informed about the ongoing cooperation under the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism between Norway and Ukraine, and Switzerland and the Republic of Moldova.
- 10. The Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism will also be informed about the progress made since its second meeting regarding the project proposals submitted by Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.
- 11. Delegations concerned will be invited to report on any recent or anticipated developments with respect to these programmes and their possible follow-up.

#### Item 5

#### Discussion of new proposals for cooperation

- 12. A representative of the Government of Tajikistan will introduce a proposal entitled Setting Targets, Selecting Indicators, Monitoring and Reporting on Water and Health that will prepare the country for participation in the work of the Protocol. A representative of the WHO Country Office will inform the meeting on synergies between the proposal and the work under the WHO Biennial Cooperation Agreement.
- 13. A representative of Georgia will introduce a proposal, Environmental Protection and Management of Water Resources for the Reduction of the Burden of Water-related Diseases in Small-scale Water Supply Areas. The aim of this proposal is to eliminate sources of contamination in the headwaters in order to improve the water quality particularly in small-scale water supply systems at the point of consumption in rural areas in Georgia.
- 14. A representative from Montenegro will introduce a proposal on target setting for drinking-water quality and sanitation in schools, in support of the Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe

#### Item 6

# Discussion of the Water Fund of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

15. The Chair of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism will inform participants on the establishment of the Water Fund at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and on its link with the Protocol on Water and Health.

#### Item 7

# Future programme of work for the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism for 2011–2013

16. Participants will take stock of the progress achieved under the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism since the first Meeting of the Parties, examine successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to agreeing on the proposed programme of work for 2011–2013 for the Mechanism (see document ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 – EUR/10/56335/XI, Draft programme of work for 2011–2013.

17. The Chair of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism will inform the Working Group on Water and Health and its third session on the outcome of this discussion.

## Item 8 Other business

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

### Item 9

# Date and venue of the fourth meeting

19. Participants will set a tentative date and venue for the fourth meeting.

#### **Item 10**

## Closure of the meeting

20. The Chair will close the meeting at 5 p.m. on 26 May 2010.

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