Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

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BUREAU OF THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Twentieth meeting
Geneva, 27 June 2014

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTIETH MEETING

Prepared by the secretariat

The twentieth meeting of the Bureau will be held on 27 June 2014 from 09.00-12.00, in English without interpretation. It will take place in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in room XI.

The meeting will be held back-to-back with *the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management* on 25–26 June in Geneva. Information and documents for the workshop are available at: http://www.unece.org/env/water/9th_wgiwrm_2014.html

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1. Adoption of the agenda

(9.00)

2. Opening of the Water Convention beyond the UNECE region and establishment of strategic partnerships

(9.00-10.00)

In view of the entry into force on 6 February 2013 of the amendments to the Water Convention, the Bureau will discuss how to ensure ratification of the amendments by all Parties as soon as possible, given that the deadline contained in the decision on accession by non-UNECE countries adopted at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties passed on 31 December 2013. The secretariat and Bureau members will provide an update on their follow up with individual Parties which have not yet ratified the amendments.

Subsequently, the Bureau will discuss other issues related to the promotion of the Convention, such as past and upcoming events, the opening roadmap, financing and strategic partnerships as well as the relationship with the New York Convention.

3. 7th session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2015

(10.00-11.00)

The Bureau will start discussions on the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties, planned for 17–20 November 2015 in Hungary, in particular in relation to the agenda items, a possible high-level segment and its linkages with other major events until the end of 2015 such as the UNFCCC

COP21, the MDG/ SDG summit, the seventh World Water Forum etc. The Bureau will also have initial discussions on the programme of work for 2016–2018 and consider the process for its further development.

4. Implementation of the programme of work for 2013–2015, status of funding and resources needed (11.00-11.50)

In the light of the discussion on the implementation of the programme of work at the ninth meeting of the Working Group on IWRM, the Bureau will follow-up on critical or unresolved issues, as needed.

Subsequently, the Bureau will discuss additional resources needed to implement the programme of work for 2013–2015, exchange information on their countries' perspective for financing future work, and make arrangements to raise the missing resources, especially resources for extrabudgetary staff. The Bureau will focus in particular on additional resources needed due to the opening of the Convention.

5. Next Bureau meeting
(11.50 – 11.55)

The Bureau might wish to discuss dates of its next meetings.

6. Other business
(11.55-12.00)

7. Closing
(12.00)