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ON THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY  
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES

Second meeting,  
The Hague, Netherlands, 23-25 March 2000  
Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTING AND FURTHER DEVELOPING THE  
CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOL \*/

Submitted by the Chairperson of the task force on legal and  
administrative aspects, led by Greece, and prepared with  
the assistance of the secretariat

CORRIGENDUM

Submitted by the Chairperson of the task force on legal and  
administrative aspects, led by Greece

In the main body of document MP.WAT/2000/3, for the existing paragraphs 2 and 3 substitute        \*\*/

2. Acknowledging the existing relationship, in apparent and substantive terms, between the UN/ECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and the UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, the task force found that a comparison of these two conventional instruments was called for. It therefore decided to carry out a comprehensive analysis of their scope, interrelationship and implications in the wider context of the sources of international law. Annex I contains a brief summary of this examination. The full text of the study will be distributed under separate cover and will also be made available at the second meeting of the Parties. 2/

3. Moreover, the task force was asked to clarify and further develop the underlying principles of the Convention. This refers particularly to the assistance provided to the drafting of relevant provisions of the Protocol on Water and Health, including provisions on dispute settlement.

In annex I, for paragraph 1 substitute        \*\*/

1. During its first meeting (Budapest, 1-2 December 1998), the task force examined a preliminary report on the above subject prepared by Prof. A. Tanzi (Italy) at the invitation of the task force. The report deals with the relationship between the two instruments - the UN/ECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) and the United Nations Convention - in the wider context of the sources of international law, and includes a preliminary assessment of the approximate coincidence of the subject matter, the Treaty Law perspective, the Customary Law perspective, and the non-legally binding perspective.

In annex II, for Alternative A: The election of officers takes place at the end of each meeting of the Parties, contained in this annex on possible amendments of the rules of procedure, substitute \*\*/

**Alternative A - The election of officers takes place at the end of each meeting of the Parties**

- Rule 18**     At the end of the first paragraph add If another meeting is hosted by a Party, a representative of the host country may nominate a person to chair the meeting whether or not he/she has been previously elected as a member of the Bureau.
- Rule 18**     In paragraph 2 delete present at the meeting
- Rule 18**     At the end of paragraph 3 add If the Chairperson or one of the Vice-chairpersons is permanently unable to serve as officer, the remaining members of the Bureau shall co-opt a successor by consensus. The Bureau should take into account the **proposal for a successor** by the Party represented by the leaving Chairperson or Vice-chairperson.
- Rule 20**     For the existing text substitute
1. If the Chairperson: (a) is temporarily absent; (b) asks to be temporarily replaced **at** the Meeting of the Parties; (c) is unable to complete his/her term of office; (d) is unable to perform his/her functions; or (e) resigns, a Vice-chairperson shall act as a Chairperson.

Notes

\*/ This document has not been formally edited.

\*\*/ Amendments in **boldfaced letters and underlined**.