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MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH
TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION
AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL
LAKES

Compliance Committee

Third meeting
Geneva, 25–26 February 2009

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRD MEETING

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in Salle S-4 (previously F-3),
starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 25 February 2009*

* In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the registration form (available online at: www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/registrationmeeting.htm), and to transmit it to the UNECE secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting – namely, by **10 February 2009** – either by fax (+41 22 917 0621) or by e-mail (olga.carlos@unece.org). On their way to the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section located at the Pregny Gate, Avenue de la Paix 14 (see map on the UNECE Protocol website). Please allow sufficient time for this. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1926.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Composition of the Compliance Committee
3. Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Compliance Committee
4. Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee
5. Guidelines for communication from members of the public
6. Information gathering, including on-the-spot appraisals and cooperation with non-governmental organizations
7. Reporting regime for Parties
8. Cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
9. Programme of work and calendar of future meetings
10. Any other business

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1. The Compliance Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 2: Composition of the Compliance Committee

2. Following the resignation of Mr. Dadic, the Committee will discuss potential candidates for his replacement in accordance with paragraph 7 of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

Item 3: Relevant developments since the previous meeting of the Compliance Committee

3. The secretariat will inform the Committee of relevant developments since its second meeting.

Item 4: Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee

4. On the basis of an informal paper prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Committee's Chairperson, the Committee will discuss and finalize its rules of procedure, in particular those concerning communication from members of the public.

Item 5: Guidelines for communication from members of the public

5. On the basis of the text discussed at its second meeting, the Compliance Committee will further discuss, agree on and finalize the guidelines on communication from members of the public.

Item 6: Information gathering, including on-the-spot appraisals and cooperation with non-governmental organizations

6. On the basis of an informal paper prepared by Chairperson, the Committee will discuss information gathering and will look into possibilities for cooperation with non-governmental organizations.

Item 7: Reporting regime for Parties

7. The Committee is charged under paragraph 11 (c) of decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol with the tasks of monitoring, assessing and facilitating the implementation of and compliance with reporting requirements under article 7, paragraph 5, of the Protocol. The Committee is expected to discuss its role in relation to the reporting regime. In particular, in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol, it will discuss the draft guidelines for summary reports prepared by the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting, as well as its role in the pilot reporting exercise for the second meeting of the Parties.

Item 8: Cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

8. The Committee will discuss the relationship between the Protocol and the human right to water and sanitation and will look into the possibility of cooperation on this issue with the secretariat of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque, appointed by the Human Rights Council as the independent expert on issue of human rights obligations related to safe drinking water and sanitation.

Item 9: Programme of work and calendar of future meetings

9. The Committee will discuss its future programme of work, will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings and will give indications to the secretariat as to the next steps to be taken. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its next meetings, taking into account that the fourth meeting has already been tentatively scheduled for 22 and 23 September 2009.

Item 10: Any other business

10. Committee members wishing to propose points under this item are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible.
