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Water and Health to the Convention on
the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Fifth session

Belgrade, 19–21 November 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth session**

**To be held at the Palace of Serbia, Belgrade, starting on Tuesday,
19 November 2019, at 10 a.m.***

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 - (a) Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures;
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* In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the online registration procedure available on the web page for the fifth session (www.unece.org/env/water/5thsession/mop/protocol.html) as soon as possible, **but not later than 25 October 2019.**



- (c) Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases;
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II. Annotations

1. The fifth session of the 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 (Water Convention) will be held from 19 to 21 November 2019, at the Palace of Serbia in Belgrade, at the invitation of the Government of Serbia.
2. The session will comprise a high-level segment followed by a general segment. The high-level segment, dealing with agenda items 1 to 4, will be held on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 19 November, starting at 10 a.m. The general segment, addressing agenda items 5 to 11, will start on Tuesday at 3.50 p.m. and run until 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 21 November.
3. A number of side events will be organized during the meeting. The detailed programme of the side events will be available in October 2019. Practical information on the meeting and relevant documentation will be made available in due course on a dedicated page on the Protocol's website.¹

High-level segment

1. Opening of the session and adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 November, 10–10.45 a.m.

4. The Prime Minister of Serbia will open the session, followed by statements by other high-level representatives.
5. Following a statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for Europe will address the Meeting of the Parties.
6. The Meeting of the Parties is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

¹ See www.unece.org/env/water/5thsession/mop/protocol.html.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth session (ECE/MP.WH/18-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/03)

Organization of work (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.1)²

2. High-level session: “The Protocol on Water and Health: catalysing sustainable development in the pan-European region”

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 November, 10.45 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–3.30 p.m.

7. Water, sanitation and health are at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and are key to successfully achieve its aspirations. The implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all), Goal 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) and other water, sanitation and health-related targets can best be achieved in the pan-European region by taking full advantage of the institutional and legal framework provided by the Protocol on Water and Health.

8. Over the last twenty years, the Protocol has supported remarkable progress in water, sanitation, hygiene and health in the pan-European region, particularly with regard to providing access to basic drinking water and sanitation services, improving drinking water quality and reducing the occurrence of water-related disease incidents and outbreaks.

9. Nevertheless, a number of challenges persist and require further attention and action, such as gaps in ensuring safely managed and climate-resilient water and sanitation services, providing equitable access to water and sanitation services for all in all settings and addressing emerging health concerns related to the management of water and sanitation systems, such as legionella prevention and antimicrobial resistance. Global threats and trends require new solutions and responses, including with regard to increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events induced by climate change, which can have major implications for the performance of water and wastewater infrastructure and services and the availability and quality of water.

10. The Protocol plays a key role in promoting and operationalizing the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in countries of the pan-European region. It offers a sound legal framework that promotes intersectoral and integrated approaches looking at the whole water cycle. It also provides a successful regional platform that supports countries in implementing and monitoring the water, sanitation, hygiene and health-related Sustainable Development Goals, building on its broad experience and valuable practical tools, and thereby prompting progress towards attaining safe drinking water and adequate sanitation for everyone, through sustainable management of water resources.

11. The Protocol serves as an effective framework to help countries mainstream water, sanitation, hygiene and health-related actions into existing sectoral strategies and policies, as well as to ensure alignment with other global and regional commitments, such as those contained in the Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Ostrava, Czechia, 13–15 June 2017) (Ostrava Declaration) and relevant World Health Assembly resolutions, including the 2019 resolution on water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities.³

12. The high-level session will provide an opportunity to appraise progress and take stock of concrete results in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related to water, sanitation, hygiene and health and to have an open dialogue on how to tackle the persisting gaps in the region and respond to the big picture challenges caused by environmental, social and economic change.

² Please note that documents with symbols ending in “INF.” and a number are informal documents, produced without editing or translation.

³ World Health Assembly resolution WHA72.7.

13. The session will present concrete examples of initiatives that illustrate the role played by the Protocol in achieving such Sustainable Development Goals across countries and sectors, looking at both the political and technical dimensions. It will also reflect on the role of the Protocol in shaping the regional agenda on water, sanitation and health and thus achieving the aspirations of the 2030 Agenda and the 2017 Ostrava Declaration in the pan-European region.

14. A keynote speech by Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, Chief Executive Officer of Sanitation and Water for All, will set the scene by providing a landscape analysis of the water, sanitation and health situation in the pan-European region and outlining how the Protocol framework contributes to achieving the water, sanitation and health-related Sustainable Development Goals.

15. A panel composed of high-level representatives from countries and international and non-governmental organizations will discuss a range of priority issues relevant to the water, sanitation, hygiene and health agenda in the pan-European region, including: equitable access to safely managed water, sanitation and hygiene services for all in all settings; sanitation challenges and wastewater reuse; climate change and water scarcity; antimicrobial resistance and legionella; financing of water and sanitation services; and the value of international cooperation. Panellists will be invited to address these issues from the perspective of the aspirations of the 2030 Agenda and the role of the Protocol in the implementation of the relevant Sustainable Development Goals.

16. Subsequently, Parties, other States and stakeholders will be invited to participate in an interactive moderated discussion on the above issues. Due to the limited time available, interventions and statements should not exceed three minutes. To facilitate the running of the high-level session, delegations planning to make a statement are invited to inform the secretariat in advance.

Documentation

Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation (ECE/MP.WH/16)

A healthy link: The Protocol on Water and Health and the Sustainable Development Goals (ECE/INF/NONE/2016/16)

Programme of the high-level session: “The Protocol on Water and Health: catalysing sustainable development in the pan-European region” (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.2)

3. Status of ratification of the Protocol and report on credentials

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 November, 3.30–3.40 p.m.

17. The joint secretariat of the Protocol will inform the Meeting of the Parties about the status of ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health.

18. Delegates from States or regional economic integration organizations not yet Party to the Protocol will be invited to briefly present their plans to ratify, accept, approve or accede to the Protocol.

19. In accordance with the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.1-EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.1), the Bureau will report on the credentials submitted by the Parties.⁴ Parties to the Protocol are therefore invited to inform the secretariat of the name(s) of their representative(s) at their earliest convenience, and to submit the credentials or a copy thereof to the ECE secretariat by **5 November 2019**. Those Parties that have submitted a copy of the credentials should present the originals to the

⁴ Credentials, which are normally issued either by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by any other person duly empowered to do so, should indicate the composition of the delegation, including the head of delegation, and should state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and take decisions on behalf of the respective Government, following the applicable rules of procedure.

secretariat before the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties, on their arrival at the meeting in Belgrade.

Documentation

Status of ratification of the Protocol on Water and Health (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.3)

4. Elections of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties, and other members of the Bureau

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 November, 3.40–3.50 p.m.

20. In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Meeting of the Parties will elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs. The Meeting of the Parties will then elect additional officers to serve as members of the Bureau. The Chair, Vice-Chairs and Bureau members will remain in office until the next elections at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties.

General segment

5. Review of past activities and discussion of future activities in the different areas of work

21. The Meeting of the Parties will review the achievements under the current programme of work for 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/13/Add.1-EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2016/MOP-4/06/Add.1) and examine proposals for activities under the programme of work for 2020–2022. A discussion on the overall programme of work for 2020–2022 will take place under agenda item 6.

Documentation

Report on the implementation of the programme of work for 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/2019/1-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/07)

Overview of contributions and expenditures for the period 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/2019/2-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/08)

Draft programme of work for 2020–2022 (ECE/MP.WH/2019/3-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/09)

(a) Improving governance for water and health: support for setting targets and implementing measures

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 November, 3.50–5.15 p.m.

22. The Chair of the Task Force on Target Setting and Reporting will present the outcomes of the work of the Task Force in the past triennium. In particular, the Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the elaboration and publication of *Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation*, aimed at providing step-by-step guidance on how to identify, establish and operationalize the links between the Protocol and the 2030 Agenda. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to endorse the *Practical Guide*.

23. With reference to article 6, paragraph 3, of the Protocol, those Parties that have yet to establish and publish targets, or that are in the process of revising targets, will be invited to report on progress achieved. Participants will be invited to discuss the benefits and specific challenges encountered by Parties when setting or revising their targets and existing solutions and lessons learned. Participants will also be invited to highlight how other areas of work under the Protocol have influenced target setting at the national and local levels.

24. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to review the implementation of the Protocol on the basis of the national summary reports submitted by Parties during the fourth reporting

cycle and the regional report on the status of implementation of the Protocol prepared by the joint secretariat. It is also expected to take note of reports submitted by signatories and other States not Party to the Protocol.

25. Participants will be invited to discuss the main trends, challenges and solutions emerging from the reporting exercise of 2018–2019.

26. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the key highlights of global monitoring programmes for Sustainable Development Goal 6, such as the WHO/United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene and the UN-Water Global Assessment and Analysis of Sanitation and Drinking Water, and the synergies and interlinkages with the work under the Protocol.

27. The lead Parties will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Regional report on the status of implementation of the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/2019/4-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/10)

Protocol on Water and Health and the 2030 Agenda: A Practical Guide for Joint Implementation (ECE/MP.WH/16)

Overview of national summary reports submitted by Parties and other States (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.4)⁵

Progress on household drinking water, sanitation and hygiene 2000–2017: Special focus on inequalities (New York, UNICEF and WHO, 2019) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.5)

(b) Assistance to support implementation at the national level

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 19 November, 5.15–6 p.m.

28. A representative of the ECE secretariat will inform Parties about the support for implementation of the Protocol at the national level provided by the ECE-led National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Supply and Sanitation under the European Union Water Initiative.

29. A representative of the WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will brief participants on the assistance provided to member States through the framework of biennial collaborative agreements to support the Protocol’s work.

30. The joint secretariat will update the Meeting of the Parties on progress in the implementation of assistance activities, in particular the project to support implementation of national targets in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, and the project on scaling up water safety plans and water quality monitoring in Tajikistan, supported by the Programme for Finland’s Water Sector Support to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (2014–2018).

31. The joint secretariat will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022, aiming at supporting accession and target setting and implementation. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposal.

Documentation

Report on implementation of the National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Supply and Sanitation under the European Union Water Initiative (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.6)

Overview of activities in member States under the biennial collaborative agreements of the WHO Regional Office for Europe to support implementation of the Protocol’s programme of work for 2017–2019 (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.7)

⁵ All summary reports submitted by Parties and others States are available at www.unece.org/env/water/protocol_fourth_reporting_cycle.html.

Summary of the main activities and achievements under the project “Small and safe: scaling up water safety planning and effective water quality monitoring in rural Tajikistan”, supported by the Programme for Finland’s Water Sector Support to Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.8)

(c) Prevention and reduction of water-related diseases

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 November, 10–11.30 a.m.

32. The lead Parties will report on activities and progress made in the area of prevention and reduction of water-related diseases in the past triennium. In particular, the Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the objectives and key contents of the following two publications: (a) *Strengthening surveillance and outbreak management of water-related infectious diseases associated with water-supply systems*; and (b) *Strengthening drinking-water surveillance using risk-based approaches*. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to endorse these publications. The Meeting of the Parties will be briefed further on the outcomes of the national workshops on effective approaches to surveillance of water-related disease and drinking water quality, including their impact and planned follow-up activities at the national level.

33. Participants will be invited to report on activities towards strengthening water-related disease surveillance and outbreak response systems at the national and local levels in accordance with article 8 of the Protocol, including plans to use the new practical tool for surveillance and outbreak management of water-related infectious diseases, as provided by the new publication.

34. Participants will be invited to provide information on national activities on strengthening their systems of surveillance of drinking water quality, including plans to use the new publication in promoting uptake of risk-based approaches in policy and practice.

35. The lead Parties will introduce suggested future activities in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Strengthening surveillance and outbreak management of water-related infectious diseases associated with water supply systems (Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2019)

Strengthening drinking-water surveillance using risk-based approaches (Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2019)

Brief summary of the national training workshop on water-related disease surveillance and outbreak response in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.9)

(d) Institutional water, sanitation and hygiene

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 November, 11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.

36. The lead Parties will report on activities and progress made in the area of water, sanitation and hygiene in schools and health-care facilities in the past triennium. In particular, the Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the objectives and key contents of the following two publications: (a) *Surveillance of water, sanitation and hygiene in schools: A practical tool*; and (b) *Improving health and learning through better water, sanitation and hygiene in schools: An information package for school staff*. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to endorse these publications.

37. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about World Health Assembly resolution WHA72.7 on water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities, adopted at the seventy-second session of the World Health Assembly in May 2019, and how it aligns with the Protocol. Participants will also be informed about the key highlights from the *WASH in health-care facilities: Global baseline report 2019* and the release of the WHO publication *Water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities: Practical steps to achieve universal access to quality care*. The Meeting of the Parties is invited to promote implementation of

the resolution and to improve water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities at the national and subnational levels.

38. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about progress and outcomes of the national assessments on water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities being carried out in Hungary, Serbia and Tajikistan and planned further activities informed by the assessment findings.

39. Participants will be invited to report on national activities on water, sanitation and hygiene in schools and health-care facilities, including on the setting and implementation of targets under the Protocol and use of the core questions and indicators for monitoring water, sanitation and hygiene in schools and health-care facilities for national monitoring purposes.

40. The lead Parties will introduce suggested future activities in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Surveillance of water, sanitation and hygiene in schools: A practical tool (Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2019)

Improving health and learning through better water, sanitation and hygiene in schools: An information package for school staff (Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2019)

Core questions and indicators for monitoring WASH in schools in the Sustainable Development Goals (New York, UNICEF and WHO, 2016) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.10)

Drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in schools: Global baseline report 2018 (New York, UNICEF and WHO, 2018) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.11)

Meeting report on improving water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities (Bonn, Germany, 27 and 28 September 2017) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.12)

Core questions and indicators for monitoring WASH in health-care facilities in the Sustainable Development Goals (Geneva, WHO and UNICEF, 2018) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.13)

WASH in health-care facilities: Global baseline report 2019 (Geneva, WHO and UNICEF, 2019) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.14)

Water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities: Practical steps to achieve universal access to quality care (Geneva, WHO and UNICEF, 2019) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.15)

Seventy-second World Health Assembly resolution on water, sanitation and hygiene in health-care facilities (WHA72.7, 28 May 2019) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.16)

(e) Equitable access to water and sanitation: translating the human right to water and sanitation into practice

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 November, 3–4.30 p.m.

41. The lead Parties will report on activities and progress made in the area of equitable access to water and sanitation in the past triennium, including the outcomes of the work of the Expert Group on Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation. In particular, the Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the preparation and publication of *The Human Rights to Water and Sanitation in Practice: Findings and lessons learned from the work on equitable access to water and sanitation under the Protocol on Water and Health in the pan-European region*, which capitalizes on the findings and lessons learned from the work on equitable access to water and sanitation under the Protocol, and highlights its impact. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to endorse the publication.

42. Representatives of Parties and non-Parties that have applied the *Equitable Access Score-card*⁶ and the *Guidance Note on the Development of Action Plans to Ensure Equitable*

⁶ *The Equitable Access Score-card: Supporting policy processes to achieve the human right to water and sanitation* (ECE/MP.WH/8), available at www.unece.org/index.php?id=34032.

Access to Water and Sanitation will report on progress made in assessing the equity of access to water and sanitation, developing Equitable Access Action Plans and implementing actions to improve equitable access.

43. The lead Parties will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

The Human Rights to Water and Sanitation in Practice: Findings and lessons learned from the work on equitable access to water and sanitation under the Protocol on Water and Health in the pan-European region (ECE/MP.WH/17, forthcoming)

(f) Safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems

Tentative timing: Wednesday, 20 November, 4.30–6 p.m.

44. The lead Parties will report on activities and progress made in the area of safe and efficient management of water supply and sanitation systems in the past triennium. In particular, the Meeting of the Parties will be briefed on the outcomes of the Workshop on sanitation in the pan-European region (Bonn, Germany, 12 and 13 February 2019), the Capacity-building workshop on sanitation safety planning (Bonn, Germany, 14 February 2019) and the Pan-European Symposium on Water and Sanitation Safety Planning and Extreme Weather Events (Bilthoven, Netherlands, 6 and 7 April 2017). The Meeting of the Parties will also be briefed on the activities and outcomes of the various national capacity-building workshops and projects in support of scaling up water safety plans in regulations and practice.

45. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the preparation of the scoping study on sanitation in the pan-European region and its main findings. Based on the outcomes of the study, the Meeting of the Parties will discuss the need for developing further policy and/or technical guidance and practical tools on sanitation under the Protocol.

46. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the promotion of uptake of water and sanitation planning approaches at relevant high-level international meetings, as well as on developments and steps taken by key partners, including by the European Commission in revising the European Union Drinking Water Directive⁷ to support the adoption of water safety plan principles.

47. Representatives of other Parties and non-Parties will be invited to provide information on national activities and policy developments towards long-term implementation of water safety and sanitation safety planning approaches, including uptake in national legislation and/or setting dedicated targets under the Protocol.

48. The lead Parties will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Report of the workshop on sanitation in the pan-European region (Bonn, Germany, 12 and 13 February 2019) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.17)

Scoping study on sanitation in the pan-European region (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.18)

Report of the Pan-European Symposium on Water and Sanitation Safety Planning and Extreme Weather Events (Bilthoven, Netherlands, 6 and 7 April 2017) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.19)

⁷ Council Directive 98/83/EC of 3 November 1998 on the quality of water intended for human consumption, *Official Journal of the European Union*, L 330 (1998), pp. 32–54.

(g) Small-scale water supplies and sanitation

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 9.30–10.45 a.m.

49. The lead Parties will report on activities and progress made in the area of small-scale water supplies and sanitation in the past triennium, in particular the outcomes of the series of subregional workshops on improving small-scale water supply and sanitation.

50. The Meeting of the Parties will be informed about the status of development of the publication *Costing and financing of small-scale water supply and sanitation services*. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to endorse plans for its finalization.

51. Participants will be invited to report on ongoing and planned national activities to ensure safe, sustainable and equitable small-scale water supply and sanitation systems through good practice-based approaches in regulation, management and surveillance.

52. The lead Parties will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposed activities.

Documentation

Report of the subregional workshop on improving small-scale water supply and sanitation for better health (Minsk, 15–17 March 2017) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.20)

Report of the subregional workshop on improving small-scale water supply and sanitation for better health (Belgrade, 10–12 October 2017) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.21)

Report of the subregional workshop on improving small-scale water supplies for better health in European Union countries (Dessau, Germany, 18–20 June 2018) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.22)

Draft manuscript *Costing and financing of small-scale water supply and sanitation* (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.23)

(h) Increasing resilience to climate change

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 10.45–11.30 a.m.

53. The lead Parties will report on activities and progress made in the area of increasing resilience to climate change in the past triennium. In particular, the Meeting of the Parties will be briefed on the outcomes of the International workshop on water scarcity: Taking action in transboundary basins and reducing health impacts (Geneva, 11 and 12 December 2017), organized in cooperation with the Water Convention.

54. Participants will be invited to report on efforts to increase resilience to climate change at the national level and on any national, regional or international climate change-related events where the Protocol and the tools developed under its framework were promoted.

55. The lead Party will introduce suggested future work in this programme area for the period 2020–2022. The Meeting of the Parties will discuss the proposed activities.

(i) Compliance procedure

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

56. The Chair of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol will report on the Committee's activities since the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Geneva, 14–16 November 2016). In particular, he will report on the outcomes of the review of compliance with the obligation to set targets and target dates under the Protocol, awareness-raising on the compliance procedure and the outcomes of the consultations with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania under the Consultation Process.

57. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to take note of the Committee's report and its addendum, including any general recommendations contained therein, and to consider, revise, as necessary, and adopt draft decision on general issues of compliance.

58. Parties will be invited to express interest in undertaking a consultation with the Committee under the Consultation Process in the period 2020–2022, as part of the future programme of work.

59. The Meeting of the Parties is expected to elect five members of the Compliance Committee, in accordance with the procedure set out in decision I/2 on review of compliance (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.3-EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.3).

Documentation

Report of the Compliance Committee to the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WH/2019/5-EUPCR/1611921/2.1/2019/MOP-5/11)

The provisions of the Protocol on Water and Health and their relationship with the European Union law governing water and health. Interpretive Note prepared within the framework of the Consultation Process with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (ECE/MP.WH/2019/5/Add.1-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/11/Add.1)

List of provisionally nominated candidates for the Compliance Committee, together with curricula vitae and supporting documentation (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.24)

6. Programme of work for 2020–2022, terms of reference of bodies established to implement it and resources needed for its implementation

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 2.30–4.15 p.m.

60. On the basis of the discussions under previous agenda items, the Meeting of the Parties is expected to finalize and adopt its programme of work for 2020–2022. In doing so, the Meeting of the Parties will:

- (a) Agree on the structure of the programme of work, future activities and lead countries;
- (b) Agree on the intergovernmental bodies, along with their respective mandates and terms of reference, to guide the implementation of the programme of work;
- (c) Make arrangements related to the financial and human resources needed to implement the activities in the programme of work and indicate funding for these activities according to their priority.

61. In relation to the above, the Meeting of the Parties will be invited to consider the resources needed for the implementation of the programme of work for 2020–2022. To this end, the joint secretariat will provide an overview of the financial resources that were made available for the implementation of the programme of work for 2017–2019, highlighting specific challenges encountered as a result of lack of funds, and introduce the overview of resource requirements for 2020–2022.

62. The Meeting of the Parties will also be invited to discuss the situation regarding staff resources in the ECE and WHO Regional Office for Europe parts of the joint secretariat.

63. A specific round-table discussion on financing will be organized with the Parties, with a focus on the following questions:

(a) What financial contribution can your country make in order to support implementation of the programme of work for 2020–2022 (for example, funding from the competent authority/ies represented by the Protocol focal points, other national entities, including ministries of foreign affairs and development cooperation agencies, and/or other sources)? As a Party, how can your country support efforts to enhance the sustainability and predictability of financing under the Protocol?

(b) How can your country contribute in kind to the Protocol's activities (for example, by: planning and implementing activities foreseen under the programme of work for 2020–2022; hosting meetings, including travel arrangements and providing meeting rooms, accommodation and/or meals for participants; or supporting layout and/or (re)printing publications)?

64. During the round-table discussion, all Parties will be invited to reply to these questions. Representatives of other States, relevant international and non-governmental organizations and other partners may also take the floor.

Documentation

Report on the implementation of the programme of work for 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/2019/1-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/07)

Overview of contributions and expenditures for the period 2017–2019 (ECE/MP.WH/2019/2-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/08)

Draft programme of work for 2020–2022 (ECE/MP.WH/2019/3-EUPCR/1814149/1.2/2019/MOP-5/09)

Provisional calendar of meetings under the Water Convention and the Protocol on Water and Health in 2020 (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.25)

7. Partners in implementation and relevant global and regional processes and initiatives

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 4.15–4.45 p.m.

65. In accordance with article 16, paragraph 3 (c), of the Protocol, the Chair of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention will inform the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol of the progress made in the implementation of the Water Convention and the decisions taken at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Nur-Sultan, 10–12 October 2018), especially regarding the implementation of the Convention at the global level and the opportunities for joint action by the two governing bodies.

66. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will inform the Meeting of the Parties about developments with regard to the implementation of the water, sanitation and hygiene-related commitments contained in the Ostrava Declaration. Parties will be invited to share experiences in implementing Ostrava commitments and to discuss the role of the Protocol on Water and Health in advancing their implementation. The WHO Regional Office for Europe secretariat will further report on the WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change adopted at the seventy-second session of the World Health Assembly, which is aligned with the objectives and goals of the Protocol.

67. Partners from international and non-governmental organizations have been crucial in implementing the Protocol's programme of work for 2017–2019. Existing and potential partners will be invited to present ideas and proposals for cooperation in the framework of the programme of work for 2020–2022.

Documentation

Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2017) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.26)

WHO global strategy on health, environment and climate change: the transformation needed to improve lives and well-being sustainably through healthy environments (WHA72(9), 28 May 2019) (MOP5/WH/2019/INF.27)

8. Date and venue of the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 4.45–4.50 p.m.

68. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to set dates and agree on the venue for its sixth ordinary session.

9. Other business

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 4.50–4.55 p.m.

69. Delegates wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the joint secretariat as soon as possible.

10. Presentation of the main decisions

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 4.55–5.20 p.m.

70. The Chair will present the main decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to entrust the joint secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its fifth session.

11. Closing of the session

Tentative timing: Thursday, 21 November, 5.20–5.30 p.m.

71. The Chair and a representative of the host country will be invited to make final statements. The Chair will then officially close the session.
