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**MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON
THE PROTECTION AND USE OF TRANSBOUNDARY
WATERCOURSES AND INTERNATIONAL LAKES**

Fourth meeting
Bonn, 20–22 November 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH MEETING

To be held at the Federal Ministry for the Environment,
Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Bonn, Germany
starting on Monday, 20 November 2006 at 9.30 a.m.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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- (a) UN-Water and the UN *World Water Development Report*;
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II. ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS

18. The fourth meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) will mark the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention. It will be held from 20 to 22 November 2006 in Bonn (Germany), at the invitation of the Government of Germany, at the following venue:

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
Robert-Schuman-Platz 3
53175 Bonn, Germany

19. Documents for the fourth meeting of the Parties can be downloaded from the Convention's web site at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/documents.htm>.

20. Registration forms, available at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/mop4/registrationform.doc>, should be submitted no later than **1 November 2006**, to both addresses below:

Water Convention secretariat
Environment, Housing and Land Management
UN Economic Commission for Europe
Palais des Nations, 8-14, Avenue de la Paix,
Geneva Switzerland
Fax: +41 22-917 0107
E-mail: Olga.Carlos@unece.org

Division WA I 4
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature
Conservation and Nuclear Safety
Robert-Schuman-Platz 3, 53175 Bonn,
Germany
Fax. +49 228-305 2397
E-mail: Joachim.Misera@bmu.bund.de

21. Some funds are available to support the participation of experts from countries with economies in transition eligible for financial support. Requests for financial support, available at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/mop4/form-financialsupportrequest.doc>, should be submitted together with the registration form to the secretariat as soon as possible **but in any case not later than 9 October 2006**.

22. To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Water Convention a posters session will be organized during the meeting of the Parties. Parties, non-Parties,

international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other partners are invited to present posters on their activities related to the Convention's implementation. The submitted posters are encouraged to focus on success stories and lessons-learned as well as different aspects of the Convention's implementation (legal aspects, integrated management of water and related ecosystems, monitoring and assessment, public participation, transboundary flood management, water and industrial accidents, etc.). Poster abstracts should be submitted to the secretariat by **1 October 2006**.

23. To raise funds for the implementation of the workplan 2007-2009, a donors' meeting will be organized on Tuesday, 21 November 2006, at lunchtime. Parties, other interested States and organizations are invited to inform the secretariat in advance of the meeting of their intention to contribute to the financial resources of the Convention.

24. Additional practical details are available at <http://www.unece.org/env/water/mop4/info.htm>.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening ceremony

Background document:	
Decisions taken at the third Meeting of the Parties on the implementation of the Convention in the period 2004-2006 and beyond	ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.1

25. Mr. Matthias Machnig, Permanent State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, will address the Meeting (to be confirmed).

26. Mr. Manuel Varela, Chairman of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties, will officially open the meeting.

27. Representatives of the Parties to the Convention will report on the steps that they have taken to implement relevant provisions of the Convention and to achieve the objectives of the Declaration of Madrid, which they adopted at their third meeting. Parties will be invited to highlight their major achievements in the 10 years since the entry into force of the Convention.

28. Representatives of other countries will report on the steps that they have taken to ratify the Convention. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations and institutions will be invited to inform the Meeting of their relevant activities.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

29. The Meeting is expected to adopt its agenda as set out in the present document.

Item 3. Constitution of the fourth meeting of the Parties

30. The secretariat will inform the Meeting of the Parties about the status of ratification of the Convention, of the Protocol on Water and Health, of the Protocol on Civil Liability and of the amendments to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention.

31. The Bureau will report on the credentials¹ submitted by the Parties. Parties to the Convention are therefore invited to inform the secretariat of the name(s) of their representative(s) at their earliest convenience, and to submit the credentials to the secretariat, if possible not less than one week before the opening of the meeting.

32. Following the procedure of the previous meetings, the Meeting may wish to establish three ad hoc groups: on the draft workplan, on the draft declaration and, if necessary, on the draft UNECE rules for payments for ecosystem services in integrated water resources management.

Item 4. Adoption of revised rules of procedure

Background document:	
Decisions taken at the third Meeting of the Parties on the implementation of the Convention in the period 2004-2006 and beyond	ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.1
Document for adoption:	
Draft rules of procedure	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/1

33. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to examine and adopt revised rules of procedure prepared by the Bureau in accordance with Decision III/3.

Item 5. Amendment to articles 25 and 26 to open the Convention to countries outside the UNECE region

Background document:	
Amendment to articles 25 and 26 of the Convention	ECE/MP.WAT/14

34. Representatives of the Parties to the Convention which have not yet ratified the amendment to articles 25 and 26 will report on their progress towards ratification.

35. The Meeting will consider ways and means of promoting ratification of the amendment and of supporting implementation of the Convention and its soft law tools in countries outside the UNECE region. The Meeting of the Parties will make arrangements for activities in this area in the 2007-2009 workplan.

¹ Credentials, which are normally issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should indicate the composition of the delegation, including the head of the delegation, and state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and take decisions on behalf of the respective Government, following the applicable rules of procedure.

Item 6. Integrated management of water and related ecosystems

Background documents:	
Workplan for the period 2004-2006	ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.2
Report on the first meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management	MP.WAT/WG.1/2004/2
Report on the second meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management	MP.WAT/WG.1/2006/2
Documents for action by the Meeting:	
Report on the implementation of the workplan for 2004-2006 including an overview of contributions and expenditures	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/2
Draft workplan for the period 2007-2009	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/3

36. The Meeting will evaluate the effectiveness of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, with Switzerland as lead country, and its achievements under the workplan 2004-2006. The Meeting will examine the proposals by the Working Group for activities under the 2007-2009 workplan.

(a) Flood prevention, protection and mitigation

Documents for action by the Meeting:	
Report on the Seminar on flood prevention, protection and mitigation	MP.WAT/SEM.3/2004/3
Model provisions on transboundary flood management	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/4

37. Mr. Thomas Stratenwerth, Chairperson of the Flood Task Force, will present the achievements under the workplan 2004-2006, in particular the outcome of the Berlin Seminar on flood prevention, protection and mitigation, and the model provisions on transboundary flood management. He will also introduce the proposed activities on transboundary flood management in the workplan 2007-2009.

38. The Meeting will be invited to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Berlin Seminar and to adopt the model provisions on transboundary flood management. The Meeting will also consider future activities in this area of work.

(b) Payments for ecosystem services

Background documents:	
Brochure on Nature for water: protecting water-related ecosystems for sustainable development ²	
Brochure on Nature for water: innovative financing for the environment ³	

² Available at: www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/ecosystem/Brochure_final.pdf.

³ Available at: www.unece.org/env/water/meetings/payment_ecosystems/brochure.pdf.

Document for action by the Meeting:	
UNECE rules for payments for ecosystem services in integrated water resources management	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/5

39. Ms. Sibylle Vermont, Chairperson of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management, will present the activities in this programme area under the workplan 2004-2006 and introduce the UNECE rules for payments for ecosystem services in integrated water resources management. She will also introduce the proposed activities in the workplan 2007-2009.

40. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the UNECE rules taking into account the recommendations of the ad hoc group, and consider follow-up activities.

(c) Synergies between the Water Convention and the EU Water Framework Directive

Background document:	
The complementary roles of the EU Water Framework Directive and the UNECE Water Convention	MP.WAT/SEM.6/2005/3
Documents for action by the Meeting:	
Report on the Workshop on Transboundary Water Management at the Northeastern Border of the European Union	MP.WAT/SEM.6/2005/2
Report on the Workshop on Transboundary Water Management in South-Eastern Europe	MP.WAT/SEM.6/2006/2

41. The Meeting will be invited to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the two workshops on transboundary water management at the border of the European Union – the complementary roles of the EU Water Framework Directive and the UNECE Water Convention: the first one focusing on the North-Eastern border of the EU, held in Debe (Poland) on 18-19 October 2005, at the invitation of the Government of Poland and the European Commission; and the second one focusing on South-Eastern Europe, held in Belgrade on 2-3 March 2006, at the invitation of the Government of Italy.

42. The Meeting will consider future activities in this area.

(d) EU Water Initiative

Background document:	
EU Water Initiative in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia – National Policy Dialogues	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/6

43. The Meeting will discuss synergies with the component for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and the Mediterranean component of the EU Water Initiative.

44. In particular, the Meeting will consider the role of UNECE in the development of National Policy Dialogues in EECCA countries and will agree on its inputs to the EU Water Initiative under the workplan 2007-2009.

(e) **Water and industrial accidents**

Background documents:	
Report on the Seminar on the prevention of chemical accidents and limitation of their impact on transboundary waters	CEP/WG.4/SEM.1/1999/3 MP.WAT/SEM.1/1999/3
Report on the second meeting of the Parties	ECE/MP.WAT/5
Minutes of the sixth meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents	JEG12/16 March 2006
Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents	JEG14/23 June 2006
Report on the Workshop on the Prevention of Water Pollution Due to Pipeline Accidents	CP.TEIA/2005/3 MP.WAT/WG.1/2005/3
Report on the Workshop on the Prevention of Accidents of Gas Transmission Pipelines	ECE/CP.TEIA/SEM.1/2006/2 ECE/MP.WAT/SEM.7/2006/2
Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters	ECE/MP.WAT/11 ECE/CP.TEIA/9
Report on the second joint special session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention and the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention	ECE/MP.WAT/12 ECE/CP.TEIA/10
Documents for action by the Meeting:	
Progress report of the Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents	ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/9 ECE/MP.WAT/2006/7
Report on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar on the prevention of chemical accidents and limitation of their impact on transboundary waters	ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/10 ECE/MP.WAT/2006/9
Safety guidelines and good practices for pipelines	ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/11 ECE/MP.WAT/2006/8

Progress report of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

45. The Meeting will be informed of the progress achieved by the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (JEG): the tasks accomplished, challenges in its work and proposal for a future work plan.

46. The Chairperson of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents will address the Meeting.

47. The Meeting will be invited to endorse the JEG progress report and, in particular, the JEG future areas of work.

Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar on the prevention of chemical accidents and limitation of their impact on transboundary waters

48. The Parties, at their second meeting, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar on the prevention of chemical accidents and limitation of their impact on transboundary waters and requested Parties to implement them by 2005 (for market-economy countries) and by 2010 (for countries with economies in transition) and report to the governing bodies of both Industrial Accidents and Water Conventions. The Joint Expert Group was given the task of seeking the relevant information from the Parties and preparing an overall report on the implementation of these conclusions and recommendations.

49. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to review the implementation of the Hamburg recommendations, based on the Joint Expert Group's report, and to subsequently endorse it.

Safety guidelines and good practices for pipelines

50. The Meeting will be informed of the outcome of the workshops on the Prevention of water pollution due to pipeline accidents, held in Berlin, on 8–9 June 2005; and on the Prevention of accidents of gas transmission pipelines, held in The Hague, on 8–9 March 2006.

51. The Meeting will be invited to examine and endorse the safety guidelines and good practices for pipelines. The guidelines have been drawn up by a steering group, considered by the Joint Expert Group at its seventh meeting and finalized by the Group's co-chairmen after a final consultation round among Parties to the Conventions and representatives of the private sector, in particular of pipeline operators. The Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management had also endorsed them at its second meeting.

Protocol on Civil Liability

52. Following the adoption of the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters by the governing bodies of the Water Convention and the Industrial Accidents Convention on the occasion of the fifth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (Kiev, 21 May 2003) and recalling the decision taken at their third meeting, the Parties will consider ways and means of promoting the Protocol's early entry into force, jointly with the Conference of the Parties to the Industrial Accidents Convention.

(f) Technical assistance and implementation projects

Background document:	
Technical assistance and implementation projects	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/10

53. On the basis of a presentation by the secretariat, the Meeting will examine progress and achievements under technical assistance and implementation projects on transboundary waters. It will consider future directions for assistance and specific activities for 2007-2009.

(g) “Capacity for Water Cooperation – CWC” project

Background document:	
Capacity for Water Cooperation in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/11

54. The secretariat will inform the Meeting of the outcome of the first three workshops organized under the CWC project - Legal basis for transboundary cooperation, held in Kiev on 22-24 November 2004; Information management and public participation in transboundary water cooperation, held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, on 8–10 June 2005; and Joint monitoring and assessment of shared water basins, including early warning and alarm systems, held in Tbilisi, from 31 October to 2 November 2005.

55. The Meeting of the Parties will make arrangements for the project continuation and will take into account, when discussing the workplan for 2007-2009, the conclusions and recommendations of the three CWC workshops.

(h) International Conference on Sustainable Management of Transboundary Waters in Europe

56. A representative of Poland, lead country, will inform the Meeting about the preparations for the third International Conference on Sustainable Management of Transboundary Waters in Europe, to be held in Poland in 2007.

57. The Meeting will agree on its input in the preparation of the Conference.

Item 7. Monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters

Background documents:	
Work plan for the period 2004-2006	ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.2
Report on the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment	MP.WAT/WG.2/2004/2
Report on the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment	MP.WAT/WG.2/2005/2
Report on the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment	ECE/MP.WAT/WG.2/2006/2
Documents for action by the Meeting:	
Report on the implementation of the workplan for 2004-2006 including an overview of contributions and expenditures	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/2
Draft workplan for the period 2007-2009	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/3

58. The Meeting will evaluate the effectiveness of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, with Finland as lead country, and its achievements under the workplan 2004-2006. The Meeting will examine the proposals by the Working Group for activities under the 2007-2009 workplan.

(a) Strategies for monitoring and assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters

Document for action by the Meeting:	
Strategies for monitoring and assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/12

59. Ms. Lea Kauppi, Chairperson of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment, will introduce the Strategies for monitoring and assessment of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters.

60. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to adopt the Strategies.

(b) Technical guidance for monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters

Background document:	
Inventory of technical guidance for monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/13

61. A representative of the International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC) will present the inventory of technical guidance for monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters, including its on-line version.

62. The Meeting will consider how to further develop the inventory and future activities in this area.

(c) International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC)

Background document:	
Progress report on IWAC activities since 2000 and future strategy and directions of work	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/14

63. A representative of the International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC) will report on the activities carried out by IWAC since its establishment.

64. A representative of Slovakia will inform the Meeting of the Parties of the offer of the Slovak Republic to host IWAC from 2008 at the Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute and to provide core human and financial resources to operate the Centre. He will also inform the Meeting of the priorities on future work and planned activities of the Centre for 2007-2009 and beyond.

65. The Meeting of the Parties may wish to express its appreciation to the Government of the Slovak Republic for its offer.

(d) Pilot programme on monitoring and assessment

Background document:	
Report on the implementation of pilot projects on transboundary groundwaters, rivers and lakes	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/15

66. A representative of Slovakia, lead country, will present the progress achieved within the pilot projects on transboundary groundwaters, rivers and lakes, the lessons-learned and the proposed activities under the workplan 2007-2009.

67. The Meeting of the Parties will make arrangements for the continuation of the pilot programme under the workplan 2007-2009.

(e) Assessment of the status of transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in the UNECE region

Background documents:	
Assessment report on the status of transboundary waters in the UNECE region	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/16
Assessment of transboundary and international lakes	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/16/Add.1
Assessment of transboundary rivers in the Caspian Sea basin	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/16/Add.2
Assessment of transboundary rivers in the discharging from Asia into the Arctic Sea	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/16/Add.3
Assessment of transboundary rivers in the Aral Sea basin	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/16/Add.4
Assessment of other transboundary rivers in Central Asia	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/16/Add.5
Assessment of transboundary rivers in Eastern Europe	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/16/Add.6

68. Ms. Lea Kauppi will present a preliminary assessment report on the status of transboundary rivers and lakes in the UNECE region and inform the Parties about the status of the assessment of transboundary groundwaters. The Meeting of the Parties will make arrangements for the finalization of the report and its executive summary for submission to the sixth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (Belgrade, 10-12 October 2007).

(f) Database on transboundary waters in the UNECE region

Background document:	
Database on the transboundary waters of the UNECE region	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/17

69. The Meeting of the Parties will consider the feasibility of and possibilities for building a database on transboundary rivers, lakes and groundwaters in the UNECE region. The secretariat will introduce a paper, based on countries' replies to a questionnaire, presenting the suggestions for the purpose of the database, the information stored and the database functionalities.

70. The Meeting of the Parties will be invited to decide on the development of such a database and make the necessary arrangements in the 2007-2009 workplan.

Item 8. Water and human health

Background documents:	
Work plan for the period 2004-2006	ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.2
Report on the third meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health	MP.WAT/WG.4/2004/3
Report on the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health	MP.WAT/WG.4/2004/5
Report on the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health	MP.WAT/WG.4/2005/2
Report on the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health	MP.WAT/WG.4/2006/2
Protocol on Water and Health	MP.WAT/2000/1
Documents for action by the Meeting:	
Report on the implementation of the workplan for 2004-2006 including an overview of contributions and expenditures	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/2
Draft workplan for the period 2007-2009	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/3

71. Mr. Mihály Kádár, Chairperson of the Working Group on Water and Health, will report on the Working Group's activities under the 2004-2006 workplan and on the preparations for the first Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (Geneva, 17-19 January 2007), following the entry into force of the Protocol on 4 August 2005.

72. The Meeting will make arrangements to carry out joint activities with the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol under the workplan 2007-2009, focusing on target setting for issues related to environment and water management - i.e. targets according to article 6, paragraphs 2 (f) to 2 (n) of the Protocol - and on assessing progress towards the targets' achievement.

Item 9. Legal board

Background documents:	
Work plan for the period 2004-2006	ECE/MP.WAT/15/Add.2
Report on the first meeting of the Legal Board	MP.WAT/AC.4/2004/2
Report on the second meeting of the Legal Board	MP.WAT/AC.4/2004/6
Report on the third meeting of the Legal Board	MP.WAT/AC.4/2005/2
Report on the fourth meeting of the Legal Board	ECE/MP.WAT/AC.4/2006/2
Documents for action by the Meeting:	
Report on the implementation of the workplan for 2004-2006 including an overview of contributions and expenditures	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/2
Draft workplan for the period 2007-2009	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/3

73. Mr. Attila Tanzi, Chairperson of the Legal Board, will report on the activities under the 2004-2006 workplan and present the activities planned for 2007-2009.

74. The Meeting of the Parties will consider future legal activities in the workplan 2007-2009.

Item 10. Partners in cooperation

(a) UN-Water and the UN World Water Development Report

75. The secretariat will inform the Meeting of the Parties about UNECE contribution to the activities of UN-Water and in particular to the second edition of the *World Water Development Report*.

(b) Environment and Security Initiative

Background document:	
Environment and security initiative	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/18

76. The secretariat will inform the Meeting about UNECE contribution to the Environment and Security Initiative launched by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organization for Security and Co-operation (OSCE) in Europe in May 2003, about the activities carried out under the initiative on transboundary waters and the future plans.

(c) Cooperation with the governing bodies of multilateral environmental agreements, other United Nations bodies, and other partners

77. The Meeting is invited to seek opportunities for cooperating with relevant UNECE bodies, governing bodies of environmental conventions and other relevant international bodies, committees and programmes to attain the objectives of the Convention. This would include cooperation with UNDP, UNEP, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the European Environment Agency (EEA), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), OSCE, the Council of Europe, the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the regional environmental centres, relevant NGOs, private sector organizations, business and financing institutions.

78. Partners will be invited to inform the Meeting on opportunities for cooperation under the workplan for 2007-2009.

Item 11. Workplan for 2007-2009 and resources needed for its implementation

Documents for action by the Meeting:	
Draft workplan for the period 2007-2009	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/3

79. The Meeting is expected to endorse the workplan, finalized by its ad hoc group on the basis of the relevant meeting documents discussed under the various items of the provisional agenda.

80. In doing so, the Meeting of the Parties will:

(a) Agree on the lead Parties and their role in implementing the various programme elements;

(b) Make arrangements related to the financial and human resources needed for implementing the activities in the work plan, and indicate funding for these activities according to its priorities. Parties, other interested States and organizations are invited to inform the secretariat in advance of the meeting of their intention to contribute to the financial resources of the Convention. The secretariat will make the information received available to the Meeting and delegations will be invited to provide any supplementary information.

Item 12. Declaration of Bonn

Document for action by the Meeting:	
Draft declaration of Bonn	ECE/MP.WAT/2006/19

81. On the basis of a draft text prepared by the delegation of Germany and finalized by the respective ad hoc group, the Meeting will adopt a policy declaration, which sets out the Convention's major medium- and long-term goals.

Item 13. Election of officers for the fifth meeting of the Parties

82. Following the rules of procedure, the Meeting of the Parties will elect its officers, who will remain in office until the next elections at the fifth meeting of the Parties.

Item 14. Date and venue of the fifth meeting of the Parties

83. The Meeting of the Parties is invited to set the indicative dates for its fifth ordinary meeting. Delegations are encouraged to offer to host the fifth meeting so that the Meeting of the Parties will be able to decide on its venue.

Item 15. Other business

84. At the time of writing, the secretariat had no points to propose under this item.

Item 16. Adoption of the report

85. The Chairperson will review all the decisions taken by the Meeting of the Parties. The Meeting of the Parties is invited to entrust the Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, with finalizing the report of its fourth meeting.

Item 17. Closing of the meeting

86. The Chairperson and representatives of the host country will be invited to make final statements. The Chairperson will then officially close the meeting.