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KICK-OFF WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPING KAZAKHSTAN TARGETS UNDER
THE WATER AND HEALTH PROTOCOL

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GENERAL MEETING BRIEF

On March 1, 2016, in Astana, at the KazZhol hotel the kick-off workshop was held to discuss possible targets for Kazakhstan under the Water and Health Protocol to the Water Convention.

Targets for Kazakhstan are developed in accordance with the Water and Health Protocol under the EC/UNDP/UNECE 'Supporting Kazakhstan's Transition to a Green Economy Model.' This work is performed by UNECE in cooperation with the 'Water Initiatives Center' Public Fund with the official support from the Committee for Consumer Protection of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan. As part of this work, it is planned to assess the current situation related to health, sanitation and water supply, and to develop the draft targets with engagement of all stakeholders in the development process.

The kick-off meeting involved the members of the working group established by the Committee for Consumer Protection of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan in line with the RoK Government's assignment regarding the Water and Health Protocol issues and composed of representatives of all interested state bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Also, the meeting was attended by representatives of international organizations, professional associations, non-governmental organizations and national experts.

The participants discussed the basic obligations under the Water and Health Protocol, reviewed the work done in Kazakhstan in terms of accession to the Protocol, as well as the current situation on the targets related to sanitation, health and water supply.

As a result of discussions, the participants recommended to perform a thorough analysis of the Kazakhstan's program documents on reduction of the incidence of the population connected to water and sanitation and health, RoK laws on sanitation and water, and then to identify the main priority issues for further development of targets in Kazakhstan.

The first draft plan for targets to be developed following the team work of national experts will be discussed at the second workshop scheduled for April 2016 in Almaty. In the future, the draft targets will be submitted at the meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council for National Dialogue on Water Policy in Kazakhstan devoted to the issues of Water and Health Protocol on late May 2016 in Borovoe.

AGENDA

Kick-off Workshop on Targets Discussion

March 01, 2016, KazZhol Hotel, Astana

09:30 – 09:45 a.m.	Welcome Speech <i>Zhandarbek Bekshin, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Consumer Protection of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan</i> <i>Natalia Nikiforova, Environmental Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Europe</i> <i>Melita Vuinovich, Representative of the World Health Organization in Kazakhstan</i>
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	The Water and Health Protocol and Its Basic Obligations, Natalia Nikiforova, Environmental Affairs Officer, UN Economic Commission for Europe
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Concerning the Work Carried Out in Kazakhstan in Terms of Accession to the Water and Health Protocol, Serik Akhmetov, Chairman of the ‘Water Initiatives Center’ Public Fund
10:15 – 10:25 a.m.	Concerning the Fundamental Issues of the Working Group on the Water and Health Protocol, Gulmira Shaimerdenova, Chief Expert at the Health Surveillance Department under the RoK MNE Committee for Consumer Protection
10:25 – 11:00 a.m.	Questions – Answers
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	Current Kazakhstan Targets Situation Review <i>Gulmira Shaimerdenova, Chief Expert at the Health Surveillance Department under the RoK MNE Committee for Consumer Protection</i> <i>Seitkarim Tastambekov, National Expert on Sanitation</i> <i>Nazgul Saduova, Acting Head of Water Supply and Sanitation Department under the RoK MNE Committee for Construction, Housing and Public</i>

	<i>Utilities and Land Management</i>
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Questions – Answers and Possible Targets Discussion
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Summarizing, Closure
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch time

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Kick-off Workshop on Targets Discussion

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