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Watercourses and International Lakes

Implementation Committee

Eleventh meeting

Geneva, 19 and 20 May 2020

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Tuesday,
19 May 2020, at 10 a.m.*

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 May, 10–10.10 a.m.

1. The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its eleventh meeting, as set out in the present document.¹

2. Adoption of the report on the tenth meeting of the Committee

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 May, 10.10–10.15 a.m.

2. The Committee will discuss and agree on the adoption of the report on its tenth meeting (Geneva, 2 and 3 December 2019).

3. Advisory procedure (closed)

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 May, 10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m., and Wednesday, 20 May, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.

3. The Committee will discuss the format and objectives of the two upcoming information-gathering and consultation sessions in the framework of the advisory procedure (WAT/IC/AP/1).

4. The Committee will invite the delegation of the Party that had requested its advice to participate in the information-gathering and consultation session following the procedure described below:

(a) The Chair will introduce the advisory procedure framework, the role of the Committee and the objectives and intended outcomes of the information-gathering and consultation session;

(b) The Chair will invite the delegation to make an introductory statement outlining its position, key facts it wishes to highlight and its expectations regarding the advisory procedure;

(c) The Committee members will then pose questions to the delegation regarding any information that has or has not been submitted in the matter to which the delegation will respond;

(d) The Committee will outline potential next steps in the advisory procedure and invite the delegation to make any final remarks.

5. The Committee will invite the delegation of the Party that had consented to participate in the advisory procedure to take part in the information-gathering and consultation session following the procedure described below:

(a) The Chair will introduce the advisory procedure framework, the role of the Committee and the objectives and intended outcomes of the information-gathering and consultation session;

(b) The Chair will invite the delegation to make an introductory statement outlining its position, key facts it wishes to highlight and its expectations regarding the advisory procedure;

(c) The Committee members will then pose questions to the delegation regarding any information that has or has not been submitted in the matter to which the delegation will respond;

¹ Information and documents for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page of the Convention's website (www.unece.org/index.php?id=52829).

(d) The Committee will outline potential next steps in the advisory procedure and invite the delegation to make any final remarks.

6. The Committee will discuss the information gathered and agree on the next steps and responsibilities.

4. Contribution of the Committee to activities under the Convention

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 May, 4–4.30 p.m.

7. The secretariat will report on the relevant activities under the Convention's programme of work for 2019–2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.1).

8. The Committee will discuss its possible contribution to the implementation of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its eighth session (Nur-Sultan, 10–12 October 2018) and the activities foreseen for the period 2020–2021.

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

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 May, 4.30–5 p.m.

9. The Committee members will report on their efforts to promote the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance at various forums and events. In particular, members will report on the round table “Water disputes: How to prevent and solve them?” (Geneva, 3 December 2019), co-organized with the Geneva Water Hub and the Geneva Centre for International Dispute Settlement, and the conference “The implementation of international water law: Global, regional and basin perspectives” (Geneva, 4 December 2019), co-organized with the Geneva Water Hub. Committee members will report on the content of those events, the interest expressed and any implications for the work of the Committee.

10. The Committee members will share information on, and discuss future possibilities for, the promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance.

6. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 May, 5–5.30 p.m.

11. Based on the discussions under the above-mentioned items, the Committee will discuss its future programme of work for the period 2020–2021. It will then agree on the dates of, and the issues for consideration at, its next meetings.

7. Any other business

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 May, 5.30–5.40 p.m.

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

8. Presentation of the main decisions taken, modalities for preparation of the meeting report and closing of the session

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 May, 5.40–6 p.m.

13. The Committee is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting and to confirm the date and location of its next session.

14. The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its eleventh meeting before the Chair formally closes the session.