

# Protocol on Water and Health: consultation process with the Russian Federation 16 November 2021

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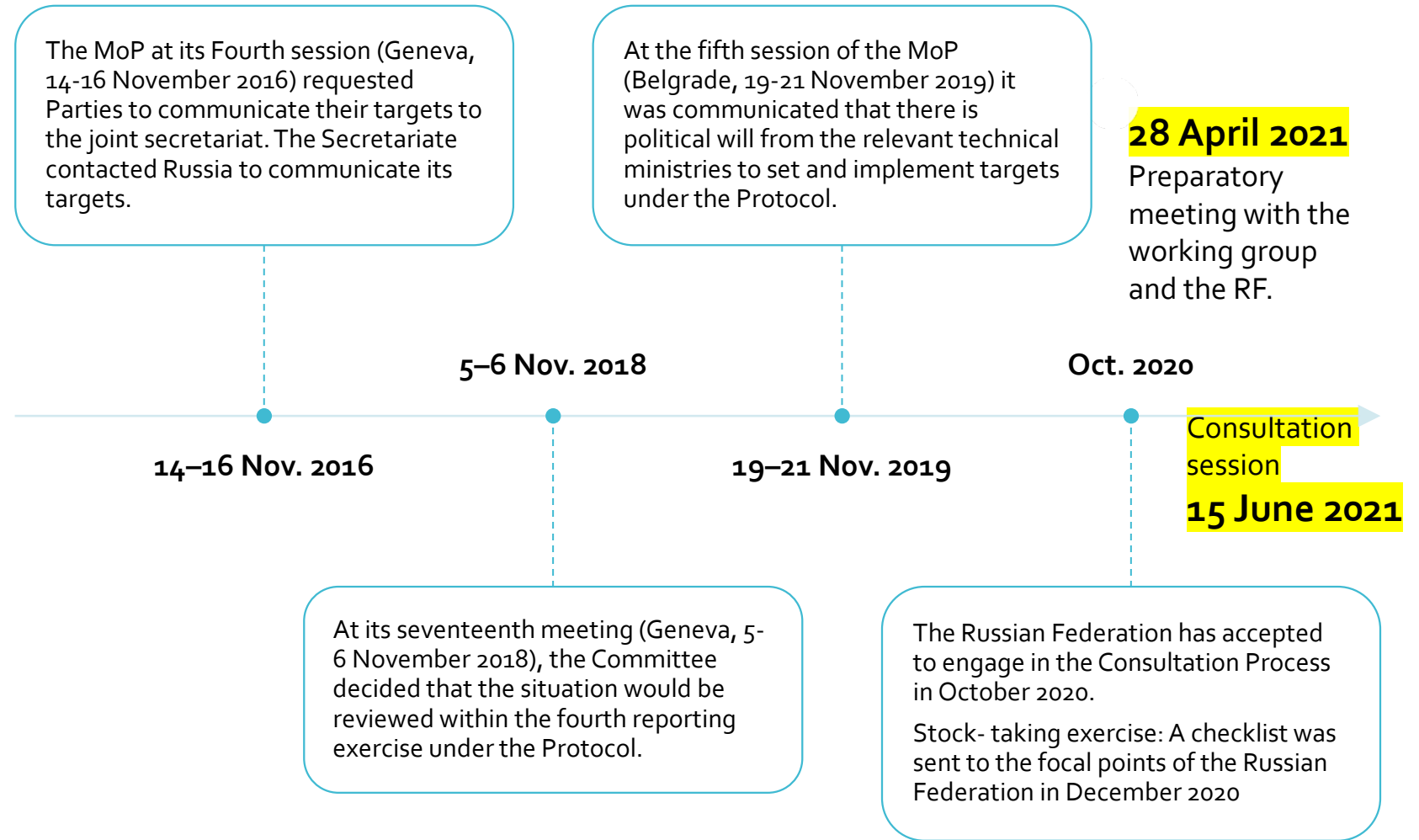


## Consultation process with Russia: components

In 2020 it was agreed that consultations would comprise the following components, based on existing practice:

- (a) **A stocktaking exercise** to ascertain the specific needs and expectations of the Russian Federation in connection with its situation regarding water, sanitation and health and possible challenges in setting targets under the Protocol in the Russian Federation;
- (b) **Dissemination of relevant guidelines** developed by the secretariat to facilitate implementation of the Protocol, based on the results of the stocktaking exercise;
- (c) **Provision of advice** in writing and discussion thereof with the country representatives;
- (d) **Follow-up** on the implementation of the advice.

# Consultation with Russia: Previous steps



At the 21st  
meeting of the  
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15 June 2021

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The members of the working group of the Committee presented their **analysis** of the information provided by the Russian Federation, both in a questionnaire shared as part of the stocktaking exercise under the Consultation Process and in the country's national summary report under the Protocol submitted in 2019.

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It appeared that the **country had set many national targets in the area of water, sanitation, hygiene and health**, a thorough analysis of the national legislation and policies, including the above-mentioned objectives, would be useful to identify and compile specific targets in the areas required by article 6 of the Protocol and/or to determine the need to set additional targets under the Protocol, as relevant.

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The Consultation Process also provided an opportunity for the **establishment of an inter-agency working group** to be responsible for implementing the Protocol at the national level.

# At the 21st meeting of the Compliance Committee 15 June 2021

Follow up letter  
sent on 11 July  
2021

Agreed that the Russian Federation would submit an overview document explaining the targets set and its draft targets under the Protocol to the Committee by 15 September 2021.

The Committee would further welcome to receive information on specific challenges faced in implementing the Protocol and any assistance needed from the Committee.

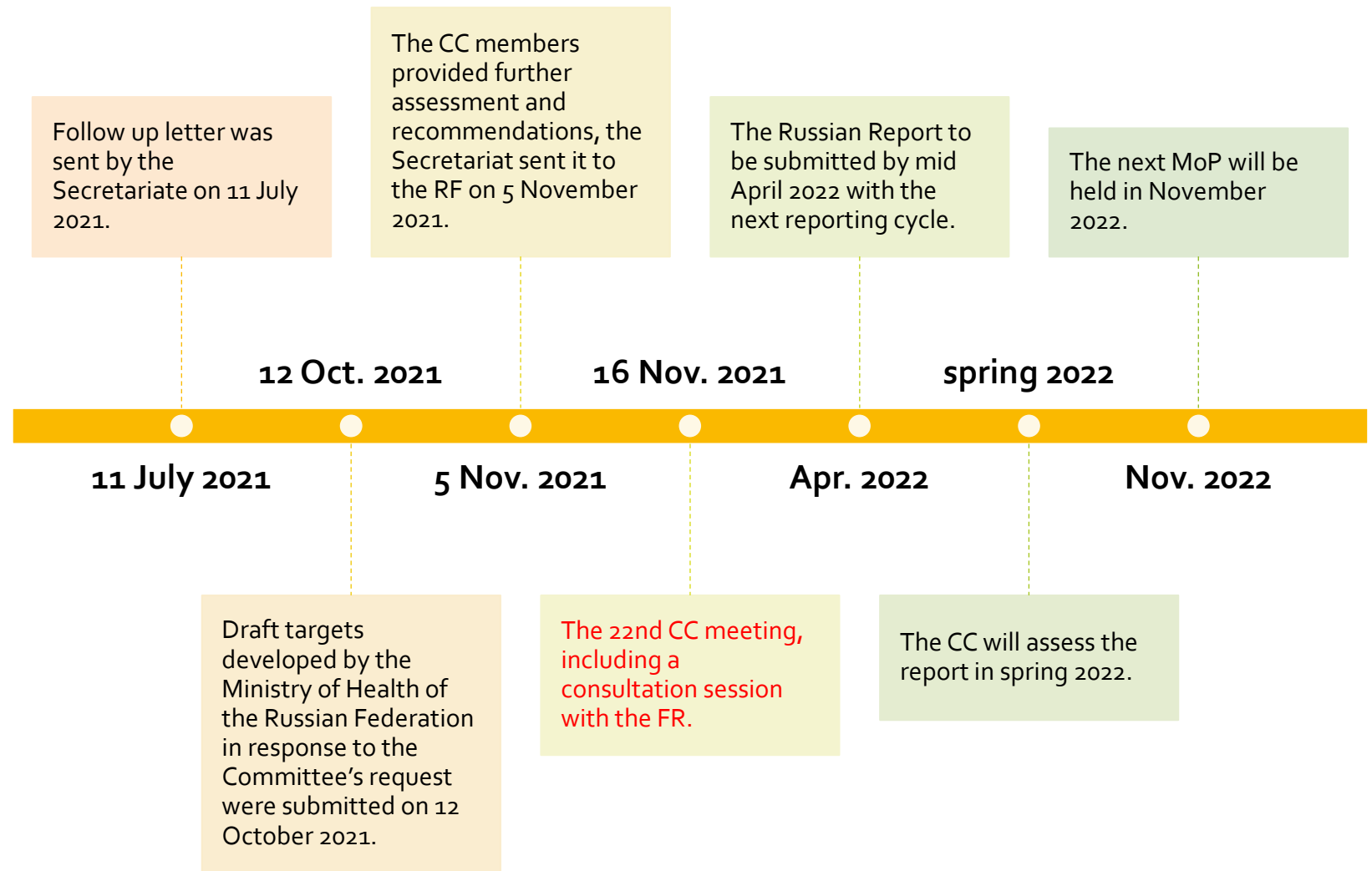
The Committee recommended that the Russian delegation distinguishes between three categories of targets:

- targets corresponding to article 6.2 which are already set under Russian laws, regulations and plans;
- (ii) any targets corresponding to article 6.2 which are not yet set in the Russian Federation, and the corresponding draft targets set under the Protocol;
- (iii) any targets corresponding to article 6.2 which, based on a baseline analysis to be undertaken, may not be relevant for the Russian Federation.

An analytical list of all the target areas required under article 6.2 of the Protocol was also sent to RF.

# Consultation steps with the Russian federation

## Steps II. June- November 2021



# Further steps to be taken : To discuss today!

- Subsequent discussion of specific comments with the technical experts responsible for preparing the document.

According to the Guidelines on the Setting of Targets, Evaluation of Progress and Reporting explained that **targets should be clear, concrete and measurable to allow scrutiny of the progress achieved.**

Provision of advice in writing and discussion thereof with the country representatives during the Committee meeting of 16 November 2021.

The RF is expected to submit a report including an overview of the document submitted with the draft targets (preferably based on a table covering all areas of Article 6.2 of the Protocol, with the targets identified, and, if possible, reactions to comments from the Committee)

Follow-up on the implementation of the advice: assessment of the RF report will be prepared in the frame of the next reporting cycle.

