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the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Compliance Committee

Twenty-fifth meeting

Geneva, 2 July 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twenty-fifth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on
Tuesday, 2 July 2024, at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications.
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4. Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol.
5. Consultations with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol.
6. Facilitating compliance with the obligations under the Protocol.
7. Awareness-raising on the compliance procedure.
8. Report of the Committee to the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session.

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9. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings.
10. Other business.
11. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 10.00–10.10 a.m.

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

2. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 10.10–10.30 a.m.

2. 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.

3. Review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 10.30–11.00 a.m.

3. At its 24th meeting, the Committee reviewed the status of target setting in Albania and Montenegro. The secretariat will inform the Committee of the related developments regarding the two countries. The secretariat will also inform the Committee of the overall status of target setting by Parties under article 6 of the Protocol. Based on this information, the Committee will discuss its next steps, as well as possibly other issues related to target setting, as appropriate.

4. Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

4. At its 24th meeting, the Committee discussed the fifth reporting cycle under the Protocol and in particular the recurrent shortcomings in the area of reporting, including some reports referring to domestic laws and regulations or European Union instruments without specific reference to the Protocol targets, and incomplete information on the targets or within other sections of the reporting template. The Committee therefore considered that it would be useful to convey to the reporting Parties and other States, through the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting, some specific observations and comments of the Committee, in the form of informal annotations to the reporting template.

5. In the intersessional period, the Committee initiated the work on the informal annotations to the reporting template with the objective of facilitating compliance with reporting requirements in terms of completeness, consistency, accuracy and quality of the reports. The Committee will therefore discuss the draft informal annotations as well as agree on the way forward to finalize the document and to share it with the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting.

5. Consultations with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 12.30–1 p.m.

6. At its 24th meeting, the Committee, following a request of Azerbaijan at the 6th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 16–18 November 2022), requested the secretariat to send a letter in order to confirm the country's interest in engaging in a Consultation Process and to request that the Azerbaijani authorities specify the nature of the country's needs. The secretariat will inform the Committee of the latest developments in this regard.

7. The Committee will discuss possible future work with respect to the Consultation Process, including with reference to future consultations.

6. Facilitating compliance with the obligations under the Protocol

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 3–4.15 p.m.

8. At its 24th meeting, the Committee discussed the focus and scope of the interpretive note that would focus on the key provisions of the Protocol relating to public health and established a working group to initiate the development of the note. The Committee will review and discuss the draft annotated outline of the note and agree on the way forward to further develop the document, including distribution of responsibilities between the different Committee members.

7. Awareness-raising on the compliance procedure

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 4.15–4.45 p.m.

9. The Committee members will report on their recent or planned efforts to present the compliance procedure at international conferences and academic lectures given at the international and/or national level. The Committee will then discuss concrete initiatives and specific steps to be taken to raise awareness of and promote the compliance procedure, including through liaising with the Special Rapporteur on the right to health and through organizing and participating in academic events, events targeting permanent missions in Geneva and other relevant forums.

8. Report of the Committee to the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 4.45–5.15 p.m.

10. The Committee will discuss the preparation of the report on its activities, to be submitted to the Meeting of the Parties at its seventh session, scheduled to be held from 5 to 7 November 2025, pursuant to paragraph 33 of the annex to decision I/2 on the review of compliance.

11. The Committee will agree on the format, content and an outline of the above-mentioned report. The Committee will also agree on a work-sharing arrangement for drafting various sections of the report and analysing the national summary reports in accordance with the expertise and scientific or legal backgrounds of Committee members.

9. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 5.15–5.30 p.m.

12. The Committee will discuss its future programme of work and agree on the issues for consideration at its next meetings. The Committee will also agree on the date of its twenty-sixth meeting.

10. Other business

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 5.30–5.50 p.m.

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

11. Adoption of the report

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 2 July, 5.50–6 p.m.

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