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#### Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

##### **Sixth session**

Rome, 28–30 November 2012

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### **Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth session**

**To be held in the Chamber of Deputies, Rome, starting on Wednesday,  
28 November 2012, at 10 a.m.**

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  - (a) Part 1: Main achievements and remaining challenges for the Convention;
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## **II. Annotations**

- 1. The sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will be held from 28 to 30 November 2012, in the Chamber of Deputies in Rome, at the invitation of the Government of Italy. The meeting will be held back to back with the International Round-table on Transboundary Water Resources Management in the South-Mediterranean, to be organized on 26 and 27 November in Rome by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), the Union for the Mediterranean, the Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW:LEARN), and the Mediterranean Component of the European Union Water Initiative (EUWI), with the support of the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea.
- 2. The Meeting of the Parties will consist of a general segment and a high-level segment. The high-level segment, dealing with items 1 to 3, will be held in the morning and early afternoon of Wednesday, 28 November, starting at 10 a.m. The general segment, dealing with agenda items 4 to 15, will take place from the afternoon of Wednesday, 28 November until Friday, 30 November at 4.30 p.m.
- 3. A number of side events will be organized during the meeting. The detailed programme of these side events will be available in October 2012. Additional practical

information on the meeting as well as all relevant documentation will be made available in due course on a dedicated page on the Convention's website.<sup>1</sup>

## High-level segment

### 1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 November, 10–10.50 a.m.*<sup>2</sup>

4. Mr. Gianfranco Fini, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, will open the meeting. Mr. Corrado Clini, Minister for the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy, will address the Meeting of the Parties. Speeches by high-level representatives of ECE will follow.

5. Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Chair of the Meeting of the Parties, will invite the Meeting to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

### 2. Status of ratification of the Convention and its protocols, and report on credentials

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 November, 10.50–11.00 a.m.*

*Information document:* Status of ratification of the Water Convention, its protocols and amendments

6. The secretariat will inform the Meeting of the Parties about the status of ratification of the Convention, the Protocol on Water and Health, the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (Protocol on Civil Liability), and of the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention.

7. In accordance with the rules of procedure (see ECE/MP.WAT/19/Add.1), the Bureau will examine the credentials<sup>3</sup> submitted by Parties and submit its report to the Meeting of the Parties. Parties to the Convention are therefore requested to inform the secretariat of the name(s) of their representative(s) at their earliest convenience, and to submit the credentials or copy of them to the secretariat, in advance of the session, preferably by 20 November 2012.

### 3. Special session on the twentieth anniversary of the Convention and its opening to all United Nations Member States

#### (a) Part 1: Main achievements and remaining challenges for the Convention

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 November 2012, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

8. Representatives of Parties, non-Parties and other important actors under the Convention will discuss, in the form of a moderated high-level panel discussion, the

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.unece.org/env/water/mop6.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> See section III for a chronological table showing the organization of work for each day.

<sup>3</sup> Credentials, which are normally issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization, shall indicate the composition of the delegation, including the Head of delegation, and shall 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.

achievements under the Convention since its adoption in 1992, the remaining challenges and the prospects for the future.

9. Subsequently, Parties, non-Parties and important actors will be invited to make statements from the floor focusing on the following questions:

(a) How has the Water Convention helped your country/organization to improve transboundary cooperation on the ground?

(b) What direction should the Convention head in for the next 20 years? I.e., what should be done to address the remaining challenges for transboundary water management at the basin, regional and global levels?

10. Statements should not exceed three minutes; delegations are encouraged to submit the texts of their statements to the secretariat prior to the meeting.

**(b) Part 2: Views on and expectations for a globalized Convention**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 November 3–4 p.m.*

11. A high-level panel composed of representatives of ECE and non-ECE countries, international and non-governmental organizations will discuss their perspectives on and expectations for the Water Convention in view of its forthcoming globalization.

12. Subsequently, representatives of other countries — in particular non-ECE countries — and organizations will be invited to make statements from the floor focusing on the following questions:

(a) What does your country/organization expect from a global Water Convention? What are your needs?

(b) How can your country/organization contribute to improving transboundary cooperation at the basin, regional and global levels using the framework of the Water Convention?

13. Statements should not exceed three minutes; delegations are encouraged to submit the texts of their statements to the secretariat prior to the meeting.

## **General segment**

**4. Review of past activities and discussion of future activities in the different areas of work**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday 28 November, 4–6 p.m.; Thursday, 29 November, 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–4.30 p.m.*

*Documents for action:* Report on the implementation of the programme of work for 2010–2012, including an overview of contributions and expenditures (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/1); draft programme of work for 2013–2015 (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.1)

*Background documents:* Workplan for 2010–2012 (ECE/MP.WAT/29/Add.1); report of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management on its fifth meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2010/2) and sixth meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2011/2); report of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment on its eleventh meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2010/2), its extraordinary session (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2010/8) and its twelfth meeting (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2011/2); report on the joint session of the

Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management and the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2012/2 – ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2012/2, forthcoming)

14. The Meeting of the Parties will review the achievements under the current programme of work and examine proposals for activities under the 2013–2015 programme of work. A discussion on the overall programme of work for 2013–2015 will take place under agenda item 9.

**(a) Mechanism to support implementation and compliance**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 November 4–4.40 p.m.*

*Document for action:* Draft decision on support to implementation and compliance (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.4)

*Background documents:* Reports of the Legal Board on its seventh (ECE/MP.WAT/AC.4/2010/2), eighth (ECE/MP.WAT/AC.4/2011/2), ninth (ECE/MP.WAT/AC.4/2011/5) and tenth (ECE/MP.WAT/AC.4/2012/2) meetings

*Information document:* List of candidates proposed for the Implementation Committee

15. At its fifth session, the Meeting of the Parties mandated the Legal Board to develop a proposal for a mechanism to support implementation and compliance. The Meeting will discuss the draft proposal prepared by the Legal Board on the establishment of an implementation committee, including its core rules of procedure, and will be invited to adopt it.

16. The Meeting of the Parties will also elect the nine members of the implementation committee envisaged in the draft decision, in accordance with the procedure set out in the decision and in the rules of procedure. To this end, Parties were invited to send to the secretariat nominations of candidates for the implementation committee, including their curricula vitae, by 4 September 2012.

17. The Legal Board, when discussing the mechanism to support implementation and compliance, was of the view that some sort of reporting mechanism under the Convention could be useful to monitor progress and to foster implementation. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to decide on the inclusion of a relevant activity in the future programme of work for 2013–2015.

**(b) Support to implementation through capacity-building and assistance on the ground**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 November, 4.40– 5.20 p.m.*

18. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the different capacity-building and assistance activities implemented in the past three years to support implementation of the Convention in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, developed with the support of the ECE Regional Adviser. Countries involved in the different activities will be invited to comment.

19. Subsequently the Meeting will discuss possible future activities in this area.

**(c) Transboundary groundwater**

*Tentative timing: Wednesday, 28 November 5.20–6 p.m.*

*Documents for action:* Study on the application of the Convention to groundwater: explicatory recognition of existing United Nations Economic Commission for Europe regulatory language (ECE/MP.WAT/WG.1/2012/3–ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2012/3); draft model provisions on transboundary groundwaters (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.5)

20. At its fifth session, the Meeting of the Parties mandated the Legal Board and the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management to prepare a preliminary study on the application of the principles of the Convention to transboundary groundwater. The Meeting of the Parties will take note of the study prepared under the two bodies.

21. The Meeting of the Parties will be also invited to discuss and adopt the draft model provisions on transboundary groundwaters developed, on the basis of the results of preliminary study, under the Legal Board and the Working Group in Integrated Water Resources Management by a core group of nominated experts on groundwater.

22. Subsequently, the Meeting will discuss possible future activities in this area, including options for promoting the implementation and use of the model provisions.

**(d) Assessment of the status of transboundary waters**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 11.30 a.m.–12.15 p.m.*

*Document for action:* Lessons learned from the preparation of the second Assessment and plans for future assessments under the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/2)

*Background documents:* *Second Assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters*<sup>4</sup> and its Executive Summary (ECE/MP.WAT/33 and 34)

23. The Chair of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment will inform the Meeting about the finalization of the *Second Assessment of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Groundwaters*, and provide an overview of its main messages and findings, as well as of the lessons learned from its preparation.

24. The Chair of the Working Group will also present the proposal for future work in this area, namely the proposal to prepare a third comprehensive assessment of all transboundary waters in the ECE region in 8–10 years and to develop by 2015 a special thematic assessment edition focusing on the water-food-energy nexus in a limited number of basins.

25. The Meeting will be invited to discuss the proposal as well as possible basins to be assessed, partners to be involved, resource requirements and funding opportunities.

**(e) Joint monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters, including data management and information exchange**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 12.15–12.35 p.m.*

26. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the project on “Strengthening capacity for data administration and exchange for monitoring and assessment of transboundary water resources in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia”. Representatives of concerned countries will present and discuss achievements and challenges under the project.

27. The Meeting will discuss future activities in this area.

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<sup>4</sup> United Nations publication, Sales No. E. 11.II.E.15. Available from [http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub/second\\_assessment.html](http://www.unece.org/env/water/publications/pub/second_assessment.html).

**(f) Water and ecosystems**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 12.35–1 p.m.*

28. Representatives of Armenia, Germany, the Netherlands and the Central Asian Regional Environmental Centre (CAREC) will report on the progress and results of their pilot projects on payments for ecosystem services.

29. A representative of Switzerland will inform the Meeting of other activities on water and ecosystems.

30. Subsequently, the Meeting will discuss possible future activities in this area.

**(g) Water and adaptation to climate change in transboundary basins**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 3–3.40 p.m.*

*Document for action:* Lessons learned and future work on climate change adaptation in transboundary basins (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/3)

31. The co-Chairs of the Task Force on Water and Climate will inform the Meeting of the work achieved in this area since 2010: the programme of pilot projects on water and adaptation to climate change and the platform for exchanging experience on adaptation in transboundary basins, in particular the organization of three international workshops. Representatives of pilot projects will be invited to report on their progress. The meeting will provide comments, as needed, on the work accomplished.

32. The Task Force co-Chairs will present proposed future activities in this area of work for 2013–2015.

33. The Meeting will be invited to comment the information received and discuss the future work in this area, including partnerships with other organizations such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

**(h) European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 3.40–4.20 p.m.*

*Document for action:* Report on implementation of the European Union Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management and on Water Supply and Sanitation (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/4)

34. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the progress under the EUWI and its National Policy Dialogues regarding integrated water resources management activities facilitated by ECE and water supply and sanitation activities facilitated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, as key strategic partners of the EUWI in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. In particular, the meeting will be briefed about the ongoing dialogue processes on integrated water resources management in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Ukraine. Representatives of these countries will be invited to make short statements.

35. The Meeting will examine the lessons learned and the added value of the dialogue process for the Convention. It will discuss the vision of future developments of the dialogues and agree on ways and means to further strengthen them.

(i) **Water and industrial accidents**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 4.20–4.50 p.m.*

*Document for action:* Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/5—ECE/CP.TEIA/2012/7)

*Information documents:* Study on national legislation needed to implement the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters; report on the seminar on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sandoz accident

*Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents*

36. A co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents will inform the Meeting on the progress achieved by the Joint Expert Group, including the seminar on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sandoz accident, held on 8 and 9 November 2011 in Bonn, Germany, the development of a checklist for contingency planning and the plans for its completion. The Meeting of the Parties will provide comments and agree on the next steps.

*Protocol on Civil Liability*

37. In order to help countries ratify the Protocol on Civil Liability to the Water Convention and the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention), the Bureaux of the two Conventions agreed on three steps. The Meeting of the Parties will be briefed about the completion of the first step through a study on national legislation needed to implement the Protocol. The Meeting will discuss future work in this area, in particular how to carry out the next planned step. In this regard, the Meeting will be informed about the outcomes of the discussions on this item at the seventh Conference of the Parties of the Industrial Accidents Convention (Stockholm, 14–16 November 2012).

**5. Opening of the Convention**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 10–11.30 a.m.*

*Documents for action:* Draft decision on accession by non-United Nations Economic Commission for Europe countries (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.6); draft programme of work for 2013–2015 (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.1)

*Background documents:* Amendment to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/14), Guide to Implementing the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.2), Report of the Meeting of the Parties on its fifth session (ECE/MP.WAT/29)

*Information document:* Report on the International conference on Europe-Asia transboundary water cooperation

38. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed of the outcomes of the “International conference on Europe-Asia transboundary water cooperation” (Geneva, 15–16 December 2011) and the International Round-table On Transboundary Water Resources Management in the South-Mediterranean, as well as other efforts to involve non-ECE countries in the Convention’s activities and to promote the Convention beyond the region.



39. Representatives of Parties to the Convention which have not yet ratified the amendments to articles 25 and 26 will report on their progress towards ratification.

40. Interested non-ECE countries will be invited to inform the Meeting about their intention to accede to the Water Convention and participate in its activities, as well as their needs and expectations.

41. The Meeting will be then invited to discuss and adopt a draft decision on a procedure for simplified accession by non-ECE countries.

42. The Meeting of the Parties will be also invited to discuss the Convention's relationship to the 1997 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (Watercourses Convention), which is expected to enter into force soon. Current and prospective Parties to either of the two Conventions, in particular Parties to both of them, will be invited to discuss how the two international legal frameworks could interact and how they could support each other and build synergies, including how the experience and guidance material collected under the ECE Water Convention can support implementation of the United Nations Watercourses Convention. Countries also will be invited to discuss the possible future institutional governance frameworks for the two Conventions.

43. Finally, the Meeting will discuss future activities in the programme of work for 2013–2015 related to the opening of the Convention to non-ECE countries. In this regard, the Meeting will also discuss the opportunity to revise and update the Guide to Implementing the Convention, which it had adopted at its fifth session (ECE/MP.WAT/2009/L.2 and ECE/MP.WAT/29, para. 29 (c)), in order to reflect the forthcoming global opening of the Convention as well as the new procedure for accession by non-ECE countries.

## **6. Cooperation with the Protocol on Water and Health**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 4.50–5.10 p.m.*

44. The Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health will update the Meeting on progress achieved under the Protocol and on past cooperation between the Convention and the Protocol. The Meeting will discuss how to further strengthen joint work with the Protocol on Water and Health.

## **7. Cooperation with other multilateral environmental agreements and international partners**

*Tentative timing: Thursday, 29 November, 5.10–6 p.m.*

*Documents for action:* Draft decision on cooperation with the Global Environment Facility (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.7); draft decision on cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.8)

*Information document:* GEF activities on transboundary waters: lessons learned from past projects and opportunities to support implementation of the Convention

45. Partners from international organizations and non-governmental organizations have been crucial in implementing the Convention workplan for 2010–2012. Partnerships with international and non-governmental organizations will become even more important with the opening of the Convention.

46. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the process of cooperation and coordination between the representatives of the governing bodies of the ECE environmental conventions and the Committee on Environmental Policy.

47. A representative of the GEF secretariat will inform the Meeting about GEF projects in the field of transboundary waters and present views on how the collaboration between the Convention and GEF could be strengthened. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to discuss and adopt a draft decision on this issue prepared by the Bureau.

48. A representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will present UNESCO activities in support of transboundary water cooperation, in particular on groundwater. The Meeting will discuss how to strengthen the partnership with UNESCO in view of the opening of the Convention and UNESCO expertise in the field of groundwater. It will be invited to adopt a draft decision on this issue prepared by the Bureau.

49. Subsequently, established and potential new partners will be invited to brief the Meeting about their intentions to cooperate in the framework of the programme of work for 2013–2015.

50. Finally, the Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the ECE contribution to UN-Water and the plans for the International Year of Water Cooperation in 2013.

## **8. Vision for the future of the Water Convention**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 30 November, 9.30–10 a.m.*

*Document for action:* Draft vision for the future of the Water Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.2)

51. The Meeting will discuss the draft vision for the future of the Water Convention and will be invited to endorse it.

## **9. Programme of work for 2013–2015, terms of reference of bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 30 November, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.*

*Document for action:* Draft programme of work for 2013–2015 (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.1)

52. On the basis of the discussions under previous agenda items, the Meeting of the Parties is expected to discuss, finalize and adopt its programme of work for 2013–2015 under this agenda item. To this end, following a presentation by the secretariat, the Meeting of the Parties will discuss the draft programme of work activity by activity and will:

(a) Agree on the structure of the programme of work, future activities and lead countries;

(b) Agree on the intergovernmental bodies, with their respective mandates, to be established to guide the implementation of the programme of work;

(c) 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 financially contribute to the programme of work's implementation. The secretariat will make the information received available to the Meeting and delegations will be invited to provide any supplementary information.

**10. International Water Assessment Centre**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 30 November, 12–12.30 p.m.*

*Document for action:* Progress report on the work of the International Water Assessment Centre and draft programme of work for 2013–2015 (ECE/MP.WAT/2012/L.3)

53. A representative of Slovakia will inform the Meeting about the work of the International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC) since the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties, as well as the plans for the future. The meeting will discuss the proposed IWAC programme of work for 2013–2015 and will be invited to adopt it.

**11. Election of officers**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 30 November 2.30–3.15 p.m.*

54. In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Meeting of the Parties will elect its officers, who will remain in office until the next elections at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties. In particular, the Meeting of the Parties is expected to elect a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and additional officers, as it deems necessary, considering that the Bureau must be composed of no fewer than eight persons.

**12. Date and venue of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 30 November, 3.15–3.30 p.m.*

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

**13. Other business**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 30 November, 3.30–3.50 p.m.*

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

**14. Presentation of the main decisions**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 30 November, 3.50–4.20 p.m.*

57. 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 secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its sixth session.

**15. Closing of the session**

*Tentative timing: Friday, 30 November, 4.20–4.30 p.m.*

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

### III. Organization of work

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