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BRAINSTORMING ON THE “WATER” THEME FOR THE SEVENTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE “ENVIRONMENT FOR EUROPE”

1. The joint meeting of the CEP and Water Convention Bureaux took place in Geneva on 28 January 2010. The list of participants is presented in the annex to this document.
2. The meeting had a brainstorming discussion on the water agenda for the Astana “Environment for Europe” (EfE) Ministerial Conference. Proposals for the possible sub-themes under the main theme “sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems” were presented by Italy on behalf of the European Union (the EU proposal submitted by the Swedish Presidency on 9 December 2009), by Switzerland and by Kazakhstan.¹ Given that the Astana Conference is expected to last two-and-a-half days, not more than one day would be available for the water theme.
3. The two Bureaux recognized the need to limit the issues to be discussed under the main theme to: (i) the aspects with the highest political relevance both for Central Asia and for the whole pan-European region; (ii) that would lead to a concrete output, (iii) building on existing initiatives and linked to activities of other important partners, and (iv) achievable within the framework of the “Environment for Europe” process.
4. They also stressed the importance to underline the links with the second theme “Greening the economy” also in the discussion of the “water” theme.
5. Following extensive debates, the meeting suggested addressing the theme “sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems” from two perspectives (“lenses”): (a) water for sustainable development; and (b) climate change (see table below).
6. Those perspectives would offer an interesting approach to address many of the most relevant issues in the region related to the sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems. The table below summarizes some of the issues identified under these two perspective during the meeting but does not intend to be neither complete nor final. The table also includes a number of cross-cutting issues which are underlying both perspectives.

¹ These proposals are available on the UNECE website (<http://www.unece.org/env/cep/ExtBureau16-17Mar2010.html>) under “other relevant documents”.

Theme: Sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems	
Two lenses/perspectives to the theme	
Water for sustainable development: IWRM as a tool for sustainable development (e.g. food, industry, energy and ecosystems) Governance and cross-sectoral integration: NPD Water supply and sanitation, and health Ecosystems Economic tools (PES, water pricing) PPP Benefit sharing	Climate change: Adaptation/mitigation Impact of CC, including social (health) and economic impacts Ecosystems, Land degradation, floods, desertification, PEBLDS Water efficiency / Energy efficiency IWRM as a tool to adapt/mitigate Transboundary cooperation
Policies and strategies Financing Capacity building Implementation of MEAs Monitoring and assessment	

7. Following the request by the CEP, the secretariat in cooperation with the CEP Bureau will develop a draft outline of the Astana Ministerial Conference for CEP's consideration at its Extended Bureau meeting in Geneva, 16-17 March 2010. The outcomes of the joint meeting of the CEP and Water Convention Bureaux will be taken into account in drafting the outline, as well as will be the communication and ideas received from other partners in the EfE process. As the upcoming meeting of the CEP Extended Bureau is open to all EfE partners, the CEP Chairperson invited the members of the Water Convention Bureau to participate in the meeting.

8. Due to the limited time available, the meeting did not manage to identify concrete inputs and outcomes for the water theme. Therefore, the participants agreed to consider and submit proposals to the secretariat (efe@unece.org) on the envisaged input to the Conference and the expected outcomes, as well as the possible format for discussion and the partners to be involved. Proposals should warrant the attention of Ministers and add value to already on-going activities in the proposed areas. The deadline for submitting the proposals is 8 February 2010. To facilitate this exercise the secretariat developed a table to be completed (see below).

Theme: Sustainable management of water and water-related ecosystems				
Selected sub-themes	Envisaged input into the Conference	Envisaged outcomes / added value of addressing the sub-theme at the Conference	Envisaged format for addressing the sub-theme	Scope / Partners
<p>Water for sustainable development: IWRM as a tool for sustainable development (e.g. food, industry, energy and ecosystems) Governance and cross-sectoral integration: National Policy Dialogue Water supply and sanitation, and health Ecosystems Economic tools (PES, water pricing) PPP Benefit sharing</p> <hr/> Policies and strategies Financing Capacity building Implementation of MEAs Monitoring and assessment				
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Annex

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