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**Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties
Thirteenth meeting
Geneva, 28 November 2014**

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTEENTH MEETING

Prepared by the joint secretariat

The thirteenth meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) – World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) Protocol on Water and Health will take place in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, room S-4, on 28 November 2014. It will start at 9.00 and finish at 17.00.

1. Adoption of the agenda (9.00–9.10)

The Bureau will be invited to adopt the agenda for its thirteenth meeting.

2. Programme of work for 2014-2016 and workplan to carry out secretariat functions in 2015 (9.10–12.00)

The Bureau will be invited to discuss the progress with the implementation of the programme of work for 2014–2016¹ of the Protocol on Water and Health, as presented in the document “Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work” (ECE/MP.WH/WG.1/2014/3–EUDCE/1408105/1.10/2014/WGWH/07) submitted to the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, 26–27 November 2014).

The third session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health (Oslo, 25–27 November 2013) adopted the programme of work for 2014–2016² and its budget. Recognizing that the pledges made were still insufficient to secure implementation of the whole programme of work, the Meeting of the Parties mandated the Bureau to prioritize

¹ Available at: http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2013/wat/MOP3-PWH/docs/ECE_MP.WH_11_Add.1_programme_of_work_2014-2016_ENG.PDF

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activities according to the financial resources available and requested it to inform the Working Group on Water and Health accordingly.

The thirteenth meeting of the Bureau will therefore review the programme of work for 2014–2016 vis-à-vis the available and foreseen financial and human resources and plan future activities, with special attention for the activities to be carried out in 2015.

To this end, the joint secretariat will present the draft workplan to carry out the secretariat functions under the Protocol on Water and Health in 2015 (see document BUREAU/2014/8). Activities included in the draft workplan are duly reflected in the updated preliminary schedule of meetings and other major activities under the Protocol on Water and Health for 2014–2016 (document BUREAU/2014/9). The lead Parties will also inform the Bureau on the planned activities under the Protocol within their respective programme areas.

The joint secretariat will brief the Bureau about other relevant activities carried out or planned by ECE and WHO/Europe in support of the Protocol implementation, including field projects and capacity building activities.

3. Resources to implement the programme of work and the financing mechanism under the Protocol (13.00–15.45)

At its third session, the Meeting of the Parties requested the Bureau to examine the possibilities for sustainable financing to support implementation of future programmes of work, to review decision I/5 on the financial arrangements to support the implementation of the Protocol and to present a new draft decision to the next session of the Meeting of the Parties.

In this regard, the Chair of the informal Financing Group will report on the decisions taken at the latest meeting of the Group (Geneva, 2 July 2014) as well as on the actions taken and possibly results achieved since then. In particular, the Bureau will be invited to discuss the document prepared by the joint secretariat outlining some options for establishing a financing arrangement.

The Bureau will discuss how further to plan its work on the elaboration of a draft decision on sustainable financing arrangement under the Protocol to be submitted to the eighth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health (Geneva, October 2015) and subsequently to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (2016).

The Bureau will also consider and provide comments on the outline table for reporting contributions prepared by the joint secretariat (BUREAU/2014/10) and refer to the informal document “Overview of contributions and expenditures related to the Protocol and resources required up to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties compared with funds raised”, which is to be submitted to the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health.

The members of the Bureau and the joint secretariat will report on the results of their recent fundraising efforts as well as on the initiatives planned. The Bureau will also discuss potential donor agencies and partners that could be approached in relation to fundraising and discuss how each donor or partner might be approached and with what proposal.

4. Overview of the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health
(15.45–16.45)

The Bureau will discuss the situation with the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health based on the updated information regarding the number of Signatories and Parties to the Protocol and countries considering accession, as well as the number of Parties that have adopted and communicated to the secretariat their national targets and targets dates in accordance with article 6.

Particularly, the Bureau will discuss the ways and means to improve the outreach to non-Parties and promote accession to the Protocol throughout the region. The Bureau members will also be invited to report on their efforts to approach specific countries to increase awareness of the Protocol in those countries and to promote accession and target setting.

In addition, the Bureau will review the success of previous events for promoting the Protocol, such as the International Water Association World Water Congress and Exhibition (Lisbon, 21–26 September 2014), as well as consider future events such as the next World Water Day (22 March 2015), the 7th World Water Forum (12–17 April 2015) and the discussion on water in the post-2015 development agenda.

6. Other business
(16.45–16.55)

Members of the Bureau are invited to inform the joint secretariat in advance of other business to be raised under this agenda item.

7. Programme of work and date of the next meeting
(16.55–17.00)

The Bureau will summarize its future programme of work. In particular, it will agree on issues for consideration at its next meeting. The Bureau will also agree on the date and venue of its next meeting.
