

# Activities of the Implementation Committee

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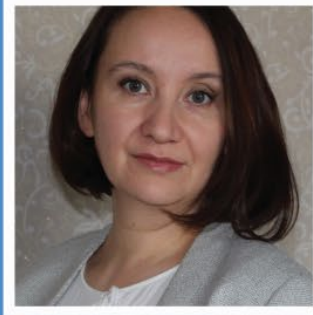
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## 14<sup>th</sup> meeting (24-25 February 2022, online)

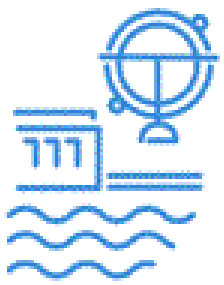


Advisory procedure WAT/IC/AP/1 (Montenegro and Albania): Legal and technical advice provided by the Committee in February 2021.

14<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Montenegro and Albania informed the Committee the bilateral commission met on 22 February 2022 and discussed the establishment of the joint technical working
- The Committee urged Montenegro and Albania to commence practical cooperation concerning the collection of data and information, joint or coordinated monitoring and data processing on a regular basis
- The Committee outlined specific steps to be taken by countries by certain dates and asked to inform the Committee
- The Committee reiterated the availability of a member of the Committee to provide assistance

Subsequently, countries informed the Committee the joint group was established in March 2022 and had a meeting on 26 May 2022.



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## Cooperation with other committees and organizations

- Discussion with the World Bank on specific matters of implementation of international water law with regard to financing transboundary water projects and possible future collaboration to facilitate and support implementation of and compliance with the Convention
- Discussion with the Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health:
  - updates on the first advisory procedure in the Convention's Implementation Committee and the most recent consultation process in the Protocol's Compliance Committee
  - approaches to raising awareness about respective mechanisms



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Support to the secretariat in answering questions from non-Parties (several countries from Latin America): replies available as part of Committee's report (ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2022/2)

- **Question 1:** If a transboundary water dispute between a Party to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and a non-Party thereto were to be brought before ICJ by that non-Party, would the Water Convention be applicable? How could the status of a Party to the Water Convention be treated by ICJ in a transboundary water dispute between a Party and a non-Party? What could be the implications related to the status of a Party to the Water Convention in case of a dispute in ICJ?
- **Question 2:** There are numerous transboundary water agreements between countries not Parties to the Water Convention. However, having a transboundary water agreement with a joint body and dispute settlement provisions in place does not guarantee that such an agreement would work well. Are the mechanisms of the Convention better suited to preventing and dealing with disputes?

# Thank you



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