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**Economic Commission for Europe****World Health Organization  
Regional Office for Europe****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****Second session**

Bucharest, 23–25 November 2010

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Annotated provisional agenda for the second session****To be held in the Parliament Palace, Bucharest, starting on Tuesday,  
23 November 2010, at 10 a.m.****I. Provisional agenda**

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5. Work of the Task Forces.
  - (a) Setting targets and reporting under the Protocol;
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- (c) Water supply and sanitation in short-term critical situations and adaptation to climate change.
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  - (a) National summary reports on implementation;
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  - (c) Guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7;
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- 7. Capacity-building and sharing of experience:
  - (a) Public awareness, education, training, research and development and information;
  - (b) Equitable access;
  - (c) Small-scale water supplies;
  - (d) Regional and subregional workshops.
- 8. Promotion of the Protocol and the role of focal points.
- 9. Programme of work for 2011–2013 and resources needed for its implementation.
- 10. Partners in cooperation: links with other organizations and programmes.
- 11. Date and venue of the third session of the Meeting of the Parties.
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## **II. Annotations**

1. The second session of 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 (Water Convention) will be held from 23 to 25 November 2010 in Bucharest, in the Parliament Palace, at the invitation of the Government of Romania.
2. Additional practical information on the meeting as well as all relevant documentation will be made available in due course at [www.unece.org/env/water/whmop2.htm](http://www.unece.org/env/water/whmop2.htm). A number of side events will be organized during the meeting. A detailed programme of these side events will be available in October 2010.

### **1. Adoption of the agenda**

3. The Minister of Environment and Forests and the Minister of Health of Romania will open the session.
4. The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Regional Director of the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO-EURO) will address the Meeting of the Parties.
5. The Meeting of the Parties is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

## **2. Constitution of the second Meeting of the Parties**

6. The secretariat will inform the Meeting of the Parties about the status of ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health.

7. Delegates from States or regional economic integration organizations not yet Party to the Protocol will be invited to briefly inform the Meeting of their plans to ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Protocol.

8. The Bureau will report on the credentials<sup>1</sup> submitted by the Parties. Parties to the Protocol are therefore invited to inform the secretariat of the name(s) of their representative(s) at their earliest convenience, and to submit the credentials or a copy of them to the UNECE secretariat by **15 November 2010**. Those Parties that submitted a copy of the credentials should present the originals to the secretariat before the second session of the Meeting of the Parties on arrival at the meeting in Bucharest.

## **3. Elections of officers for the second Meeting of the Parties**

9. In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Meeting of the Parties will elect a chair, two vice-chairs and additional officers as it deems necessary. The officers will remain in office until the next elections at the third session of the Meeting of the Parties.

### **Background document**

Rules of procedures for the meetings of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.1 – EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.1)

## **4. Status of implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health**

### **(a) Statements by Parties, Signatories and other observers**

10. Representatives of Parties, Signatories and other States will be invited to deliver short general statements of a maximum of three minutes on their implementation of the Protocol, including the main achievements, challenges and priorities for future work until 2013 and beyond. The outcome of the discussion will be taken into account under the relevant agenda items. Delegations are invited to provide written versions of their statements and any supplementary information beforehand, if possible by **31 October 2010**.

### **(b) Reports on activities of relevance under the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, including the Water Convention**

11. In accordance with article 16, paragraph 3 (c) of the Protocol, the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention will inform the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on the progress made in the implementation of the Water Convention, the decisions taken at the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Geneva, 10–12 November 2009), the implementation of the programme of work and the opportunities for joint action by the two governing bodies.

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<sup>1</sup> Credentials, which are normally issued either by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by any other person duly empowered to do so, should indicate the composition of the delegation, including the Head of delegation, and should state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and take decisions on behalf of the respective Government, following the applicable rules of procedure.

12. The Meeting of the Parties will also be informed about the preparations for the seventh Environment for Europe (EfE) Ministerial Conference, scheduled to be held in Astana from 21 to 23 September 2011, which will focus on the following themes: (a) sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems; and (b) greening the economy: mainstreaming the environment into economic development.

(c) **Report on activities of relevance under the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO-EURO) and mainstreaming of activities under the Protocol into the policymaking of WHO-EURO**

13. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the outcome of the fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Parma, Italy, 10–12 March 2010) and on the work undertaken under the biennial cooperation agreements concluded between WHO-EURO and countries of the European region relevant to the Protocol, and in particular related to the reduction of water-related disease.

14. The Meeting of the Parties will also be informed of the changes in the structure of WHO-EURO since the first Meeting of the Parties and will receive information on plans to ensure more intensive mainstreaming of the work under the Protocol into the work programme of the Regional Office in accordance with Decision I/1 of the first session of the Meeting of the Parties.

**Background documents**

Decision I/1 on mainstreaming activities and priorities of work under the Protocol into the policymaking of the World Health Organization (see ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.2–EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.2)

**5. Work of the Task Forces**

15. The Meeting will review the achievements of the Task Forces on Indicators and Reporting, on Surveillance and on Extreme Weather Events, and examine proposals for activities under the 2011–2013 programme of work.

**Documents for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Report on the implementation of the programme of work for 2007–2010, including an overview of contributions and expenditures (ECE/MP.WH/2010/1–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/2)

Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.1–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/3)

**Background documents**

Programme of Work for 2007–2009 (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.5–EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.5)

Report on the first meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2008/2–EUR/08/5086340/12)

Report on the second meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2009/2–EUR/09/5086340/4)

Report on the third meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2010/2–EUR/10/56335/II)

(a) **Setting targets and reporting under the Protocol**

16. The Chair of the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting will report on the activities carried out by the Task Force and will introduce the draft guidelines on the setting of

targets, evaluation of progress and reporting. The Meeting will be invited to discuss preliminary experience with the implementation of the guidelines and to adopt them.

17. The Chair of the Task Force will also present future planned activities in this area of work; the Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposal.

#### **Publication**

Guidelines on the setting of targets, evaluation of progress and reporting (ECE/MP.WH/5–EUDHP1003944/4.2/2/1)

#### **(b) Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities**

18. The Chair of the Task Force on Surveillance will report on the activities carried out by the Task Force and will introduce the draft policy guidance on water-related disease surveillance and the draft technical guidance for setting up, implementing and assessing surveillance systems of water-related disease. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the two guidance documents.

19. The Chair of the Task Force will also present future planned activities in this area of work; the Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposal.

#### **Documents for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Draft policy guidance on water-related disease surveillance (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.2–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/4)

Draft technical guidance for setting up, implementing and assessing surveillance systems of water-related disease (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.3–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/5)

#### **(c) Water supply and sanitation in short-term critical situations and adaptation to climate change**

20. The Chair of the Task Force on Extreme Weather Events will report on the activities carried out by the Task Force and will introduce the draft guidance on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the Guidance.

21. The Chair of the Task Force will also present future planned activities in this area of work; the Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposal.

#### **Document for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Draft guidance on water supply and sanitation in extreme weather events (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.4–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/6)

### **6. Procedure and mechanisms facilitating the implementation of the Protocol**

#### **Documents for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Report on the implementation of the programme of work for 2007–2010, including an overview of contributions and expenditures (ECE/MP.WH/2010/1–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/2)

Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.1–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/3)

**(a) National summary reports on implementation**

22. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to review the implementation of the Protocol on the basis of the national summary reports submitted by Parties during the pilot reporting exercise and the regional report prepared by the joint secretariat. It is also expected to take note of reports submitted by Signatories and other States not Party to the Protocol, as well as any reports prepared by international, regional and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

23. The Meeting will be invited to discuss the main trends, challenges and solutions emerging from the reports. It will also be invited to discuss the experience gained with reporting and the consequences for future reporting exercises.

**Document for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Regional report on the status of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/2010/2–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/8)

**Background documents**

National summary reports submitted by Parties and non-Parties as well as reports by other observers (unofficial documents)<sup>2</sup>

**(b) Compliance procedure**

24. The Chair of the Compliance Committee will report on the Committee's activities since the first session of the Meeting of the Parties and present any findings and recommendations of the Committee with respect to compliance.

25. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to take note of the Committee's report, including any general recommendations contained therein, and to consider, revise as necessary and adopt a decision on compliance issues.

26. Taking account of decision I/2 on review of compliance, as well as the decision of the first session of the Meeting of the Parties entrusting the Compliance Committee to decide which of its members would sit in the Committee for a full term and which only for half a term, the Meeting of the Parties is expected to elect four members of the Committee in accordance with the procedure set out in decision I/2. In doing so the Meeting of the Parties should take into account that Ms. Phani Livada and Mr. Attila Tanzi have decided to sit only for half a term and are not available for re-election, while Ms. Ilona Drulyte and Ms. Diana Iskreva have agreed to sit for half a term but are available for re-election.

27. Parties are invited to send to the joint secretariat nominations of candidates for the Compliance Committee, including their curricula vitae, as soon as possible so that the secretariat can distribute a list of these nominations in due time before the session .

**Document for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Report of the Compliance Committee to the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WH/2010/3–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/9)

**Background documents**

Decision I/2 on review of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.3–EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.3)

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<sup>2</sup> All summary reports received by Parties, non Parties and other observers are available at [www.unece.org/env/water/Protocol\\_implementation\\_reports.html](http://www.unece.org/env/water/Protocol_implementation_reports.html).

List of provisionally nominated candidates, together with curricula vitae and supporting documentation (unofficial documents)

**(c) Guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7**

28. The Chair of the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting will present the draft guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7 and will invite the Meeting of the Parties to adopt them and use them for future reporting exercises.

**Document for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Draft guidelines and template for summary reports in accordance with article 7 (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.5–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/7)

**(d) Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism**

29. The Chair of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism will present the progress achieved since the first session and invite the Meeting to rename the mechanism “Project Facilitation Mechanism”. Representatives of donors and recipient countries of ongoing and planned activities under the mechanism will be invited to briefly present their experience.

30. A representative of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will present the newly established Water Fund and its links with the Protocol and with the Project Facilitation Mechanism.

31. The Meeting of the Parties will review the effectiveness of the mechanism and make recommendations for its future.

**Background documents**

Report on the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (ECE/MP.WH/AC.1/2008/2–EUR/08/5086361/8)

Criteria for consideration of project proposals by the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (ECE/MP.WH/AC.1/2008/2/Add.1–EUR/08/5086361/9)

Report on the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (ECE/MP.WH/AC.1/2009/2–EU/09/5086361/4)

Report on the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (ECE/MP.WH/AC.1/2010/2–EUR/10/56335/XIII)

## **7. Capacity-building and sharing of experience**

**Documents for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Report on the implementation of the programme of work for 2007–2010, including an overview of contributions and expenditures (ECE/MP.WH/2010/1–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/2)

Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.1–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/3)

**(a) Public awareness, education, training, research and development and information**

32. A representative of Romania, lead Party for this activity, in cooperation with a representative from the NGO network Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), will present the work carried out in this area, including the concept note on access to information and public participation under the Protocol and the proposed activities under the 2011–2013 programme of work.

33. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to discuss the concept note and the proposal for future work.

**Document for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Concept note on access to information and public participation under the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/2010/4–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/10)

**(b) Equitable access**

34. A representative of France, lead Party for this activity, will report on the past activities in this area of work, including the preliminary results of a survey on equitable access to water, as well as the proposed activities under the 2011–2013 programme of work. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to discuss the proposal for future work.

**(c) Small-scale water supplies**

35. A representative of Germany, lead Party for this activity, will report on the work achieved and will present to the Meeting of the Parties an awareness-raising document relating to small-scale water supplies.

36. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to take note of the document and to foster its dissemination and the application of its principles.

37. A representative of Germany together with a representative of WECF will present the proposed activities in the area of small-scale water supplies and sanitation under the 2011–2013 programme of work. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to discuss the proposal for future work.

**Publication**

Small Scale Water Supplies in the European Region: Background — Challenges — Improvements (ECE/MP.WH/6–EUDHP1003944/4.2/2/2)

**(d) Regional and subregional workshops**

38. On the basis of information from the joint secretariat and the relevant lead Parties, the Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the outcome of additional workshops held in the framework of the Protocol during 2007–2010 that were not already discussed under previous agenda items.

**8. Promotion of the Protocol and the role of focal points**

39. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to discuss and endorse a guide intended for focal points to support promotion of the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health at the national and local levels, already endorsed by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention at its fifth session.

**Document for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

How to better promote the Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health: a guide for focal points (ECE/MP.WAT/2009/13)



## **9. Programme of work for 2011–2013 and resources needed for its implementation**

40. On the basis of the discussions under previous agenda items, the Meeting of the Parties is expected to finalize and adopt its programme of work for 2011–2013. In doing so, the Meeting of the Parties will:

(a) Agree on the structure of the programme of work, future activities, lead countries, and the bodies, along with their respective mandates, to be established to guide the implementation of the programme of work;

(b) Make arrangements related to the financial and human resources needed for implementing the activities in the programme of work, and indicate funding for these activities according to their priority. Parties, other interested States and organizations are invited to inform the secretariat in advance of the session of their intention to contribute to the financial resources of the Protocol. The joint secretariat will make the information received available to the Meeting and delegations will be invited to provide any supplementary information.

41. Considering the difficulties encountered in raising resources for the implementation of the programme of work 2007–2010, the Meeting of the Parties will discuss a document prepared by the Bureau with the assistance of the joint secretariat, upon request by the Working Group on Water and Health, on options for financing the programme of work and decide on the way ahead.

### **Documents for action by the Meeting of the Parties**

Draft programme of work for 2011–2013 (ECE/MP.WH/2010/L.1–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/3)

Financing options for the Protocol on Water and Health (ECE/MP.WH/2010/5–EUDHP1003944/4.2/1/11)

### **Background document**

Decision I/5 on financial arrangements to support the implementation of the Protocol (see ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.2–EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.2)

## **10. Partners in cooperation: links with other organizations and programmes**

42. Partners from international organizations and NGOs have been crucial in implementing the programme of work for 2007–2010. Established and potential new partners will be invited to brief the Meeting about opportunities for cooperation under the programme of work for 2011–2013.

## **11. Date and venue of the third session of the Meeting of the Parties**

43. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to set dates for its third ordinary session. Delegations are encouraged to offer to host the third session so that the Meeting of the Parties will be able to decide on its venue.

**12. Other business**

44. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the joint secretariat as soon as possible.

**13. Presentation of the main decisions**

45. The Chair will present the main decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to entrust the joint secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its second session.

**14. Closing of the session**

46. The Chair and a representative of the host country will be invited to make final statements. The Chair will then officially close the session

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