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Watercourses and International Lakes

Implementation Committee

Sixth meeting

Geneva, 3 and 4 May 2016

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Tuesday,
3 May 2016, at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Relevant outcomes of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties
4. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative.
5. Information gathering.
6. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance.
7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings.

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8. Any other business.
9. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

In accordance with paragraph 10 of annex I to decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (see ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2), the Implementation Committee is expected to elect its chair and vice-chair.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its sixth meeting, as set out in the present document.

3. Relevant outcomes of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties

The secretariat will report on the outcomes of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Budapest, 17–19 November 2015).

The Committee will be informed about the deposit by Ukraine of its instrument of acceptance of the amendment to the Convention. As a result of this action by Ukraine, as of 1 March 2016, countries from outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region can accede to the Convention.

The Committee will consider the implications for its future work linked to the global opening of the Convention as well as to the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties at its eighth session, including on general issues of compliance, on reporting under the Convention and on the future programme of work for 2016–2018.

4. 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).

5. Information gathering

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

6. 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. In particular, those members who were present will report about the organization of a side event on the Implementation Committee at the Meeting of the Parties, the interest expressed by and questions from participants, as well as any implications for the work of the Committee.

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

7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings

Based on the discussions under previous items, the Committee will discuss its future programme of work for the intersessional period 2016–2018. It will then agree on the dates of and the issues for consideration at its next meetings.

8. Any other business

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

9. Adoption of the report

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