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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

First meeting
Geneva, 12 March 2008

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE FIRST MEETING**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in room H-3,
starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 March 2008*

The Compliance Committee under the Protocol on Water and Health was established by decision I/2 of the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (ECE/MP.WH/2/Add.3 - EUR/06/5069385/1/Add.3).

* In accordance with the United Nations accreditation procedures, participants are requested to complete the registration form available from 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 **27 February 2008** – either by fax (+ 41 22 917 0621) or by e-mail (protocol.water_health@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 the map on the UNECE Protocol website). Please allow enough time for this. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone at +41 22 917 1926.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Lessons to be learned from other compliance mechanisms and enhancement of synergies
4. Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee
5. Procedures for handling submissions, referrals and communications
6. Overview of the reporting regime in the Protocol
7. Role of the members of the Compliance Committee in subsidiary bodies
8. Programme of work and calendar of the next meetings
9. Any other business
10. Adoption of the report

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

1. In accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health, the Compliance Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.
2. Each Committee member will make a solemn declaration that he or she will perform his or her functions impartially and conscientiously.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

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

Item 3: Lessons to be learned from other compliance mechanisms and enhancement of synergies

4. The Committee will be informed about rules of procedures, modalities of working and experience from other committees dealing with compliance.

Item 4: Rules of procedure of the Compliance Committee

5. In accordance with decision I/2 of the Meeting of the Parties (and paragraph 8 of the annex thereto), the Committee shall approve its rules of procedure, taking into account the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties, and in particular Rule 21. It is expected that the Committee will elaborate during its first meetings its procedures and modus operandi.

Item 5: Procedures for handling submissions, referrals and communications

6. The Committee will discuss procedures for handling submissions, referrals and communications.

Item 6: Overview of the reporting regime in the Protocol

7. The Committee will discuss progress made under the Task Force on Indicators and Reporting in preparing guidelines for summary reports to be submitted by Parties in accordance with article 7 of the Protocol.

Item 7: Role of the members of the Compliance Committee in subsidiary bodies

8. The Committee will discuss the question of whether and in what capacity its members could or should participate in official meetings held under the auspices of the Protocol.

Item 8: Programme of work and calendar of the next meetings

The Committee will discuss its future programme of work. In particular, it will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings, e.g. modalities for information gathering, general considerations related to compliance issues, the reporting on compliance to the Meeting of the Parties, the strategy for publicizing the mechanism and relevant resource needs, and will give indications to the secretariat on the next steps to be taken. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its next meetings.

Item 9: Any other business

Item 10: Adoption of the report
