

MINUTES OF THE 81st 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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(video meeting)

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Agenda of the 81st ICWC meeting

1. Results of the use of water withdrawal limits and operation of the reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins during the growing season 2021.
2. Approval of the country water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins for the non-growing season 2021-2022.
3. Follow up on proposals and initiatives voiced at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states in the city of Turkmenbashi.
4. Negotiating on sanitary flow along river courses in the Syr Darya River Basin (proposal of Kazakhstan).
5. Additional matters: organization of events on the occasion of the ICWC 30th anniversary in 2022.
6. Agenda and venue of the regular 82nd meeting of ICWC.

Decision on the first item:

1. Take into account the reports of BWO Amu Darya and BWO Syr Darya on the results of the growing season 2021 in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins.
2. BWO Syr Darya should submit to the Kazakh and Tajik parties a detailed calculation based on the results of the growing season for identifying inconsistencies in inflow to the Shardara reservoir in the "Bakhri Tochik - Shardara" reaches.

Decision on the second item:

1. Approve the limits of country water withdrawals in Amu Darya and Syr Darya basins for the non-growing season 2021-2022 (Appendices 1 and 2).
2. Take into account the proposed by BWOs forecast operation regimes of reservoir cascades in Amu Darya (Appendix 3) and Syr Darya (Appendix 4) basins for the non-growing season 2021-2022.
3. BWO "Syr Darya" to provide the Kazakh side a detailed calculation explaining why, given that the forecast of water discharge from "Bahri Tochik" at the beginning of December was 100% correct, the forecast of inflow to the Shardara reservoir for the same period of time was not correct and, in fact, the inflow was 628 Mm³ less than the forecast.

Decision on the third item:

1. Take note of work done by ICWC bodies as a follow-up to proposals and initiatives put forward in Turkmenbashi at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states on 24 August 2018.

Decision on the fourth item:

1. The Kazakh side to provide ICWC members with additional information on the need to carry out work on determination of sanitary flow along the river courses in the Syr Darya in order to coordinate it with the relevant agencies of the countries.

Decision on the fifth item:

1. Take into account the draft Concept presented by SIC ICWC on organization of events on the occasion of 30th anniversary of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia.

2. Establish an organizing committee for preparation and organization of the anniversary events consisting of two representatives from each country authorized by ICWC members and heads of ICWC executive bodies. The Organizing Committee is to approve the Concept and ensure due preparation and organization of the events.

3. Charge SIC ICWC to organize work of the Organizing Committee and reach agreement on the venue and time of the anniversary events with ICWC members.

4. The Parties support the Kazakh side's proposal to nominate ICWC candidates for training at the German-Kazakh University in Almaty, as well as to work out with donors and international financing organizations the issue of financing the resumption of training courses and exchanges between the Parties' experts.

Decision on the sixth item:

1. Hold the next 82nd ICWC meeting in Turkestan city, Republic of Kazakhstan combined with the 30th ICWC anniversary. The date of the regular ICWC meeting should be agreed in working order.

2. Invite Chairman of the Executive Committee of IFAS to participate in ICWC meetings.

3. Propose the following agenda for the 82nd ICWC meeting:

1) Results of the use of water withdrawal limits and operation of the reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins during the non-growing season 2021-2022.

2) Approval of the country water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins for the growing season 2022.

3) Follow up on proposals and initiatives voiced at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states in the city of Turkmenbashi.

4) Additional matters;

5) Agenda and venue of the regular 83rd ICWC meeting.

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