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Watercourses and International Lakes

Implementation Committee

Thirteenth meeting

Geneva, 11 and 12 March 2021

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirteenth meeting*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Thursday,
11 March 2021, at 11 a.m.**

I. Provisional agenda

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* The present document is being submitted for translation without formal editing.

** In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to register online as soon as possible, but by no later than 26 February 2021, through the following link: <https://indico.un.org/event/35222/>. On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14 (see the map on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe website (www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html)). Please allow sufficient time for this procedure. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 2596.



II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Thursday, 11 March, 11–11.10 a.m.

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

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

Tentative timing: Thursday, 11 March, 11.10–11.15 a.m.

2. The Committee will agree on the adoption of the report on its twelfth meeting (Geneva, 4 and 5 February 2021).

3. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative

Tentative timing: Thursday, 11 March, 11.15 a.m.–2 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

3. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2), the Committee is expected to consider:

(a) Any request for advice by a Party or Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation or application of the Convention;

(b) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation and compliance;

(c) Undertaking a Committee initiative.

4. In particular, the Committee will continue deliberations on the advisory procedure WAT/IC/AP/1, subject to the outcomes of consultations with the delegations of Albania and Montenegro during its twelfth meeting (Geneva, 4–5 February 2021). It may hold further consultations with the two countries and may agree on the next steps and responsibilities in providing advisory assistance.

4. Outcomes of the reporting exercise under the Convention

Tentative timing: Friday, 12 March, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

5. On the basis of the national reports submitted by Parties to the Convention in 2020 and a presentation by the secretariat on the outcomes of the reporting exercise, the Committee will discuss the general issues of implementation of and compliance with the Convention.

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

Tentative timing: Friday, 12 March, 1–1.20 p.m.

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

¹ Information and documents for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page of the Convention's website (<https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/thirteenth-meeting-implementation-committee>).

6. Report of the Committee to the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session

Tentative timing: Friday, 12 March, 1.20–2 p.m. and 3–5 p.m.

7. On the basis of a draft outline prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chair, the Committee will discuss its report to be submitted to the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session (Tallinn, Estonia, 29 September – 1 October 2021) in accordance with decision VI/1, annex I, paragraph 44.

8. The Committee will discuss and agree on the content of its report, including the inclusion of a draft decision on general issues of implementation for possible adoption by the Meeting of the Parties with recommendations to enhance implementation of the Convention.

9. The Committee will also agree on the process, timeline and distribution of tasks for finalization of the report not later than 15 weeks in advance of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e. by 30 June 2021.

7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meeting

Tentative timing: Friday, 12 March, 5–5.20 p.m.

10. The Committee will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings. The Committee will also agree on the dates and location of its fourteenth meeting.

8. Any other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 12 March, 5.20–5.40 p.m.

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

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

Tentative timing: Friday, 12 March, 5.40–6 p.m.

12. The Committee is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting.

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