

OPENING STATEMENT OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

Bosnia and Herzegovina did not sign UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. At the fourth Convention meeting in Bonn 20-22 November 2006 a promise has been given that amendments are going to be ratified according to article 25 and 26 of Convention, but....

The protocol on water and health is not sign either. Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina had elections in October 2006. After this election, the Government is not yet being nominated, and because of that we could not accomplish promises from Bonn.

At the first meeting of the parties to the Protocol on Water and health, I will be active participant on behalf Bosnia and Herzegovina, but without any rights to make decisions.

I will present a written report of meeting results to the competent Ministry, who will, after the establishment of the Government, nominate a Protocol delegate and a permanent representative for the Convention.

I hope that Bosnia and Herzegovina will be valid participant UNECE Water Convention and Protocol Water and health during 2007 and in the future.

Other relevant Conventions joined by Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- Convention on Cooperation for the Protection and Sustainable use of the Danube River
(Danube River Protection Convention)
- Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin.
- Barcelona Convention
(Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean)