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Watercourses and International Lakes

Implementation Committee

Seventeenth meeting

Campione d'Italia, Italy, 7 and 8 March 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventeenth meeting

To be held at Campione d'Italia, Italy, starting on Thursday,
7 March 2024, at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional agenda

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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 22 February 2024, through the following link:
<https://indico.un.org/event/1007047/>.



II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 March, 10–10.10 a.m.

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

2. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 March, 10.10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.

2. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in paragraph 15 (a)–(c) of annex I to decision VI/1 on support to implementation and compliance 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 of or compliance with the Convention;

(c) Undertaking a Committee initiative.

3. 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.

3. Information gathering

Tentative timing: Thursday, 7 March, 4–6 p.m., and Friday, 8 March, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

4. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in section VIII of annex I to decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, the Committee will continue information gathering procedure WAT/IC/INFO/2 (Albufeira Convention).

4. Contribution of the Committee to different activities under the Convention

Tentative timing: Friday, 8 March, 3–3.30 p.m.

5. The secretariat will report on relevant activities under the Convention's programme of work for 2022–2024 (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1).

6. The Committee will discuss its possible contribution to the implementation of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session (Geneva (hybrid), 29 September–1 October 2021) and the Convention's programme of work for 2022–2024.

¹ Information and documents for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page of the Convention's website (<https://unece.org/info/events/event/386835>).

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

Tentative timing: Friday, 8 March, 3.30–4 p.m.

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

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

Tentative timing: Friday, 8 March, 4–5.30 p.m.

8. 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 tenth session (Ljubljana, 23–25 October 2024) in accordance with decision VI/1, annex I, paragraph 44.

9. The Committee will discuss and agree on the main 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.

10. The Committee will agree on the process, timeline and distribution of tasks for finalization of the report and the draft decision not later than 14 weeks in advance of the tenth session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e. by 15 July 2024.

7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings

Tentative timing: Friday, 8 March, 5.30–5.40 p.m.

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

8. Any other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 8 March, 5.40–5.50 p.m.

12. 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, 8 March, 5.50–6 p.m.

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

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