

## THE PROTOCOL OF THE 46TH MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) REPRESENTED BY THE REPUBLICS OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN

8-10 March, 2007

Ashgabat city

### Participants:

#### ICWC members:

Ryabtsev Anatoliy Dmitrievich	Chairman, the Committee for Water Resources under the Ministry of Agriculture, the Republic of Kazakhstan
Koshmatov Baratali Turanovich	Director General, the Department for Water Resources under the Ministry for Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry, the Kyrgyz Republic
Khamidov Masaid Yakubovich	Minister for Land Reclamation and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan
Akmammedov Myratgeldi	Minister for Water Resources of Turkmenistan
Khamraev Shavkat Rakhimovich	Deputy Minister, Chief of Central Water Administration, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources (MAWR), the Republic of Uzbekistan

#### From ICWC Executive Bodies:

Dukhovny Viktor Abramovich	Director of SIC ICWC, Professor, Honorary Member of ICWC
Khudayberganov Yuldash Khudayberganovich	Head of BWO "Amudarya"
Khamidov Makhmud Khamidovich	Head of BWO "Syrdarya"
Negmatov Gayrat Abdusattarovich	Chief of ICWC Secretariat, Honorary Member of ICWC

#### Invitees:

Kipshakbaev Nariman Kipshakbaevich	Director of SIC ICWC Kazakh Office, Professor, Honorary Member of ICWC
Giniyatullin Rim Abdullovich	Honorary Member of ICWC
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Lysenko Oleg Grigoryevich	Head of Division, BWO «Amudarya»
Pulatov Yarash Ergashevich	Director General, NGO TadjikNIIGiM
Pulatov Khamidzhon	Director of RGP «Yuzhvodkhoz», Committee for Water Resources under the Ministry for Agriculture, the Kazakh Republic
Bekniyazov Murat Kabykenovich	Head of Division, the Committee for Water Resources under the Ministry for Agriculture, the Republic of Kazakhstan
Chairman:	Akmammedov Myratgeldi – Minister for Water Resources, Turkmenistan

## AGENDA

1. Regarding implementation of water withdrawal limits for the non-growing season 2006-2007 and approval of specified operating modes of reservoir cascades in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya basins (responsible – BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya»).
2. Regarding water allocation within interstate small rivers (responsible SIC ICWC).
3. Regarding results for the ADB Technical Assistance Project RETA 6163 for 2006, Work Program for 2007 and discussion of the draft Agreement on «Water and energy resources use in the Syrdarya river basin».
4. Regarding rotation of ICWC Executive Bodies (responsible ICWC Secretariat).
5. Regarding progress in preparation of Central Asian International Scientific and Practical Conference devoted to the 15<sup>th</sup> ICWC Anniversary, the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty city, April 2007 (responsible SIC ICWC).
6. Information on progress in signing quadripartite protocol on water and energy resources use in the Syrdarya river basin for 2007 and the first quarter 2008 (responsible BWO «Syrdarya»).
7. Venue and agenda of the next 47<sup>th</sup> ICWC Meeting.

### *Additional questions:*

1. Regarding results for «Central Asian Regional Environment and Water Information Base» (CAREWIB) Project, Phase I.
2. Regarding assistance to EC IFAS and GWP CACENA in fulfillment their activity within the Asian-Pacific Water Forum (responsible IFAS EC and GWP CACENA, Regional Council).

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 in Central Asia (ICWC) had decided the following:

### **On the first item:**

1. To take into consideration the information on implementing water withdrawal limits and operating mode of reservoir cascade for the non-growing season 2006-2007 as presented by BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya».
2. To adopt the proposal to reduce water withdrawals for the Amudarya and the Syrdarya rivers by 15% of limits 2006 for April, made by BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya». To charge BWO to develop and submit water withdrawal limits for the growing season 2007 based on specified forecast of Hydrometeoservice to ICWC for agreement in Almaty city.

**On the second item:**

1. To take into account the information on water allocation in interstate small rivers (Component «Small Rivers» under «IWRM-Fergana» Project).
2. To inform periodically ICWC members on work progress under the Component.

**On the third item:**

1. To approve RWG and NWG work results for the ADB RETA 6163 Project «Improvement of shared water resources management in Central Asia» for 2006 and note that a new draft Agreement on «Water and energy resources use in the Syrdarya river basin» was approved by the working groups on the whole, except for items 6.2 and 8.3. The representatives of national groups will approve these items for final ratification of the Agreement before the next ICWC Meeting.
2. To confirm Work Program for the Project ADB RETA 6163 for 2007, taking into account comments and proposals.

**On the fourth item:**

1. To take into consideration draft Rotation of ICWC bodies as presented by the Secretariat, taking into account comments and proposals. To entrust the Secretariat in collaboration with SIC ICWC with the task of including the respective draft into «Provision on ICWC» during two weeks, based on discussions specifying rotation dates, financing conditions and location.
2. To submit a new draft «Provision on ICWC» to all ICWC members for agreement till 1 April 2007 and for consideration at the next ICWC Meeting.

**On the fifth item:**

1. To take into consideration the information on progress regarding preparation to the Conference as presented by the Working Group from the Organization Committee.
2. ICWC members in collaboration with SIC ICWC should strengthen the activity with donor organizations in order to provide a sponsor support for preparing and conducting jubilee events.

**On the sixth item:**

1. To take into consideration the information on progress in preparing quadripartite draft protocol on water and energy resources use in the Syrdarya river basin for 2007 and the first quarter 2008 as presented by BWO «Syrdarya».

**On the seventh item:**

1. To hold the next 47<sup>th</sup> ICWC Meeting on 24-25 April 2007 in Almaty city.
2. To approve the agenda for the next 47<sup>th</sup> ICWC Meeting.

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1. Approving water withdrawal limits for the growing season 2007 and agreeing forecast operating mode of reservoir cascade in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya river basins (responsible BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya»).
2. Regarding implementation of IWRM principles in Central Asian region (responsible SIC ICWC, CWR, Kazakhstan).
3. Discussing draft Provision on ICWC and draft Rotation of ICWC bodies.
4. Discussing draft Agreement on «Water and energy resources use in the Syrdarya river basin».
5. Regarding the venue and the agenda of the next 48<sup>th</sup> ICWC Meeting.

### **On the first additional item:**

1. To mark out a great scope of work done under CAREWIB Project in the part related to establishing Central Asian Water and Environment Portal and Information System.
2. To accept that further continuation of the project activities stated in the “Concept for work extension” is expedient, with focus on developing national information systems (except the Republic of Tajikistan).
3. To mark out the project significance in the part related to raising trust to and openness of water management organizations and water users in the basin, opportunities to update permanently the information on all ICWC issues, as well as popularizing ICWC activity (except the Republic of Tajikistan).
4. ICWC members express their thanks to the Swiss Agency on Development and Cooperation for an active participation and donor support.

### **On the second additional item:**

1. To take into consideration the information on the Asian-Pacific Water Forum by IFAS EC.
2. To deem a preparation activity for holding the Asian-Pacific Water Forum in collaboration with ICWC members and Executive Bodies as necessary.
3. ICWC organizations should support IFAS EC and GWP CACENA in their activity within the Asian-Pacific Water Forum.

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