



Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

MEETING OF THE PARTIES

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Implementation and compliance

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

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At its eighth session, the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will consider the composition of its Implementation Committee.

The Implementation Committee consists of nine members with experience and recognized expertise in the fields related to the Convention, including legal and/or scientific and technical expertise. The members of the Committee serve in their personal capacity and objectively. The objectives, structure and functions of the Committee are set out in decision VI/1 (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2).

Based on Decision VI/1, at its sixth session, the Meeting of the Parties elected five members of the Committee for a full term of office and four members for a half term of office. At the seventh session, the Meeting of the Parties subsequently elected four members for a full term of office (Ms. Anne Schulte-Wülwer-Leidig, Mr. Attila Tanzi, Mr. Johan Gerrit Lammers and Ms Dinara Ziganshina).

A full term of office commences at the end of an ordinary meeting of the Parties and runs until the second ordinary meeting of the Parties. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms, unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise.

The term of the five members that were elected to the Committee for a full term of office at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties will therefore end at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties. This means that there is a need for substitution or re-election of the following members at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties in Astana: Ms. Vanya Grigorova, Mr. Kari Kinnunen, Mr. Stephen McCaffrey, Mr. Aliaksandr Stankevich, and Mr. Ivan Zavadsky.

The list of proposed candidates along with the nominating Party is provided in the table below. Delegates can consult nomination letters, individual CVs and, where available, accompanying information of the proposed candidates on the Water Convention website (<http://www.unece.org/env/water/mop8.html>).

In accordance with Decision VI/1, Committee members shall be elected by the Meeting of the Parties from among candidates nominated by the Parties. To that end, Parties may take into consideration any proposal for candidates made by Signatories or by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) qualified or having an interest in the fields to which the Convention relates. In

the election of the Committee members, consideration shall be given to the geographical distribution of membership and to the diversity of experience and expertise.

The elections will be governed by the revised rules of procedure of the Meeting of the Parties to be adopted under agenda 3 (ECE/MP.WAT/2018/), i.e. by secret ballot, unless, in the absence of any objection, the Meeting of the Parties decides to proceed without taking a ballot on an agreed candidate or slate.

	Party	Proposed Candidate
1.	Portugal	Mr. Pedro Cunha Serra
2.	Finland	Mr. Kari Kinnunen
3.	Switzerland	Mr. Stephen McCaffrey
4.	Latvia	Mr. Martins Paparinskis
5.	Slovakia	Mr. Ivan Zavadsky