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Interstate Coordination Water Commission (ICWC)
of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic,
the Republic of Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and
the Republic of Uzbekistan meeting

13-th December 1996

Djambyl

Participated:

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T.A.Abdujabarov	from the Republic of Tadjikistan Deputy Minister for Reclamation and Water Management
T.A.Altiyev	from Turkmenistan Deputy Minister for Reclamation and Water Management
T.K.Kamalov	from the Republic of Uzbekistan First Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Water Management

Invited:

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N.A.Alibekov	Djambyl Province Committee on Water Resources Chairman
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Chairman: T.T.Sarsenbekov, the Republic of Kazakhstan State Committee on Water Resources Chairman.

AGENDA

1. Consideration and affirmation of water-intake limits, SyrDarya and AmuDarya water reservoirs cascades operational regime and water supply to the Aral side and Aral Sea in 1996-1997 with due regard to perennial cycle of the river basins humidity (responsible BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya").
2. About relationship with international donors on the Aral Sea problem (responsible SIC ICWC).
3. ICWC Secretariat report about its activity in 1995-1996 (responsible ICWC Secretariat).
4. About the ICWC report on the ICAS meeting "About the ICWC activity since April till December 1996" (responsible SIC ICWC).
5. About the trip of water managing organizations leaders of Central Asia in Israel (responsible SIC ICWC).

ICWC members exchanging opinion have decided:

On the first item:

1. To approve BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya" activity on water-intakes limits realization and approved operational regime of reservoirs cascades provision on vegetation period 1995-1996.

2. To take into account actual water-intake limits usage and operational regime of water reservoirs cascades on AmuDarya and SyrDarya since October till November 1996.

To mark insufficient water supply to the Aral Sea 1,8 cu. km on AmuDarya and 0,08 cu.km on SyrDarya in 1995-1996 hydrological year.

To agree with proposed operational regime of the water reservoirs cascade on the non-vegetation period.

3. To affirm the water-intakes limits from AmuDarya and SyrDarya in 1996-1997 including non-growing period and water supply to the Aral Sea and Aral side.

4. To accept as a base the AmuDarya and SyrDarya reservoirs' cascade operational regime on 1996-1997 with due regard to perennial cycle of the river basins' humidity. After receiving information from Glavgidromets of the Central Asian countries BWOs should correct reservoirs' operational regime on growing period and agree it with ICWC members till March 15.

To prevent water releases to Arnasay sink and flooding adjacent areas BWO "SyrDarya" must accumulate water in upper reservoirs in winter.

5. Taking into account possibility of low humidity years cycle (1997-2000) and critical situation created by energetic regime of the water reservoirs cascade ICWC members should apply to their governments with request to sign Intergovernmental Agreement about water-energetic resources usage of the SyrDarya river basin according to the Bishkek meeting of 23-24-th August 1996 minute.

On the second item:

1. To mark delay in the "Program of concrete actions" implementation due to each of financing program preparation from the local sources and international funds. To apply to EC ICAS to decide through IFAS how to finance the preparatory work according to plan approved by ICWC. To apply to EC ICAS together with SIC ICWC to look for donors on the priority directions agreed with ICWC.

2. SIC ICWC should enlight the Aral Sea problem more widely in global scale and to strengthen publications on this subject.

3. To apply through ICAS to UNDP, the World Bank and European Union which are responsible for Capacity building program to allocate money for water-related organizations strengthening, including training program for specialists of high and middle level, regional organization rigging and information systems' creation.

4. To apply to EC ICAS for preparation and admission to ICAS "Interrelations between international donors organizations and the Aral Sea basin organizations" in the "Program of concrete actions" financing.

On the third item:

1. To mark ICWC Secretariat bad work.

2. To improve ICWC Secretariat work to apply to ICAS about financing of its activity on expense of IFAS.

On the fourth item:

1. To approve main provisions of a plan prepared "About ICWC activity since April till December 1996" and draft ICWC decision.

2. To ask First Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Management of the Kyrghiz Republic ICWC member Mr. J.V.Bekbolotov to make presentation on the next ICWC meeting about ICWC activity since April till December 1996.

On the fifth item:

1. To approve the water-related organizations leaders' trip to Israel.

2. To agree with the main directions of collaboration and charge SIC ICWC to admit ICWC decision to Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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of the ICWC meeting dedicated to its 5-th anniversary

1. Report about water resources limits use in non-growing period 1996-1997 and approval of AmuDarya and SyrDarya water reservoirs cascades operational regime on growing period (responsible BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya").

2. About the "Program of concrete actions fulfilment on improvement of socio-economic and ecological situation in the Aral Sea basin (responsible ICWC members, BWO "SyrDarya", BWO "AmuDarya", SIC ICWC).

3. About draft agreements on improvement of water-management organizations' activity in the Aral Sea basin (responsible SIC ICWC).

4. About perfection of the legislative documents on the Aral Sea basin water resources management (responsible SIC ICWC, BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya").

ICWC meeting dedicated to its 5-th anniversary to carry out in Dushanbe on March 1997.

To charge SIC ICWC, BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya" to prepare a special leaflet devoted to ICWC 5-th anniversary and proposals on its regulations and functions development.

5. About next ICWC meeting agenda.

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1. To charge BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya" to create a commission from interested sides, EC ICAS representative, and within a month to observe Shurabad canals' viaduct across the Vakhsh river; Chubek head water-work on the Vakhsh river; to determine main works volume under Makhram pumping station operation regime of water's lifting from the Kayrakkum reservoir.

2. To apply to EC ICAS for financing of this work by IFAS.

3. Work fulfilment results to be considered at the next ICWC meeting.

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To recommend to SIC ICWC to submit its plan to EC ICAS in Bishkek.

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