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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**Nineteenth meeting**

Geneva, 15 May 2020

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the nineteenth meeting**

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on
Friday, 15 May 2020, 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.
4. Follow-up to the decisions of the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session:
 - (a) Review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol;
 - (b) Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol;
 - (c) Consultations with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol;

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- (d) Awareness-raising on the compliance procedure.
- 5. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings.
- 6. Other business.
- 7. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Election of officers and solemn declaration of new members

Tentative timing: Friday, 15 May, 10–10.20 a.m.

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 the Compliance Committee and setting out its structure and functions. In accordance with paragraph 7 of the annex to decision I/2, at its fifth session (Belgrade, 19–21 November 2019), the Meeting of the Parties re-elected Mr. Vadim Ni (nominated by Switzerland) to the Committee for a full term of office and elected Mr. Sergei Vinogradov (nominated by Germany), Mr. Morten Nicholls (nominated by Norway), Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque (nominated by Portugal), and Ms. Anna Tsvietkova (nominated by Ukraine) for a full term of office, to serve as members of the Compliance Committee until the seventh 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 nineteenth 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

Tentative timing: Friday, 15 May, 10.20–10.25 a.m.

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

Tentative timing: Friday, 15 May, 10.25–11 a.m.

5. In accordance with the procedures set out in decision I/2, annex, paragraphs 13–22, the Committee is expected to consider:

- (a) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues of compliance;
- (b) Any referral by the joint secretariat relating to specific issues of compliance;
- (c) Any communication from the public relating to specific issues of compliance.

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

Tentative timing: Friday, 15 May, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–5.40 p.m.

6. Further to the recommendations contained in its report to the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WH/2019/5–EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/11), the Committee will be invited to consider different follow-up actions as a result of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session.

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

7. 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 V/1 on general issues of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/19/Add.2–EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/06/Add.2, forthcoming), in particular paragraphs 8–13 thereof, the Committee will discuss its *modus operandi* with regard to addressing the failure by some Parties to set targets and target dates, as well as possibly other issues related to target setting, as appropriate.

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

8. Taking into account the fact that all Parties submitted their summary reports within the fourth reporting exercise, the Committee will discuss whether any action needs to be taken based on the review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol in terms of consistency, transparency, accuracy and completeness of the reports.

(c) Consultations with Parties to facilitate implementation of the Protocol

9. Based on decision V/1 and building on the review of the outcomes of the fourth reporting exercise, as well as the experience with the consultations held in the past triennium, the Committee will consider proposing the Consultation Process to a Party or a small group of Parties having similar issues with the implementation of the Protocol.

(d) Awareness-raising on the compliance procedure

10. The Committee will discuss concrete initiatives and specific steps to be taken to raise awareness of the compliance procedure. In particular, the Committee will discuss ways and means to prepare an executive summary of the interpretive note “The provisions of the Protocol on Water and Health and their relationship with the European Union law governing water and health” (ECE/MP.WH/2019/5/Add.1–EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/11/Add.1), produced by the Compliance Committee within the framework of the Consultation Process with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and endorsed by the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session. The executive summary would subsequently be used for communication and awareness-raising purposes.

11. The Committee members and the secretariat will report on their recent efforts to present the compliance procedure at various forums and events, as well as to promote it within the network of non-governmental organizations active in the areas of human rights, migrants and refugees.

5. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings

Tentative timing: Friday, 15 May, 5.40–5.50 p.m.

12. The Committee will discuss its future programme of work and agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its twentieth and twenty-first meetings.

6. Other business

Tentative timing: Friday, 15 May, 5.50–5.55 p.m.

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

7. Adoption of the report

Tentative timing: Friday, 15 May, 5.55–6 p.m.

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