

Minutes of the 85th 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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Tashkent

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Agenda

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 2023.

2. Approval of the country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins for the non-growing season 2023-2024.

3. Progress and results of fulfillment of the initiatives put forward by the Heads of IFAS Founder States at their summit in Turkmenbashi (August 2018), and the tasks before ICWC following the summit in Dushanbe in September 2023.

4. Agenda and venue of the regular 86th ICWC meeting.

5. Miscellaneous

Decision on the first item:

1. Take into consideration the reports by BWO Amu Darya and BWO Syr Darya on the results of the use of water quotas and operation regimes of reservoir cascade in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya basins during the growing season 2023.

2. By the end of 2023, BWO Syr Darya shall provide to the parties the detailed information on lateral inflow during the growing season 2023 (Table 2.1, report by BWO Syr Darya), including quantities of inflow to the Syr Darya main course.

3. The Kazakh and Uzbek sides shall continue working to update the data from hydrometeorological services on inflow to the Shardara reservoir.

4. ICWC executive bodies shall strengthen work on application of new methods of forecasting hydrological and water management situation, also with involvement of development partners or funds of ICWC member-countries.

Decision on second item:

1. Take into consideration the forecast operation regimes of the reservoir cascade in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya basins proposed by BWO Amu Darya and BWO Syr Darya for the non-growing season 2023-2024 (Appendices 1-2).
2. Approve country water quotas for the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins for the non-growing season 2023-2024 (Appendices 3-4).
3. BWO Syr Darya shall ensure monitoring of operation regime of the Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade and, in case of deviation from the forecast regime, inform immediately all the Parties.

Decision on third item:

1. Acknowledge the work done by ICWC executive bodies on implementation of proposals and initiatives put forward by the Heads of IFAS Founder States at the Summit in Turkmenbashi on August 24, 2018.
2. ICWC members and executive bodies shall submit to SIC ICWC proposals on fulfillment of the tasks set at the IFAS summits in Turkmenbashi (August 24, 2018) and in Dushanbe (September 15, 2023) for summary by the next meeting.

Decision on fourth item:

1. Hold the regular 86th ICWC meeting in the Republic of Kazakhstan. The date of the regular ICWC meeting shall be agreed in working order.
2. Propose the following agenda for the 86th ICWC meeting:
 - 1) On non-growing season 2023-2024.
 - 2) Progress on implementation of tasks set at the IFAS summits.
 - 3) Agenda and venue of the regular 87th meeting
 - 4) Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous:

The report on “Available modeling tools for decision making: Amu Darya and Syr Darya case-studies” was presented by director of the USAID Regional Water and Environment Project.

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