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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

### Compliance Committee

#### Fifteenth meeting

Geneva, 13 and 14 November 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

#### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fifteenth meeting

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

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications.
3. Relevant developments since the fourteenth meeting.

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4. Review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol.
5. Consultation with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol.
6. Awareness-raising on the compliance procedure.
7. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings.
8. Other business.
9. Adoption of the report.

## **II. Annotations**

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

1. The Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes will be invited to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

### **2. Consideration of submissions, referrals and communications**

2. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in decision 1/2 on review of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.3–EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.3), 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).

### **3. Relevant developments since the fourteenth meeting**

3. The Chair of the Committee will introduce the executive summary of the Committee's note "Interpretation of the provisions of the Protocol on Water and Health related to transboundary waters" that he developed after reviewing the text from an editorial point of view and introducing clarifications, as appropriate. The Committee will discuss the finalization of the executive summary and ways to ensure its wider circulation.

### **4. Review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol**

4. At its fourth session (Geneva, 14–16 November 2016), the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted decision IV/2 on general issues of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.2–EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.2, forthcoming), which requests Parties to communicate their targets to the joint secretariat for wider dissemination. Further to that decision, at its fourteenth meeting (Geneva, 13-14 March 2017), the Committee requested the secretariat to contact Parties that had not communicated their targets to ask them to either provide information about their progress in the target-setting processes or to communicate

the targets that had been formally established. In follow-up to the Committee's request, the secretariat contacted the following Parties: Belgium, Croatia, France, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain and Switzerland.

5. The Committee will discuss its next steps based on the responses and information received.

## **5. Consultation with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol**

6. At its fourteenth meeting, the Committee discussed the experience under the Consultation Process so far and considered that it would be useful to receive feedback from Albania, Azerbaijan and Bosnia and Herzegovina on the suitability of the process and its usefulness. The Committee will discuss the responses received from countries and the implications for future consultations.

7. Based on decision IV/2 and the relevant decision on consultations with Parties taken at the fourteenth meeting, the Committee will discuss possible future consultations to facilitate implementation of the Protocol.

## **6. Awareness-raising on the compliance procedure**

8. The Committee will be informed about the action taken to raise awareness about the compliance procedure in order to ensure that information about the mechanism and its functions is easily available to the general public. Subsequently, the Committee members and the secretariat will report on their efforts to present the mechanism at various forums and events.

9. The Committee will further discuss concrete steps and initiatives to raise awareness on the compliance procedure.

## **7. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings**

10. The Committee will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings. It will also agree the dates of its sixteenth and seventeenth meetings.

## **8. Other business**

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

## **9. Adoption of the report**

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

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