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Meeting of the Parties

Eighth session

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Membership of the Implementation Committee

Note prepared by the secretariat

Summary

The present note on the membership of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) was prepared pursuant to decision VI/1 (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2) of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, and further to the election of the members of the Committee at the sixth and seventh sessions of the Meeting of the Parties (Rome, 28–30 November 2012, and Budapest, 17-19 November 2015) (ECE/MP.WAT/37 and ECE/MP.WAT/45, respectively). It was prepared by the secretariat for the information of the Parties to the Convention so as to facilitate the nomination and election of members of the Implementation Committee at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties, which is scheduled to take place in Astana from 10 to 12 October 2018.

Introduction

1. At its eighth session, scheduled to take place in Astana from 10 to 12 October 2018, the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will have to consider the composition of its Implementation Committee. The procedure for this is set out in Meeting of the Parties decision VI/1 (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2).

2. Based on Decision VI/1, at its sixth session, the Meeting of the Parties elected five members of the Committee for a full term of office and four members for a half term of office. A full term of office commences at the end of an ordinary meeting of the Parties and runs until the second ordinary meeting of the Parties. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms, unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise. The term of the five members that were elected to the Committee for a full term of office at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties will therefore end at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

I. Situation of the members of the Implementation Committee at the seventh session the Meeting of the Parties

3. The first full term of office of the following members of the Committee runs until the eighth session of the Meeting of Parties: Ms. Vanya Grigorova, Mr. Kari Kinnunen, Mr. Stephen McCaffrey, Mr. Aliaksandr Stankevich, and Mr. Ivan Zavadsky. There is a need for substitution or re-election of these members at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties in Astana.

4. Four members of the Committee were elected for a full term at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties: Mr. Johan G. Lammers, Ms. Anne Schulte-Wülwer-Leidig, Mr. Attila Tanzi and Ms. Dinara Ziganshina. In accordance with Decision VI/1, there is no need for substitution of these members until the ninth session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2021.

II. Nominations for the election of Committee members at the eighth session the Meeting of the Parties

5. In accordance with Decision VI/1, Committee members shall be elected by the Meeting of the Parties from among candidates nominated by the Parties. To that end, Parties may take into consideration any proposal for candidates made by Signatories or by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) qualified or having an interest in the fields to which the Convention relates.

6. Nominations shall be sent by Parties to the secretariat in at least one of the official languages of the Convention **not later than 18 July 2018**, i.e. 12 weeks before the opening of the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties. Each nomination shall include the curriculum vitae of the candidate (not exceeding 600 words) and may include supporting material. The secretariat will distribute the nominations and the curricula vitae with the supporting material, if any, as soon as they become available.

7. In the election of the Committee members, consideration shall be given to the geographical distribution of membership and to the diversity of experience and expertise.

8. The elections will be governed by the rules of procedure for meetings of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/19/Add.1), i.e. by secret ballot, unless, in the absence of any objection, the Meeting of the Parties decides to proceed without taking a ballot on an agreed candidate or slate.
