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the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Compliance Committee

Fourteenth meeting

Geneva, 13 and 14 March 2017
Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth meeting

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on
Monday, 13 March 2017, at 10 a.m.***

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers and solemn declaration of new members.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications.

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4. Follow-up to the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session:
 - (a) Consultation with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol;
 - (b) Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol;
 - (c) Review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol.
5. Promotion of the compliance procedure.
6. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings.
7. Other business.
8. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Election of officers and solemn declaration of new members

1. At its first session (Geneva, 17–19 January 2007), 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 adopted decision I/2 on review of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.3–EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.3), establishing a Compliance Committee and setting out its structure and functions. In accordance with paragraph 7 of the annex to decision I/2, at its fourth session (Geneva, 14–16 November 2016), the Meeting of the Parties re-elected Ms. Zsuzsanna Kocsis-Kupper (Hungary) to the Committee for another term of office and elected Ms. Ingrid Chorus (Germany), Ms. Natalja Sliachtic (Lithuania) and Mr. Jorge Viñuales (Switzerland) for a first term, to serve as members of the Compliance Committee until the sixth ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties.
2. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to decision I/2, the Compliance Committee will elect its Chair and Vice-Chair at its fourteenth meeting.
3. The newly elected members of the Committee will make a solemn declaration that they will perform their functions impartially and conscientiously.

2. Adoption of the agenda

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

3. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications

5. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in decision I/2, the Committee is expected to consider:
 - (a) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues of compliance (decision I/2, annex, paras. 13–14);
 - (b) Any referral by the joint secretariat relating to specific issues of compliance (*ibid.*, para. 15);
 - (c) Any communication from the public relating to specific issues of compliance (*ibid.*, paras. 16–22).

4. Follow-up to the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session

6. Further to the recommendations in its report to the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WH/2016/5–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/11), the Committee will be invited to consider different follow-up actions as the result of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its fourth session.

(a) Consultation with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol

7. Based on decision IV/1 on general issues of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.2–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.2, forthcoming), and building on the review of the outcomes of the third reporting exercise and the experience with the first consultation held in 2016, the Committee will consider proposing the Consultation Process to a Party or a small group of Parties having identical or almost identical implementation problems.

(b) Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol

8. Based on decision IV/2 on the competence of the Committee to address cases of non-compliance by specific Parties (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.2–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.2, forthcoming), in particular paragraph 2, and taking into account that all Parties submitted their summary reports within the third reporting exercise, the Committee will review other clear and important issues of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol — i.e., cases involving grave failures or imperfections relating to the contents of summary reports as regards their consistency, transparency, accuracy and completeness.

(c) Review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol

9. The secretariat will inform the Committee of the progress made by Parties in setting targets in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol. Based on decision IV/1, in particular paragraphs 2–7, the Committee will discuss its modus operandi with regard to addressing the failure of some Parties to set targets and target dates.

5. Promotion of the compliance procedure

10. The Committee will discuss concrete steps to promote the compliance procedure. The Committee members and the secretariat will report on their efforts to present the mechanism at various forums and events.

6. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings

11. The Committee will discuss its future programme of work, agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings and give indications to the secretariat on the next steps to be taken. The Committee will also agree the dates of its fifteenth and sixteenth meetings.

7. Other business

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

8. Adoption of the report

13. The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its fourteenth meeting.
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