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## Economic Commission for Europe

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on  
the Protection and Use of Transboundary  
Watercourses and International Lakes

### Implementation Committee

#### Fourteenth meeting

Geneva, 24 and 25 February 2022

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Thursday,  
24 February 2022, at 3 p.m.\*

## I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative.
4. Cooperation with other committees and organizations.
5. Relevant outcomes of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties and potential contribution of the Committee to different activities under the Convention.
6. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance.
7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings.
8. Any other business.
9. Presentation of the main decisions taken, modalities for preparation of the meeting report and closing of the session.

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\* In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to register online as soon as possible, but by no later than **10 February 2022**, through the following link: [https://indico.un.org/e/indico.un.org/e\\_14th\\_Implementation\\_Committee](https://indico.un.org/e/indico.un.org/e_14th_Implementation_Committee). 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](http://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. Election of officers

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 24 February, 3–3.55 p.m.*

1. In accordance with paragraph 7 of annex I to decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) (see ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2), at its ninth session (Geneva (hybrid), 29 September–1 October 2021), the Meeting of the Parties proceeded with the election of four Committee members. Ms. Dinara Ziganshina was re-elected for a full term. Mr. Attila Tanzi was re-elected for half a term. The following new members were elected for a full term: Ms. Jovanka Ignjatovic and Mr. Makane Moïse Mbengue.

2. The members will each be invited to briefly introduce themselves and to spell out their vision of how they can contribute to the Committee's work in the period 2022–2024.

3. In accordance with paragraph 10 of annex I to decision VI/1, the Implementation Committee is expected to elect its chair and vice-chair.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 24 February, 3.55–4 p.m.*

4. The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its fourteenth meeting, as set out in the present document.<sup>1</sup>

### 3. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 24 February, 4–6 p.m., and Friday, 25 February, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.*

5. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in paragraph 15 (a)–(c) of annex I to decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, 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.

6. In particular, the Committee will be briefed by the Water Convention focal points from Montenegro and Albania on progress made with the implementation of the Committee's legal and technical advice under advisory procedure WAT/IC/AP/1 (ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2021/1, annex). It may hold further consultations with the two countries and may agree on the next steps and responsibilities in providing advisory assistance.

### 4. Cooperation with other committees and organizations

*Tentative timing: Friday, 25 February, 3–4 p.m.*

7. The Committee will discuss cooperation with other implementation and compliance bodies, such as that of the Protocol on Water and Health, and exchange views on this issue

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<sup>1</sup> 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/Fourteenth meeting of the Implementation Committee](https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/Fourteenth%20meeting%20of%20the%20Implementation%20Committee)).

with the Chair or a representative of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health.

8. The Implementation Committee will hear from a representative of a development bank about specific matters of implementation of international water law with regard to financing transboundary water projects and will discuss matters of interpretation and implementation relevant to the Committee's work. Possible future collaboration to facilitate and support implementation of and compliance with the Convention for transboundary water projects being financed by development banks will be discussed.

## **5. Relevant outcomes of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties and potential contribution of the Committee to different activities under the Convention**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 25 February, 4–5 p.m.*

9. The secretariat will report on the outcomes of the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention and present the programme of work for 2022–2024.

10. The Committee will discuss its possible contribution to the implementation of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session and the activities foreseen under the programme of work for 2022–2024. Among other things, the Committee will discuss its possible contribution to the thirtieth anniversary of the Convention in 2022.

11. At its sixth meeting (Geneva, 3 and 4 May 2016), the Committee received a mandate from the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention to support the secretariat in answering questions from countries outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region interested in acceding to the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2016/2, paras. 9 and 10). The Committee will be informed about recent developments linked to accession to and implementation of the Convention in countries outside the ECE region. It will discuss its potential involvement in future activities.

## **6. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 25 February, 5–5.30 p.m.*

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

## **7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 25 February, 5.30–5.40 p.m.*

13. The Committee will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings and on the dates and location of its fifteenth meeting.

## **8. Any other business**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 25 February, 5.40–5.50 p.m.*

14. 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, 25 February, 5.50–6 p.m.*

15. The Committee is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting.
  16. The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its fourteenth meeting before the Chair formally closes the session.
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