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

### Compliance Committee

#### Twenty-fourth meeting

Geneva, 5 June 2023

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on  
Monday, 5 June 2023, at 10 a.m.\*

## I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers and solemn declaration of new members.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications.
4. Follow-up to the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties at its sixth session and future work:
  - (a) Review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol;
  - (b) Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol;
  - (c) Consultations with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol;
  - (d) Awareness-raising on the compliance procedure;

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- (e) Facilitating compliance with the obligations under the Protocol.
- 5. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings.
- 6. Other business.
- 7. Adoption of the report.

## **II. Annotations**

### **1. Elections of officers and solemn declaration of new members**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 5 June, 10–10.20 a.m.*

1. At its first session (Geneva, 17–19 January 2007), the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes adopted decision I/2 on review of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.3–EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.3) establishing the Compliance Committee and setting out its structure and functions. In accordance with paragraph 7 of the annex to decision I/2, at its sixth session (Geneva, 16–18 November 2022), the Meeting of the Parties elected Ms. Ildikó Bodgál, Mr. Gian Luca Burci, Ms. Ingrid Chorus, Ms. Gunel Gurbanova and Mr. Jorge Viñuales as members of the Compliance Committee for a full term of office and Mr. António Pedro de Nobre Carmona Rodrigues as a replacement for a half term of office.
2. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to decision I/2, the Compliance Committee will elect its Chair and Vice-Chair at its twenty-fourth meeting.
3. The newly elected members of the Committee will make a solemn declaration that they will perform their functions impartially and conscientiously.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 5 June, 10.20–10.25 a.m.*

4. The Compliance Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

### **3. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 5 June, 10.25–10.40 a.m.*

5. In accordance with the procedures set out in paragraphs 13–22 of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, the Committee is expected to consider:
  - (a) Any submissions by Parties relating to specific issues of compliance;
  - (b) Any referrals by the joint secretariat relating to specific issues of compliance;
  - (c) Any communications from the public relating to specific issues of compliance.

### **4. Follow-up to the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties at its sixth session and future work**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 5 June, 10.40 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–5 p.m.*

6. Further to the recommendations contained in its report to the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WH/2022/6–EUCHP/2219533/3.1/2022/MOP-6/12), the Committee will be invited to consider different follow-up actions as a result of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its sixth session.

**(a) Review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol**

7. The secretariat will inform the Committee of the status of target setting under article 6 of the Protocol. Based on decision VI/1 on general issues of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/24-EUPCR/2219533/3.1/2022/MOP-6/06/Add.2, forthcoming), in particular paragraphs 4–11 thereof, the Committee will discuss its *modus operandi* with regard to facilitating compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates, as well as possibly other issues related to target setting, as appropriate.

**(b) Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol**

8. Taking into account the fact that all Parties submitted their summary reports within the fifth reporting exercise, and based on the review of compliance with reporting requirements in terms of completeness, consistency, accuracy and quality of the reports, the Committee will discuss whether any action needs to be taken in this area.

**(c) Consultations with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol**

9. Based on decision VI/1, and considering the outcomes of the fifth reporting exercise, the Committee will consider proposing the Consultation Process to a Party or Parties.

**(d) Awareness-raising on the compliance procedure**

10. The Committee will discuss possible ways and means to promote the compliance procedure at relevant forums and events.

**(e) Facilitating compliance with the obligations under the Protocol**

11. The Committee will recall the work carried out in the past triennium with respect to the development of the interpretive note entitled “The Protocol on Water and Health and the protection of individual and public health”.

12. At its twenty-third meeting (Geneva, 7 June 2022), the Committee decided that, due to resource limitations and the fact that, in the upcoming months, the Committee would focus on the development of its report to the Meeting of the Parties, the drafting of the interpretive note would be postponed to the 2023–2025 triennium.<sup>1</sup> The Committee will discuss possible next steps in this respect.

## **5. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 5 June, 5–5.30 p.m.*

13. The Committee will discuss its future programme of work and agree on the issues for consideration at its next meetings.

## **6. Other business**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 5 June, 5.30–5.50 p.m.*

14. Committee members wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.

## **7. Adoption of the report**

*Tentative timing: Monday, 5 June, 5.50–6 p.m.*

15. The Committee will agree on the modalities of the preparation and adoption of the report on its twenty-fourth meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> ECE/MP.WH/C.1/2022/2–EUCHP/2219533/3.1/2022/CC2/06, para. 18.