

- **INFORMAL RECORD OF THE MAIN DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE ESPOO CONVENTION (7TH SESSION) AND MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE SEA PROTOCOL (3RD SESSION), 13-16 JUNE 2017, MINSK**



Outcomes – MOP7 and MOP/MOP 3



- **Chair elected**
- **Report on credentials noted**
- **Welcomed information that with Denmark's expected ratification of both Convention amendments on 19 June, 2nd amendment would enter into force on 18 Sept 2017;**
- **Noted that 8 further ratifications still needed for 1st Convention's amendment to be operational, i.e. allowing non-ECE countries to accede, and urged Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Canada, Greece, FYROM, UK and Ukraine to ratify it;**
- **Noted progress/planned ratifications by Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium and Greece in this respect, with that of Azerbaijan being the most advanced (expected by 2017)**

Outcomes – MOP7 and MOP/MOP3

- **Expressed satisfaction with implementation of previous workplan and with use of trust fund**
- **Invited UNECE to seek regular budget funding to ensure sufficient additional staffing, in particular for servicing the work for the review of compliance**



Outcomes – MOP7 and MOP/MOP3

- **Agreed on the development of a long term strategy and an action plan for the Convention and the Protocol – subject to identification of in-kind input or funding for a consultant**



Outcomes – MOP7 and MOP/MOP3

- **Expressed gratitude to presenters and moderators of panel discussions on:**
 - **the contribution of the Protocol and the Convention to the achievement of SDGs and the future of the treaties;**



Outcomes – MOP7

- **Decisions VII/1; and VII/6 adopted**



Outcomes – MOP7

- **Agreed that further efforts are needed to reach consensus on draft decision VII/2, and that deliberations would be finalized at an “intermediary” Convention MOP session to be convened at a date to be determined; and which could also address additional issues that may arise;**
- **Mandated Implementation Committee to review the draft decision VII/2 and to prepare a revised draft for the intermediary session, taking into account the work already carried out and progress achieved during the present MOP session;**
- **Entrusted the Bureau and the secretariat to prepare the agenda and to identify a date for the intermediary session**



Outcomes – MOP7

- **Welcomed Ukraine's endorsement of the new EIA law**
- **Took note of the proposals from Ukraine:**
 - **to agree on the revised draft decision VII/2 regarding Bystroe Canal, which the IC would have informally agreed in the margins of the present session – but which the MOP had no time to consider during the plenary session;**
 - **to mandate the Bureau and the IC to prepare proposals for the MOP's consideration for preparing future draft compliance decisions for each case separately, as a good practise, and to propose relevant amendments to the MOP's/IC's rules of procedure. (Ukraine proposed that this issue be considered at the intermediary MOP)**



Outcomes – MOP7

- **Also noted proposals by Azerbaijan regarding draft decision VII/2, and invited the IC to take these into account when revising the draft decision in advance of the intermediary session, basing itself on the already discussed proposals submitted by Azerbaijan as considered by the IC in the margins of the MOP**
- **Noted proposal by Armenia not to reopen issues agreed by the IC**



Outcomes – MOP/MOP2

- **Decisions III/1 and III/2 adopted**



Outcomes – MOP7 and MOP/MOP3

- Pledges made as per list amounting to some USD 690,400 USD (out of USD 1,183,000 budgeted) *(additions by 30 June, please, including clarification on the year of payment);*
- Members of Bureau, officers of the Working Group, members of Implementation Committee elected as per list
- Joint decisions VII/3–III/3; VII/4-III/4; VII/5–III/5 and VII/7-III/6 adopted
- Minsk declaration adopted



Outcomes – MOP7 and MOP/MOP3

- **Secretariat to finalize a report under guidance of Bureau;**
- **Next sessions (MOP-8 and MOP/MOP-4) in May/ September 2020 in Geneva (unless host country identified);**
 - **with intermediary MOP session in late 2018 or in early 2019**

