

MINUTES OF THE 78th 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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Agenda of the 78th meeting of ICWC

1. Results of the use of water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins over the non-growing season 2019-2020.

2. Approval of the country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins over the growing season 2020.

3. Measures taken by Parties to ensure additional discharge from reservoirs during the growing season in the Syr Darya River Basin.

4. Implementation of the proposals and initiatives of the Heads of IFAS founder-states voiced at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states in Turkmenbashi city.

5. Agenda and venue of the next 79th meeting of ICWC.

6. Supplementary items.

Decision on the first item:

1. Take into account information provided by BWO Amu Darya on the results of the non-growing season 2019-2020 in the Amu Darya River basin.

Decisions on the second item:

1. Approve country water withdrawal limits in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins over the growing season 2020 (Annexes 1&2).

2. Take into account forecast operation regimes of the reservoir cascades proposed by BWO Amu Darya and BWO Syr Darya for the Amu Darya (Annex 3) and Syr Darya (Annex 4) River basins over the growing season 2020.

3. The ICWC members agreed, based on more accurate forecasts of water availability, to further review and approve by the end of May the operation regimes of the reservoir cascades for the growing season 2020 in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins.

Decisions on the third item:

1. Take into account information on measures taken to ensure additional discharge from reservoirs during the growing season in the Syr Darya River Basin.
2. To mitigate the situation due to anticipated low water level during the current growing season, the Parties agreed to take measures to ensure the inflow and appropriate water releases from reservoirs of interstate character.

Decisions on the fourth item:

1. Take into account information of SIC ICWC on implementation of the proposals and initiatives of the Heads of IFAS founder-states voiced at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states (Turkmenbashi city, 24 August 2018).
2. Take into account work of the ICWC executive bodies on implementation of the proposals and initiatives of the Heads of IFAS founder-states voiced at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states in Turkmenbashi city.

Decisions on the fifth item:

1. Hold the next ordinary 79th meeting of ICWC in Ashgabat. The date of the meeting is to be approved in due course.
2. Propose the following agenda for the next ordinary 79th meeting of ICWC:
 - 1) Results of the use of water withdrawal limits and the operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins over the growing season 2020.
 - 2) Approval of the country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins over the non-growing season 2020-2021.
 - 3) Progress on implementation of the proposals and initiatives voiced at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states in Turkmenbashi city.
 - 4) Agenda and venue of the next ordinary 80th meeting of ICWC.
 - 5) Supplementary items.

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