

MINUTES OF 47TH MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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AGENDA

1. Adoption of water withdrawal limits for the growing season 2007 and approval of forecasting operation of the cascade of reservoirs in Amudarya and Syrdarya basins (responsible BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”)
2. Implementation of IWRM principles in the Central Asian region (responsible SIC ICWC, CWR Kazakhstan)
3. Considering draft «Statute of ICWC» and draft «Rotation of ICWC agencies»
4. Considering draft Agreement «About use of water and energy resources in the Syrdarya river basin».
5. Venue and agenda of the next 48th ICWC meeting.

The members of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) of Central Asia, having agreed on the agenda, having heard the reports and exchanged the opinions, had decided on the following:

First item:

1. Adopt water withdrawal limits for the growing season 2007 and approve the long-range operation of the cascade of reservoirs in Amudarya and Syrdarya basins (Annexes 1, 2, 3).
2. Taking into account current water situation in Amudarya and Syrdarya basins, agree on eventual correction of withdrawal limits within 15% in the growing season. If the situation becomes worse, this issue should be considered at an extraordinary meeting.
3. Taking into account expected water shortage in the growing season 2007, BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” should strictly monitor withdrawal limits and maintain the established withdrawals.
4. BWO “Syrdarya” and SIC ICWC should work on forecasting design and options of Toktogul reservoir operation in the growing season 2008.

Second item:

1. Take notice of SIC’s information on on-going implementation of IWRM principles in Central Asia.
2. Apply to Asian Development Bank for consideration and probable financing of the project “IWRM in the Lowlands of the Amudarya and the Syrdarya Rivers» developed on the basis of feasibility study made earlier under support of US State Department.
3. ICWC members together with SIC should support preparatory activities of national UNDP Offices in justifying and developing “National IWRM Plans” for the Kyrgyz Repub-

lic, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. International donors should be sought for financing of given projects and initiation of similar project in Turkmenistan.

Third item:

1. Take notice of draft «Statute of ICWC» (version 7) integrated with draft «Rotation of ICWC agencies» as prepared by Secretariat and SIC.
2. ICWC members should submit their comments, item after item, on the draft Statute to Secretariat and SIC by May 5, 2007.
3. By May 15, 2007, Secretariat and SIC should organize an expert meeting on the draft Statute together with development of draft “Agreement on institutional improvement of ICWC executive agencies”.

Fourth item:

1. Approve in general a new draft Agreement about use of water and energy resources in the Syrdarya river basin.
2. This draft should be signed through polling during one month.

Fifth item:

1. Next 48th ICWC meeting is to be held in the Republic of Tajikistan in September 2007.
2. Approve the agenda of the next 48th ICWC meeting

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1. Growing season 2007 and adoption of water withdrawal limits for the non-growing season in Amudarya and Syrdarya basins (responsible BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”)
2. Results and prospect of work completing under Project ADB RETA 6163.
3. Development of operating principles under the project “Central Asian Regional Water Information Base” (CAREWIB) to the benefit of national information systems.
4. About «Statute of ICWC»
5. Venue and agenda of the next 49th ICWC meeting

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