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the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Implementation Committee

Sixteenth meeting

Geneva, 11 and 12 December 2023

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixteenth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Monday,
11 December 2023, at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional agenda

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* In accordance with United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to register online as soon as possible, but by no later than 27 November 2023, through the following link: <https://indico.un.org/event/1002031/>. On the day of the meeting, participants should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at Pregny Gate (14 Avenue de la Paix, Geneva). A map is available on the United Nations Office at Geneva website www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information. Please allow sufficient time for this procedure. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1606.



II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

Tentative timing: Monday, 11 December, 10–10.10 a.m.

1. The Committee will be invited to adopt the agenda for its sixteenth meeting, as set out in the present document.¹

2. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative

Tentative timing: Monday, 11 December, 10.10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

2. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in paragraph 15 (a)–(c) of annex I to decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2), the Committee is expected to consider:

(a) Any request for advice by a Party or Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation or application of the Convention;

(b) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation of or compliance with the Convention;

(c) Undertaking a Committee initiative.

3. The Committee will be briefed by the Water Convention focal points from Montenegro and Albania on progress made with the implementation of the Committee's legal and technical advice under advisory procedure WAT/IC/AP/1 (ECE/MP.WAT/IC/2021/1, annex). It may hold further consultations with the two countries.

3. Information gathering

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 12 December, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

4. In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in section VIII of annex I to decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2), the Committee is expected to consider replies received from Portugal and Spain in response to the questions of the Implementation Committee under information gathering procedure WAT/IC/INFO/2 (Albufeira Convention).

4. Cooperation with other committees and organizations

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 12 December, 3–3.30 p.m.

5. The Committee will discuss opportunities for cooperation with other implementation and compliance bodies.

5. Contribution of the Committee to different activities under the Convention

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 12 December, 3.30–5 p.m.

6. The secretariat will report on relevant activities under the Convention's programme of work for 2022–2024 (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1).

¹ Information and documents for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page of the Convention's website (<https://unece.org/info/events/event/383297>).

7. The Committee will discuss its possible contribution to the implementation of the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties at its ninth session (Geneva (hybrid), 29 September–1 October 2021) and the activities foreseen for 2024.

6. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 12 December, 5–5.30 p.m.

8. The Committee members will share information on, and discuss future possibilities for, the promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance.

7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 12 December, 5.30–5.40 p.m.

9. The Committee will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings and on the dates and location of its seventeenth meeting.

8. Any other business

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 12 December, 5.40–5.50 p.m.

10. The Committee will discuss other matters, as proposed by its members.

9. Presentation of the main decisions taken, modalities for preparation of the meeting report and closing of the session

Tentative timing: Tuesday, 12 December, 5.50–6 p.m.

11. The Committee is expected to agree on the main decisions taken at the meeting.

12. The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its sixteenth meeting before the Chair formally closes the session.
