

**MINUTES OF THE 68TH MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE
COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC)
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC,
REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN
AND REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

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Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

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Invited:

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Kholmatov Daler Abdukhalokovich	Leading specialist of Main Department of Water-Energy Policy, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan
Paschyev Yanov Durdyevich	Head of Department of Water Use, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Turkmenistan
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Nikolaenko Aleksandr Yurevich	Regional Adviser, German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Transboundary Water Resources Management Program in Central Asia (TWRMP CA)

Agenda of the 68th ICWC Meeting

1. The results of the non-growing season 2015-2016 in the Amudarya and Syrdarya River Basins;
2. Consideration and approval of the water withdrawal quotas and operation

regimes of reservoir cascade for the next growing season 2016 in the Amudarya and Syrdarya River Basins;

3. Presentation and discussion of the proposals and comments received in the course of interdepartmental approval at the national level of the draft Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan on the Information and Analytical Support of Water Management, Use, and Protection in the Aral Sea Basin and the Arrangement of Interstate Exchange of Information and their consideration;

4. Consideration of the progress achieved by the Working Group under the GIZ Project “Modern hydrometric monitoring (of the interstate canals) in the Syrdarya River Basin”.

Supplementary item:

1. Agenda and venue of the next 69th ICWC meeting.

Decisions on the first item:

1. Take note of the information of BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya about the results of the non-growing season 2015-2016 in the Amudarya and Syrdarya River Basins;

2. Assign BWO Amudarya to carry out a thorough analysis of substantial water losses along the reaches of the Amudarya River and submit the report at the next ICWC Meeting. BWO Amudarya should tighten control over accounting of water resources in the Amudarya River Basin.

3. Take note of the information that one-time above-quota water withdrawal was made from the Syrdarya River by the Republic Uzbekistan and Republic of Kazakhstan during the non-growing season 2015-2016.

4. In the future, all parties should avoid uncoordinated over-use of the established water quotas for the Syrdarya River Basin.

Decisions on the second item:

1. Approve water withdrawal quotas of the countries and forecast operation regime of the reservoir cascade for the growing season 2016 in the Amudarya River basin (Annex 1).

2. Take note of the water withdrawals quotas of the countries and forecast operation regime of the reservoir cascades for the growing season 2016 in the Syrdarya River basin (Annex 2), taking into account the operation regime of Bakhri Tochik reservoir proposed by the Tajik party (Annex 3).

3. Coordinate, on a routine basis, with Kyrgyz party the proposed country water withdrawal quotas and forecast operation regime of the reservoir cascades for the growing season 2016 (Annex 2) in the Syrdarya River basin.

4. The Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan will distribute actual stream flow in the head structure of the Dostyk canal on an equitable basis (50/50). The parties will make all efforts to ensure the fulfillment of forecast operation regime of the reservoir cascade.

Decision on the third item:

1. Take note of the information of the Parties about the results of interdepartmental approval at the national level of the draft Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan on the Information and Analytical Support of Water Management, Use, and Protection in the Aral Sea Basin and the Arrangement of Interstate Exchange of Information.

Decisions on the fourth item:

1. Take note of the information on work progress of the Working Group under GIZ Project “Modern hydrometric monitoring (on the interstate canals) in the Syrdarya River Basin”.

2. Charge BWO Syrdarya, with the support of GIZ Project, to organize a meeting of the Working Group on the joint hydrological monitoring in the Syrdarya River Basin.

3. BWO Syrdarya should consider a possibility of making available information on gauging stations to all ICWC members.

Decision on the supplementary item:

1. Approve agenda, date and venue of the 69th ICWC meeting in working order.

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