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the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Implementation Committee

Seventh meeting

Budapest, 1 and 2 December 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh meeting

To be held at the National University of Public Service, Budapest,
starting on Thursday, 1 December 2016, at 3 p.m.*

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Relevant activities of other bodies under the Convention

The Committee will be informed of the outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 18–19 October 2016) as well as other relevant developments under the Convention, such as the pilot reporting exercise.

The Committee will discuss its future role in relation to the results of the pilot reporting exercise, both in relation to the review, if needed, of the template for reporting and with regard to the Committee's report to the Meeting of the Parties at its eighth session.

3. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative

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

(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).

4. Information gathering

The Committee will consider any further information received from Kazakhstan and from the non-governmental organizations to which letters were addressed after the sixth meeting regarding the status of water, transboundary water cooperation and measures taken in the Irtys and Ili River Basins. The Committee will also review and analyse the results of its own research on these issues and decide on its next steps.

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.

On the basis of the discussions in previous meetings and the past efforts, Committee members will be invited to share information on and discuss future possibilities to promote the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance.

6. Role of the Committee in the global opening of the Convention

At its sixth session (Geneva, 3–4 May 2016), the Committee received a mandate from the Bureau to support the secretariat in answering questions from countries outside the region of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) interested in acceding to the Convention. The Committee will discuss how to implement this new role and more generally how to contribute to the global opening of the Convention. In this regard, the Committee will take into account the experience of Committee members directly involved in capacity-building events in countries outside the ECE region and information from the secretariat on the latest developments with regard to countries outside the ECE region interested in accession and plans to build their capacity.

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 until the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties in 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 seventh meeting.
