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## Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on  
the Protection and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International Lakes

### Implementation Committee

#### Fourth meeting

London, 4 December 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fourth meeting

To be held at the Queen Mary University of London, London, starting  
on Thursday, 4 December 2014, at 10 a.m.\*

## I. Provisional agenda

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## **II. Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

The Implementation Committee under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes will be invited to adopt the agenda for its fourth meeting, as set out in the present document.

### **2. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative**

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures set out in decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention:

(a) Any request for advice by a Party or Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation or application (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2, decision VI/1, annex I, paras. 18–23);

(b) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation and compliance (ibid., paras. 24–27);

(c) Undertaking a Committee initiative (ibid., paras. 28–29).

### **3. Information gathering**

Further to its third meeting, the Committee may wish to consider any information received from Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation regarding transboundary water cooperation in the Irtysh and Ili River Basins.

### **4. Relevant activities of other bodies under the Convention**

A Committee member, Mr. Hans Lammers, will inform the Committee about the relevant discussions at the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 25–26 June 2014). Subsequently, the secretariat will report on the outcomes of the twentieth meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Geneva, 27 June 2014).

In particular, the Committee members will be told of the Working Group's decision to establish a core group to develop a proposal on a reporting mechanism. The proposal will be submitted to the Working Group for consideration at its tenth meeting in June 2015 and subsequently to the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session in November 2015 in Budapest. The core group will have its first meeting in October or November 2014. The Committee will be briefed on the results of the core group's first meeting and will discuss how to contribute to the group's work.

### **5. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance**

The Committee members will report on their efforts to present the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance at various forums and events, as well as the outcomes of such activities undertaken so far.

The secretariat will report on the opportunities it has had to present the mechanism at various forums and events, such as the Fifth Annual International Law and Transboundary Freshwaters Workshop (Dundee, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 9–13 June 2014), World Water Week (Stockholm, 31 August–5 September 2014) and the twentieth session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Committee on Environmental Policy (Geneva, 28–31 October 2014).

A representative of the Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at the University of Dundee is expected to attend the meeting as an observer. He will inform the Committee about plans to develop a course on international water law and explain how the Committee members could contribute to the possible development of such a course.

The secretariat will describe the possibility to produce a series of short video interviews of each of the Committee members.

A workshop focusing on the contribution of legal and scientific expertise in handling transboundary water law disputes will be held in London on 5 December 2014, back to back with the fourth meeting of the Committee.

Committee members will be invited to share information about future possibilities to promote the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance.

## **6. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings**

The Committee will agree on the dates of and the issues for consideration at its next meetings.

## **7. Any other business**

The Committee will discuss other matters as proposed by its members.

## **8. Adoption of the report**

The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its fourth meeting.

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