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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

Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism

Second meeting
Geneva, 1 July 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations*, Geneva,
starting at 10 am. on Wednesday, 1 July 2009

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.

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3. Recall of principles.
4. Progress achieved since the first meeting: projects in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.
5. New project proposals: status of progress in Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.
6. Cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its Water Fund.
7. Expressions of interest and future work.
8. Other business.
9. Date and venue of the third meeting.
10. Closure of the meeting.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. Ms. Carola Bjørklund (Norway), Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanism (AHPFM), will welcome participants and open the meeting.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The participants of AHPFM are expected to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 3: Recall of principles

3. AHPFM will be reminded of the rationale for its work in relation to the Protocol of Water and Health and the burden of disease related to water and sanitation in the region. The Chairperson will present the mandate of AHPFM, recall the terms of reference for the Facilitator and the Ad Hoc Project Clearing House, and outline possible assistance needed to carry out future activities.

Item 4: Progress achieved since the first meeting: projects in the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

4. At the first meeting, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine had submitted project proposals for setting targets and target dates in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol. Such proposals received offers of support from, respectively, the Government of Switzerland and the

the Governments of Israel and Norway. Since the first meeting, these proposals have been further developed with support from the donor countries, AHPFM and UNECE, acting on behalf of the European Union (EU) Water Initiative.

5. The current state of development of the two projects on target-setting, including their background and justification, overall goals, envisioned project outputs, amount of finance requested, and implementation plans and time schedules, will be presented by representatives of the recipient countries as well as representatives of Norway (for the Ukrainian project) and of Switzerland and UNECE (for the Moldovan project).

6. Information on the status of available finances for these projects will also be given by Israel, Norway and Switzerland.

Item 5: New project proposals: status of current negotiations with Armenia and Kyrgyzstan

7. At the first meeting, representatives of Armenia and Kyrgyzstan had requested assistance to prepare project proposals for consideration by AHPFM.

8. Participants will be informed about the steps achieved by the Facilitator and, in Kyrgyzstan, by the National Policy Dialogue under the EU Water Initiative.

9. A representative of Armenia and a representative of Kyrgyzstan will present draft project proposals on target-setting, including background and justification, overall goals, target-setting activities, envisioned project outputs, amount of finance requested, and implementation plans and time schedules.

Item 6: Cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its Water Fund

10. A representative of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development will present the work of the Bank and highlight the potential for cooperation through the newly established Water Fund.

Item 7: Expressions of interest and future work

11. Representatives of donor countries and institutions will be invited to express interest in supporting the draft project proposals of Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.

12. Representatives of countries in South-Eastern Europe and in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia will be invited to inform AHPFM about their interest in the Mechanism and in working with the Facilitator to develop new project proposals.

13. AHPFM will discuss and agree on its future work and on how to raise the financial resources needed to support the Mechanism's functioning.

Item 8: Other business

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

Item 9: Date and venue of the third meeting

15. AHPFM will set a tentative date and venue for its third meeting.

Item 10: Closure of the meeting

16. The Chairperson will close the meeting at 6 pm. on Wednesday, 1 July 2009.
