

PROCEEDING NO 17

of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission's Meeting of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan

26 September, 1997

Tashkent

Attendees:

ICWC Members

T.T. Sarsenbekov	Chairman of the Committee of Water Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan
A.V. Kostyuk	First Deputy Chief of the Water Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Management of the Kyrgyz Republic
N.A. Ashurov	Minister of Melioration and Water Management of the Republic of Tadjikistan
T.A. Altiyev	Minister of Melioration and Water Management of Turkmenistan
A.A. Jalalov	Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Management of the Republic of Uzbekistan
R.A. Giniyatullin	Honorable member, EC IFAS Chairman
A.B. Jumaniyazov	Minister of Agriculture and Water Management of the Karakalpak Republic

ICWC Organizations

I.D. Kalandarov	BWO «Amu Darya» Head
G.K. Tulyavova	BWO «Amu Darya» Department Head
Yu.V. Tolstunov	BWO «Syr Darya» Deputy Head
A.I. Leshansky	BWO «Syr Darya» Department Head
V.A. Dukhovny	SIC ICWC Director
F.F. Beglov	SIC ICWC Chief Specialist
G.A. Negmatov	ICWC Secretariat Head

Invited

B.V. Yusupov	Head of Department of the water resources balance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Management of the Republic of Uzbekistan
D.G. Goshayev	Head of Operation Department of Minvodkhoz of Turkmenistan
A. Kamaletdinov	Deputy Head of the Science and Technique Department of Minvodkhoz of Tadjikistan
N.K. Nosirov	«TadjikNIIGM» General Director
A. Kutjanov	Head of the Kzyl Orda Provincial Committee for Water Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

H.D. Pulatov	Head of the Chimkent Provincial Committee for Water Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan
A.K. Kenshimov	Head of Department of the Water Resources Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan
I. Amirkhanov	Head of Aral - Syr Darya BWO
Sh.G. Talipov	Senior referent of the Cabinet of Ministers the Republic of Uzbekistan
A.M. Ovchinnikov	Deputy Head of Hydrometservice of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Chairman

M.D. Jumaniyazov	Minister of Agriculture and Water Management of the Republic of Uzbekistan
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Agenda

1. About water release to the Aral Sea arrangement and water use in the deltas (Responsible: BWO «Syr Darya», BWO «Amu Darya», SIC ICWC).
2. About elaboration of the regional criteria on water resources use in the basin (Responsible: SIC ICWC).
3. Information of the ICWC members and their organizations about ICWC decisions' fulfillment, adopted in 1996-1997 (Responsible: ICWC members, SIC ICWC, BWO «Syr Darya», BWO «Amu Darya»).
4. About dry season 1997 overcoming and ICWC prospective goals (Responsible: BWO «Syr Darya», BWO «Amu Darya», SIC ICWC).
5. About preparation of the draft Agreement on the State Water-Energy Concern's creation.
6. Information about ICWC delegation participation in the meeting of the Executive Committee of International Commission in Irrigation and Drainage on September 8-12, 1997.
7. Information about ICWC mission's fulfillment on the water resources forecasts' amplification by Hydromet service (Responsible: BWO «Syr Darya», SIC ICWC).
8. Consideration of proposal for ICWC founders' nomination for Stockholm Water Fund Prize (EC IFAS).

After the meeting participant's presentations have been heard and opinions exchange has been executed ICWC members decided:

On the first question:

1. ICWC members of appropriate countries should provide by the agreement with BWOs and Hydromet service additional gauging stations on flow calculation to the Aral Sea and natural deltas' environment and to take measures for preventing use of sanitary water releases to the Aral Sea for another purposes.

To charge BWO «Syr Darya», BWO «Amu Darya» and SIC ICWC to develop control mechanism and data submitting and water use analysis form for water taken from the main river trunk and water disposal into it and for water released to the Aral Sea natural environment and to organize information exchange with organizations which are responsible for water management activity in the lower reaches of Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers.

2. ICWC members should include into SIC ICWC research plan special study on background of minimum volume of sanitary water release in the Syr Darya river's trunk downstream Chardara and in the Amu Darya river's trunk downstream Takhiatash hydrostructure for years of different humidity, to provide financing and submit results for approval of ICWC.

On the second question:

1. To accept the approaches for development of the regional criteria of water use in the basin, presented by Prof. Dukhovny, SIC ICWC Director. To establish the working group under his leadership from the representatives of Central Asian states to develop the regional criteria. Take into account, that criteria development does not touch the principles of existing water allocation among the states.
2. ICWC members, Ministers (Chairmen) of Agriculture and Water Management Central Asian states:
 - a) to organize development of the national criteria on the water resources use in each country with due regard to specific national and zonal peculiarities, which should be a basement for development of the common regional criteria;
 - b) to foreseen financing for development of the regional criteria on the water resources use in the basin.

On the third question:

1. To adopt the information of the ICWC members and their organizations about ICWC decisions fulfillment, accepted in 1996-1997. Take into account that main part of the decisions which fulfillment depends on ICWC members themselves were put into practice.
2. To notice necessity to strengthen collaboration with external ICWC partners in order to support ICWC in its activity. To make responsible for ICWC missions fulfillment some personalities in each country.

On the fourth question:

1. To accept the information about dry period of 1997 overcoming prepared by BWO «Syr Darya» and BWO «Amu Darya».
2. To charge BWO «Syr Darya» within 10 days to develop and agree with the ICWC members the Naryn-Syr Darya cascade's operation regime and water intake limits from Syr Darya in 1998 taking for a basement the protocol decision of September 4-5, 1994 in Bishkek and the Kayrakkum water reservoir's release limitation to the altitude 343,5 m. To

send above mentioned schedules to energetic organizations for agreement and implementation.

3. To approve operation regime and water intake limits for the non-vegetation period of 1998 developed by BWO «Syr Darya» and BWO «Amu Darya».
4. To charge BWO «Syr Darya» and BWO «Amu Darya» jointly with SIC ICWC to develop an operation regime of the reservoirs' cascade for 5 years with regard to coming dry years with attraction of free energetic capacity of the Mary hydropower plant.
5. To organize up to November, 1997 on the basis of ICWC decision (ICWC protocol No 16, para 3) ICWC session under chairmanship of the Deputy Prime-Ministers responsible for water problems with participation of financial, energetic, agricultural and planning departments and to consider all questions related to ICWC activity in 1998, including: Plans of action for BWOs, SIC ICWC and Secretariat; Plan of design and research activity for SIC ICWC organizations; Plan for dry season overcoming at the regional and national level; Plan for Hydromet service improvement. For this purpose BWO «Syr Darya», BWO «Amu Darya», SIC ICWC to submit within 1 month their proposals for final decision. ICWC members to agree with the Deputy Prime-Ministers about meeting carrying out in the first half of November, 1997.
6. BWO «Amu Darya» should organize jointly with interested sides water intake and release measurement from the Tuyamuyun water reservoir.
7. After completing sluice construction on the left bank canal to pass this structure to BWO «Amu Darya».

On the fifth question:

1. To accept EC IFAS and the Republic of Kazakhstan proposal on the draft agreement «About establishing of the Interstate water-energetic consortium».
2. Ask ICWC members within 10 days to send their proposals to SIC ICWC for summarizing and submitting them for consideration until October 15, 1997.

On the sixth question:

1. To adopt ICWC delegation's report on the EC ICID meeting of September 8-12, 1997 in Oxford, UK.
2. Ask ICWC members to organize ICID decisions fulfillment.
3. Taking into account attention paid by ICID to the region's problems and its support ask the Kyrgyz Republic and Turkmenistan national committees to join ICID as soon as possible.

On the seventh question:

1. To accept SIC ICWC, BWOs and Uzhydromet information.

2. Because of the World Bank financing of the existing gauging stations equipment and new ones construction ask the governments - ICWC members to determine cost estimate for common construction works related to the gauging stations on own expense in 1998 according to their location.

On the eighth question:

1. To adopt IFAS proposal about the candidates of ICWC honorable members - founders for the Stockholm Water Fund Prize.
2. ICWC members within 10 days to agree the candidates with the governments and to send documents to SIC ICWC for staging.

Agenda for next ICWC meeting No 18

To carry out next ICWC meeting in Turkmenistan according to decision on the fourth question, para 5.

Agenda

1. Consideration and approval of the water reservoirs' cascade operation regime and water limits for 1998 (BWO «Syr Darya», BWO «Amu Darya»).
2. Program of institutional-financial provision of ICWC and its bodies activity in 1998 and the coming 5 years, including:
 - plan of operational costs financing;
 - plan of SIC ICWC and its organizations' design and research activity;
 - plan for Hydromet service improvement and water calculations accuracy increase.
3. About readiness of the interstate systems and structures to the vegetation period of 1998.

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