

1. Take information of the EC IFAS on the matter on the “Progress in implementation of projects and programs related to solving problems in the Aral Sea basin

using all funding sources and challenges to activate the efforts made by the IFAS bodies and founder states to implement the ASBP-2” into account.

2. Note the importance of activities being carried out by the governments of Central Asian Republics using their own funds allocated to implement the main directions of the Program of specific actions for improvement of the environmental and socio-economic situation in the Aral Sea basin for the period 2003-2010 (ASBP-2).

3. Instruct the EC IFAS in association with the ICWC and International Commission for Sustainable Development (ICSD) to activate the work on attracting investments to implement the ASBP-2.

4. With a view to implementing the Statement made by the Heads of the IFAS Founder States on 6 October 2002, instruct the EC IFAS to take measures for coordinating all the projects and programs in the Aral Sea basin being implemented by the IFAS organizations.

ICSD, ICWC and other IFAS bodies shall regularly submit information on the projects being implemented under the ASBP-2 using all funding sources to the EC IFAS.

Consider mutual participation of representatives from the EC IFAS, ICWC and ICSD in activities carried out by them expedient

5. Approve the suggestion of the EC IFAS to appeal to the World Bank for allocating a special grant for institutional support to the IFAS organizations.

6. The EC IFAS together with the ICWC shall consider the activities of the ICWC executive bodies and prepare a proposal for consideration by the IFAS Board.

Minutes of the 41st MEETING of the Interstate COMMISSION for water coordination (ICWC) of the REPUBLIC of KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC of TAJIKISTAN, Turkmenistan and REPUBLIC of UZBEKISTAN

17-18 March 2005

Tashkent

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Makhmud Khamidovich Khamidov	Chief of BWO “Syrdarya”
Gayrat Abdusattarovich Negmatov	Chief of the ICWC Secretariat
Oleg Stepanovich Makarov	Director of CMC ICWC, Director of PKTI “Vodoavtomatika i metrologiya”
Pulatkhon Djakhanovich Umarov	Director of the ICWC Training Center

Invitees:

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Khakim Khamidovich Ischanov	Chief of the Department at the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan
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Presided by:

Shavkat Rakhimovich Khamrayev	Deputy Minister, Chief of the Water Department, MAWR of Uzbekistan
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1. Outcomes of the vegetation period 2004 and draft operation modes of reservoir cascade and limits on water withdrawals from the Amudarya and Syrdarya river channels for hydrological period 2004/2005 (BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” responsible).

2. Report on financial-economic activities of the ICWC executive bodies in 2004:
- BWO “Amudarya”;
 - BWO “Syrdarya”; and
 - SIC ICWC

with coverage of the following issues: structure; amount of funding; share holding; participation in projects funded by donors.

3. Program for providing financial-economic activities of the ICWC and its executive bodies in 2005:

- operating costs funding plan;
- plan of project activities;
- research plan of the SIC ICWC;
- work plan of the CMC ICWC;
- work plan of the ICWC Training Center and its branches

(BWO “Amudarya”, BWO “Syrdarya”, SIC ICWC, CMC ICWC and ICWC TC responsible).

4. Preparation of a draft Agreement on the Syrdarya River Basin.
5. Agenda and venue of the 42nd ICWC meeting.

Additional matters:

1. Annual 4th Central Asian International Scientific-Practical Conference in Almaty.
2. Water situation in the mid- and downstream of the Syrdarya river.

Sayfitdin Umarovich Ismailov, Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan, delivered an opening address to the participants of the meeting.

Having approved the agenda, heard the speeches made by the participants of the meeting, and exchanged views, the members of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) in Central Asia decided:

On the 1st matter:

1. Take information of BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” on implementing water withdrawal limits and ensuring the adopted actual operation mode of the reservoir cascade on the Syrdarya and Amudarya rivers over the past vegetation period in 2004 into account.

2. Agree on the adjusted and recommended operation modes for the reservoir cascade and water withdrawals from the Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers for the remaining part of the non-vegetation period 2004/2005.

3. Approve preliminary limits on water withdrawals from the Amudarya and Syrdarya river channels and recommended operation modes for the reservoir cascade on these rivers, and, based on the results of the final prediction by the Uzbek Hydromet Service, adjust the operation mode for the vegetation period 2005 to approve for at the next ICWC meeting.

4. BWO “Syrdarya” shall agree on the proposed operation modes for the Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade with energy authorities in the Syrdarya river basin.

5. Instruct the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan and the Committee for Water Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan to consider the issue on allocating funds for operation and maintenance of the Hunger Steppe Collector being transferred to the jurisdiction of BWO “Syrdarya”.

On the 2nd matter:

1. Report on financial-economic activities of the ICWC executive bodies in 2004:

BWO “Amudarya” – to confirm;

BWO “Syrdarya” - to confirm;

SIC ICWC and its branches – to confirm with remarks and suggestions.

2. Instruct BWO “Syrdarya” together with water management organizations in the riparian states to analyze the demand for funds per activity (entity) to operate inter-state waterworks facilities and submit the results at the next ICWC meeting.

On the 3rd matter:

1. Approve an estimate of costs to fund operational needs of the Basin Water Organizations “Amudarya” and ”Syrdarya” for 2005

2. Approve an estimate of costs to maintain the SIC ICWC and its branch offices for 2005. The SIC ICWC shall prepare by the next ICWC meeting proposals for improving the structure and operating efficiency of the SIC and its branches through allocating costs to maintain it in 2005 among ICWC member countries, and, taking that into account, make amendments in agreement with ICWC members.

3. Approve a work plan of the CMC ICWC and national metrological organizations for 2005 and an estimate of costs to implement it.

4. Approve a work plan of the ICWC Training Center for January-July 2005 with account of remarks and suggestions.

On the 4th matter:

1. Take information of the BWO “Syrdarya” on the progress in preparation of a draft Agreement on the Syrdarya River Basin into account .

2. Instruct ICWC Member for Uzbekistan Sh.R. Khamrayev to submit the Government a proposal for participation of the country in preparation of a draft Agreement.

3. Instruct BWO “Syrdarya” to monthly inform ICWC members about the operation mode of the river and transboundary canals before adoption of an Agreement.

On the 5th matter:

1. Hold the regular 42nd ICWC meeting in Almaty on 27-29 April 2005.

2. Confirm an agenda for the regular 42^{ng} meeting:

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1. Progress in implementation of the limit on water withdrawals in the non-vegetation period 2004/2005, confirmation of limits on water withdrawals from the Amudarya and Syrdarya river channels for the next vegetation period 2005, and approval of a predicted operation mode for reservoir cascades (BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” responsible).

2. Allocating costs to fund the activities of the SIC ICWC and BWO “Syrdarya”

3. Developing the production of water gauging devices in the interests of the ICWC (SIC ICWC and CMC ICWC responsible)

4. Preparing for the 4 World Water Forum
5. CAREWIB Project
6. Agenda and venue of the regular 43rd ICWC meeting

On the 1st additional matter:

- Approve the proposal made by the Committee for Water Resources at the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan for holding an Annual Central Asian International Scientific-Practical Conference in Almaty on 27-29 April 2005.
- Agree on the suggestion to dedicate this conference to the oncoming 4th World Water Forum and name it as “ICWC towards the 4th World Water Forum: Local Actions for the Global Challenge”.
- Approve the proposed draft agenda of the conference.
- Instruct the Organizing Committee to invite representatives from international organizations to this conference.

On the 2nd additional matter:

1. Take information of Chairman of the Committee for Water Resources at the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan A.D. Ryabtsev and Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan Sh.R. Khamrayev into account.
2. BWO “Syrdarya” shall carry out permanent monitoring and concerted actions with energy authorities of the Syrdarya river basin countries during spring tide in 2005.
3. For reducing water inflow into the Shardara reservoir, take possible measures for water withdrawal over canals in the midstream.
4. In case of critical water inflow into the Shardara reservoir, leaders of water management authorities in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan shall meet to consider it.

Obligatory participation of ICWC members in the next meetings should be considered necessary.

Water management organizations of Central Asia should be recommended to take part in the International Conference to be held in Dushanbe on 30 May to 1 June 2005.

For the Republic of Kazakhstan	A.D. Ryabtsev
For the Kyrgyz Republic	Zh.B. Bekbolotov
For the Republic of Tajikistan	A.M. Zoirov
For Turkmenistan	T.A. Altiyev
For the Republic of Uzbekistan	Sh.R. Khamrayev

**ICWC PROTOCOL DECISION ON AWARDING A.A. DJALALOV TITLE
“ICWC HONORARY MEMBER”**

Taking into account the services as ICWC Member for the Republic of Uzbekistan in activities of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia, award Governor of Syrdarya province in the Republic of Uzbekistan Abdurakhim Abdurakhmanovich Djalalov title “ICWC Honorary Member”.

For the Republic of Kazakhstan	A.D. Ryabtsev
For the Kyrgyz Republic	Zh.B. Bekbolotov
For the Republic of Tajikistan	A.M. Zoirov
For Turkmenistan	T.A. Altiyev
For the Republic of Uzbekistan	Sh.R. Khamrayev

ICWC PROTOCOL DECISION ON MAKING A REQUEST TO THE IFAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Taking into account the urgent need for providing timely and high-quality hydrological and hydrometric information for water resources management in Central Asian states, instruct BWO “Syrdarya”:

1) to make a request to the IFAS Executive Committee for detailed information on planned and performed activities under Component D of the GEF Project at trans-boundary gauging stations of interstate importance, their equipment, current technical condition, operability and data transmission system.

2) submit received information for consideration at the next regular ICWC meeting.

For the Republic of Kazakhstan	A.D. Ryabtsev
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OUTCOMES OF THE VEGETATION PERIOD 2004 AND DRAFT OPERATION MODES FOR RESERVOIR CASCADE AND LIMITS ON WATER WITHDRAWALS FROM THE AMUDARYA AND SYRDARYA RIVER CHANNELS FOR THE HYDROLOGICAL PERIOD 2004–2005¹

1. Amudarya river basin

¹ Information on the 1st matter on the agenda of the ICWC meeting