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**Economic Commission for Europe****World Health Organization  
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Protocol on Water and Health  
to the Convention on the Protection  
and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International  
Lakes****Working Group on Water and Health**  
Third meeting  
Geneva, 27–28 May 2010**Annotated provisional agenda**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting on Thursday, 27 May 2010, at 10 a.m.\***I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Progress in the ratification process.
4. Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities.

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5. Setting targets and reporting under the Protocol:
  - (a) Task Force on Indicators and Reporting;
  - (b) Pilot reporting exercise.
6. Water supply and sanitation in short-term critical situations and adaptation to climate change.
7. Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism.
8. Compliance procedure.
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14. Promotion of the Protocol.
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17. Financial arrangements to support the implementation of the Protocol.
18. Preparations for the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.
19. Other business.
20. Date and venue of the fourth meeting.
21. Closure of the meeting.

## **II. Annotations**

1. The main objective of the third meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health is to prepare the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to be held in Bucharest on 23–25 November 2010. In particular the Working Group will review the implementation of the activities in the Protocol's programme of work 2007–2010 and agree on a draft programme of work for 2011–2013 to be submitted for adoption by the Meeting of the Parties.
2. The meeting, which will begin on 27 May at 10 a.m. and will close on 28 May 2010 at 5.30 p.m., will be held back to back with the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism, which will take place in Geneva on 26 May 2010.
3. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Kjetil Tveitan (Norway).
4. The working languages will be English, French and Russian.
5. All relevant documentation for the meeting of the Working Group will be available at [http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/documents\\_WGWH.htm](http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/documents_WGWH.htm).

## **Item 1**

### **Opening of the meeting**

6. The Chair of the Working Group on Water and Health will welcome participants and open the meeting.

## **Item 2**

### **Adoption of the agenda**

7. The Working Group is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

## **Item 3**

### **Progress in the ratification process**

8. As of 1 March 2010, the following 24 countries have ratified the Protocol on Water and Health: Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine.

9. Delegations will be invited to report on any recent or anticipated developments with respect to the ratification of the Protocol in their respective countries. In particular, Signatories and other States not yet Party to the Protocol will be invited to indicate whether they expect to be Parties by the time of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

## **Item 4**

### **Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities**

Official documentation: Progress report and future work of the Task Force on Surveillance (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/3 - EUR/10/56335/III); Draft policy guidance on water-related disease surveillance (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.1 - EUR/10/56335/IX); Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 - EUR/10/56335/XI)

Information papers: Draft technical guidance for setting up, implementing and assessing surveillance systems of water-related disease; Report of the third meeting of the Task Force on Surveillance held in Durrës, Albania, on 11–12 February 2010; Status of water-related diseases surveillance in the UNECE<sup>1</sup>/WHO-Euro<sup>2</sup> region

10. The Chair of the Task Force on Surveillance, Mr. Enzo Funari (Italy), will report on the progress made in this area and will present the main activities carried out under the auspices of the Task Force, in particular:

- (a) The outcome of the third session of the Task Force on Surveillance;

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

(b) The products elaborated by the Task Force for the second session of the Meeting of the Parties: the draft policy guidance on water-related disease surveillance; the draft technical guidance for setting up, implementing and assessing surveillance systems of water-related disease; and the assessment of the status of water-related disease surveillance in the UNECE/WHO-Euro region.

11. The Working Group is expected to comment on the draft of the three documents prepared by the Task Force, agree on ways and means to finalize them and make arrangements for their submission as official documents to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties. To effectively organize the discussion, delegations are requested to provide the secretariat with their written comments on the documents prior to the meeting, at the latest by 1 May 2010.

12. On the basis of information presented by the Chair of the Task Force, the Working Group will also be invited to discuss future activities in this area (see agenda item 16).

## **Item 5**

### **Setting targets and reporting under the Protocol**

#### (a) Task Force on Indicators and Reporting

Official documentation: Progress report and future work of the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/4 - EUR/10/56335/IV); Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2009/4 - EUR/09/5086342/6); Proposed amendments to the draft guidelines on setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/5 - EUR/10/56335/V)

Information papers: Report on the third meeting of the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting, held in Geneva, on 17–18 February 2010

13. The Chair of the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting, Mr. Pierre Studer (Switzerland), will report on the progress made by the Task Force. In particular he will present the proposed amendments to the draft guidelines on setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/4 - EUR/10/56335/IV), to be read together with the draft guidelines on setting targets, evaluation of progress and reporting (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2009/4 - EUR/09/5086342/6).

14. The Working Group is expected to comment on the draft guidelines on setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting, agree on ways and means to finalize them and make arrangements for their submission as an official document to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties for their possible adoption. To effectively organize the discussion, delegations are requested to provide the secretariat with their written comments prior to the meeting, at the latest by 1 May 2010.

#### (b) Pilot reporting exercise

Official documentation: Report of the workshop on reporting (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/6-EUR/10/56335/VI); Draft guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.2 - EUR/10/56335/X); Draft programme of work for 2011-2013 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 - EUR/10/56335/XI)

Information papers: Draft of the first regional report on the implementation of the Protocol

15. The Chair of the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting will present the main conclusions from the workshop on reporting held in Geneva on 16–17 February 2010, and the draft guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.2 - EUR/10/56335/X) as prepared by the Task Force.

16. The secretariat will report on the status of submission of national summary reports due by 31 March 2010 under the pilot exercise, inter alia, with respect to the timeliness and completeness of reports. Delegations will be invited to comment on their experiences in relation to the preparation of the national summary reports, including the application of the draft guidelines and template for summary reports.

17. On the basis of the discussion, the Working Group is expected to agree on ways and means to finalize the draft guidelines and template for summary reports, and make arrangements for their submission as an official document to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties for their possible adoption. To effectively organize the discussion, delegations are requested to provide the secretariat with their written comments to the documents prior to the meeting, at the latest by 1 May 2010.

18. The Working Group will review the draft of the first regional report on the implementation of the Protocol, based on the summary reports submitted by Parties and non-Parties. The Working Group will comment on the draft and provide advice to the secretariat regarding completion of the document and its submission as an official document to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

19. On the basis of information presented by the Chair of the Task Force, as well as the preliminary findings stemming from the analysis of the summary reports, the Working Group will be invited to discuss future activities with regard to implementation of articles 6 and 7 of the Protocol (see agenda item 16).

## **Item 6**

### **Water supply and sanitation in short-term critical situations and adaptation to climate change**

Official documentation: Progress report and future work of the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/7 - EUR/10/56335/VII); Draft programme of work for 2011-2013 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 - EUR/10/56335/XI)

Information papers: Draft guidelines on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events; Report on the second session of the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events held in Geneva on 27–28 October 2009

20. The Chair of the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events, Ms. Luciana Sinisi (Italy), will report on the progress achieved in this area and will present the main activities carried out under the auspices of the Task Force, in particular:

(a) The outcome of the second session of the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events;

(b) The contribution to the workshop on water supply and sanitation in adaptation policies, organized in Bucharest on 25 November 2009 back-to-back with the meeting of the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) Working Group of the EU Water Initiative; and to the EUREAU expert meeting on climate change held in London on 28 January 2010;

(c) The draft guidelines on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events.

21. The Working Group is expected to comment on the draft guidelines on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events, agree on ways and means to finalize them and make arrangements for their submission as an official document to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties for their possible adoption. To effectively organize the discussion, delegations are requested to provide the secretariat with their written comments to the guidelines prior to the meeting, at the latest by 1 May 2010.

22. The Working Group will also be invited to discuss future activities in this area (see agenda item 16).

### **Item 7**

#### **Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism**

Official documentation: Progress report and future work of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (ECE/MP.WH/AC.1/2010/2-EUR/10/56335/XIII)

23. The Chair of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism, Ms. Carola Beatrice Bjørklund (Norway), will report on progress made by the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism and inform the Working Group on future plans in this area. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the information provided.

### **Item 8**

#### **Compliance procedure**

Official documentation: Reports on the fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee (ECE/MP.WH/C.1/2010/2 – EUR/10/5086338/VIII); Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 - EUR/10/56335/XI)

24. The Chair of the Compliance Committee, Mr. Attila Tanzi, will report on the Committee's activities, in particular the outcome of its fourth meeting and the planned input to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

### **Item 9**

#### **Public awareness, education, training, research and development, and information**

Official documentation: Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 - EUR/10/56335/XI)

25. The representative of Romania, lead Party for this activity, will inform the Working Group on the workshop on information and public participation in water and health-related issues and on future work in this area under the Protocol's programme of work for 2011–2013.

26. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the information provided and to discuss future activities in this area (see agenda item 16).

## **Item 10**

### **Equitable access**

Official documentation: Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 - EUR/10/56335/XI)

Information document: Information note on progress achieved and further work to be undertaken on equitable access to water

27. The representative of France, lead Party for this activity, will inform the Working Group about the progress and the proposed future work in this area under the Protocol's programme of work for 2011–2013.

28. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the information provided and to discuss future activities in this area (see agenda item 16).

## **Item 11**

### **Small-scale water supplies**

Official documentation: Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 - EUR/10/56335/XI)

Information document: Small Scale Water Supplies in the European Region: Background - Challenges - Improvements

29. The representative of Germany, lead Party for this activity, will present to the Working Group a draft of an awareness-raising document relating to small-scale water supplies. The document was developed following a workshop on water safety in small-scale water supplies organized by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research on Drinking Water Hygiene at the German Federal Environment Agency (Bad Elster, Germany, 26–27 November 2008).

30. The Working Group will be invited to comment on the material and agree on the way to finalize it in time for its submission to the second session of the meeting of the Parties. The Working Group will also be invited to discuss future activities in this area (see agenda item 16).

## **Item 12**

### **Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health**

31. The Working Group will be informed on the outcome of the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, held on 10–12 March 2010 in Parma, Italy, in particular on the implications on the future work under the Protocol on Water and Health.

## **Item 13**

### **Seventh Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference**

32. The Working Group will be informed on the preparations for the seventh Environment for Europe (EfE) Ministerial Conference scheduled to be held in Astana in autumn 2011. The UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy, which serves as the convening body for the preparatory process of the EfE Ministerial Conferences, agreed at

its sixteenth session, held in Geneva on 20–23 October 2009, that the two main themes for the Astana Ministerial Conference would be as follows: (a) sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems; (b) greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development.

33. The Working Group will discuss possible contributions to the Efe Ministerial Conference.

#### **Item 14**

##### **Promotion of the Protocol**

Official documentation: How to better promote the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health: a guide for focal points (ECE/MP.WAT/2009/13)

34. The Working Group will take note of the guide for focal points for promoting the Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health jointly prepared by the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health. The guide was presented and endorsed at the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention held in Geneva on 10–12 November 2009.

35. The Working Group will discuss the opportunity to further enrich the guide with recommendations and examples related to the Protocol on Water and Health and make arrangements for its submission to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

#### **Item 15**

##### **Ongoing programme of work**

36. On the basis of the discussion under previous agenda items, the Working Group will review progress made with regard to the implementation of the Protocol's programme of work (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.5 – EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.5) and will entrust its Chairperson, the chairpersons of the task forces and the countries leading activities, with the assistance of the joint secretariat, to report on progress achieved to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

#### **Item 16**

##### **Programme of work for 2011–2013**

Official documentation: Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/L.3 - EUR/10/56335/XI)

37. On the basis of a document prepared by Bureau and the Chairs of the three task forces, as well as the discussions under previous agenda items, the Working Group will discuss the Protocol's programme of work for 2011–2013. It will agree on the following items: structure of the programme of work, future activities, lead countries, and the bodies, along with their respective mandates, to be established to guide the implementation of the work programme.

38. Relevant international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other partners will be invited to inform the meeting of their intention to contribute to the activities contained in the programme of work, inter alia, through financial and in-kind contributions.



39. The Working Group will also make work-sharing arrangements with a view to finalizing the draft programme of work for its submission for adoption to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties.

### **Item 17**

#### **Financial arrangements to support the implementation of the Protocol**

Official documentation: Financing options for the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/8 - EUR/10/56335/VIII)

Information document: Overview of contributions and expenditures related to the Protocol on Water and Health and resources required up to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties

40. The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol entrusted the Working Group to oversee the management of the funds of Protocol under the UNECE Technical Cooperation Trust Fund and the WHO-EURO Voluntary Fund. On the basis of an information document prepared by the joint secretariat, the Working Group will be informed about the financial status of the two funds, the contributions received, the funds used and the resources that will be required until the second session of the Meeting of the Parties. Delegations will be invited to provide information on their contributions for the remainder of 2010.

41. Taking into account the difficulties encountered in securing the resources required to implement the programme of work, the Working Group at its second meeting asked the Bureau and the joint secretariat to prepare a proposal including alternative options for financing the programme of work. The Working Group will discuss the proposal and agree on how the issue should be brought to the attention of the Meeting of the Parties at its second session.

### **Item 18**

#### **Preparations for the second session of the Meeting of the Parties**

Information document: Draft agenda and list of documents for the second session of the Meeting of the Parties

42. The representative of Romania, host country of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties, and the secretariat will report on the organizational preparations for the meeting and the overall programme of events.

43. The secretariat will present the draft provisional agenda for the meeting, prepared in consultation with the Bureau, including a list of documentation.

44. The Working Group is expected to discuss the information provided and to decide on further steps to be taken in the preparatory process.

### **Item 19**

#### **Other business**

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

**Item 20**  
**Date and venue of the fourth meeting**

46. The Working Group will set a tentative date and venue for its fourth meeting.

**Item 21**  
**Closure of the meeting**

47. The Chair will close the meeting at 5.30 p.m. on 28 May 2010.
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