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**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
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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

Fourth meeting
Geneva, 26 -27 January 2010

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in Salle S-4 (previously F-3),
starting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 January 2010*

* In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the registration form (available online at: www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/registrationmeeting.htm), and to transmit it to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting – namely, by **12 January 2010** – either by fax (+ 41 22 917 0621) or by e-mail (madeleine.cieniewicz@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14 (see the map on the Protocol website). Please allow sufficient time for this. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 2774.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Compliance Committee
3. Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol
4. Report from the Committee to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties
5. Future steps to stimulate compliance among the Protocol's Parties
6. Cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
7. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings
8. Any other business

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

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

Item 2: Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Compliance Committee

2. The secretariat will inform the Committee of relevant developments since its third meeting.

Item 3: Review of compliance with reporting requirements under the Protocol

3. In accordance with its mandate (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.3 - EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.3, decision I/2, para. 11 (c)), the Committee will discuss its role in monitoring and assessing compliance with the reporting requirements, both in relation to the first pilot reporting exercise before the second session of the Meeting of the Parties as well as future reporting in accordance with article 7, paragraph 5.

Item 4: Report from the Committee to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties

4. The Committee will agree on the format and the content of the report on its activities to the second session of the Meeting of the Parties, pursuant to the chapter X of the annex to decision I/2. The Committee will also make arrangements for the drafting and finalization of the report.

Item 5: Future steps to stimulate compliance among the Protocol's Parties

5. The Committee will reflect on its work so far and agree on its future role and the steps to be taken in relation to the (non)-compliance of the Parties with their obligations under the Protocol, including publicizing the compliance mechanism and facilitating capacity-building measures.

Item 6: Cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

6. Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, appointed by the Human Rights Council as the Independent Expert on issue of human rights obligations related to safe drinking water and sanitation will inform the Committee about her work. The Committee will discuss the relationship between the Protocol and the human right to water and sanitation. It will look into the possibility of cooperation on this issue with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Ms. de Albuquerque.

Item 7: Programme of work and calendar of future meetings

7. The Committee will discuss its future programme of work, will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings and will give indications to the secretariat on the next steps to be taken. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its next meetings, taking into account that the fifth meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 6 and 7 May 2010.

Item 8: Any other business

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