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The third Steering Committee meeting under the National Policy Dialogue on integrated water resources management in Kyrgyzstan

Bishkek

October 8, 2009

The representatives of Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Kazakhstan and international organizations took part in the third Steering Committee meeting. The list of participants is attached (Annex 1).

The participants of the Steering Committee meeting approved the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Steering Committee meeting
2. Opening statements
3. Set of measures developed under the dialogue and adopted at the second Steering Committee meeting
 - Sustainable management of water resources, drinking water supply and adequate sanitation
 - Chu river Basin Council creation
4. Development of the discussion of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kyrgyzstan and the possibility of signing it
5. New financing mechanisms for water resources management
6. Interaction of projects of international organizations in the water sector under the water policy dialogue.
7. Further activities of the Steering Committee
8. Closing of the meeting

The agenda of the third Steering Committee Meeting is presented in Annex 2.

Participants of the Steering Committee Meeting have discussed and made the following decisions and recommendations on the issues of Agenda:

1. To take into account the information on the meeting of project support mechanisms for implementing the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, July 1 2009). To send a letter, based on preliminary consultations, from the Steering Committee to the Norwegian MFA with a request for support under the Dialogue.

2. To instruct the Water Management Department to initiate the process of considering abilities of ratification the Protocol on Water and Health at the national level and in established order, provided by KR legislation.
 - 2.1 Management of the steering Committee should assist the preparation of the SWAT-analysis of the Protocol on Water and Health, with support from the UNECE.
 - 2.2 To representatives of interested ministries and agencies - participants of the dialogue to prepare and submit to the Water Management Department a list of questions on the Protocol on Water and Health until November 1, 2009 to obtain clarification from the UNECE secretariat
3. To take notice of the information on establishment of river basin council in the Chu River basin that were created under the Dialogue (a copy of the Council establishing presented in Annex 3). To note with pleasure the experience of good cooperation on this question in the process of Dialogue with the World Bank Improving Water Management in Kyrgyzstan.
4. Consider the possibility of using the experience of creating donor advisory group under the Chu-Talas Commission under the Dialogue
5. To welcome sharing the experience between the international and other organizations in implementing integrated water resources management in Kyrgyzstan in the framework of the National Water Policy Dialogue. To ensure further implementation of regular session on this topic at each Steering Committee meeting.
6. To place the information about the process of National Water Policy Dialogue in Kyrgyzstan in the sphere of integrated water resources management on the web page of the Department of Water Management: WWW.WATER.KG
7. To approve in general the plan of activities of Steering Committee meeting in 2010 and preliminary plan for 2011. To apply to the UNECE with request for finding additional funds to carry out the planned activities. The next Steering Committee meeting within the frame of National Water Policy Dialogue in Kyrgyzstan in the sphere of integrated water resources management to be held in summer 2010 in Bishkek.

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National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in Kyrgyzstan

Third meeting of the Steering Committee
8 October 2009
Conference Room of the Hotel Dostuk
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AGENDA

for the third meeting, starting on 8 October 2009 at 9:00 hours with the registration

The third meeting chaired by Mr. Ch. Uzakbaev, Deputy Director General of the Water Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Processing Industries, Kyrgyzstan.

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

9:30-9:45

Mr. Ch. Uzakbaev, Deputy Director General of the Water Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Processing Industries, Kyrgyzstan: Aims and purposes of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Opening statements by representatives of the UNECE: Ms. Francesca Bernardini and Mr. R. Enderlein

SESSION I: FOLLOW UP TO THE POLICY PACKAGES DRAWN UP UNDER THE NPD PROCESS AND ADOPTED AT THE SECOND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

9:45-11:30 with coffee break 10:30-11:00

A. Sustainable water management, safe drinking water and adequate sanitation

- Ms. N. Vashneva: Outcome of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Project Facilitation Mechanisms under the Protocol on Water and Health (Geneva, 1 July 2009) and follow up activities by the Water Department (Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Processing Industries) and the Ministry of Health to implement the policy package
- Mr. R. Enderlein (UNECE) and Oscon Moldokulov (WHO/country office in Kyrgyzstan): Recent developments for implementation of the policy package
- Representative(s) of non-governmental organizations
- Policy discussion
- Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

B. River Basin Council for the Chu basin

- Mr. T. Isbekov, Secretariat of the Joint Kyrgyz-Kazakh Commission on the Chu and Talas: Outcome of the examination by the Commission of the policy package and the way ahead
- Mr. K. Valentini (Company SMEC): Recent developments under the World Bank project on improving water management in Kyrgyzstan as to river basin councils for other basins in Kyrgyzstan
- Policy discussion
- Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

SESSION II: PROGRESS IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH AND WAYS AND MEANS FOR A POSSIBLE ACCESSION BY KYRGYZSTAN

11:30-12:00

- Mr. R. Enderlein: The implications of the Protocol's provisions on public awareness, education, training, research and development and information (article 9) for water management and the protection of human health in Kyrgyzstan
- Mr. Ch. Uzakbaev: Examination of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kyrgyzstan
- Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan
- Policy discussion
- Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

SESSION III: INNOVATIVE MECHANISMS FOR FINANCING WATER MANAGEMENT

12:00 – 12:30

- Ms. Francesca Bernardini (UNECE) and Mr. R. Enderlein: Payment for ecosystem services - an introduction
- Mr. I. Mirkhashimov (CAREC): Pilot project on payment for ecosystem services in the basin of Lake Issyk-Kul
- Policy discussion
- Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

SESSION IV: CROSS-FERTILIZATION AMONG THE NPD PROCESS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN KYRGYZSTAN

13:30-16:30 with coffee break at 15:30-16:00

Representatives of the UNDP/country office, the UNDP/water programme in Central Asia, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the German Society for

Technical Cooperation (GTZ), CAREC, the company SMEC (carrying out a World Bank project on water in Kyrgyzstan) and the EU/Tacis team on water governance for Central Asia informed the Steering Committee about their activities

- Policy discussion
- Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

SESSION V: FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

16:30-17:00

- R. Enderlein: Tentative programmes for the November meeting of the Working Group for the implementation of the EU Water Initiative for the EECCA region (Bucharest, 24-25 November 2009) and the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention, including a high-level segment on the National Policy Dialogues in EECCA (Geneva, 10-12 November 2009)
- Ch. Uzakbaev and R. Enderlein: Background paper by the Chairman of the Steering Committee and the UNECE secretariat on policy-relevant activities for the period 2010 and 2011
- Policy discussion
- Decision(s) by the Steering Committee

SESSION VI: DECISIONS OF THE THIRD MEETING

17:00-17:30

The Co-Chairman moderated this session and recall the decisions taken under the previous items.

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The meeting finalized its deliberations by 17:30 hours. Participants are most welcome to a reception at the venue of the meeting, starting at 18:00 hours