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Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the  
Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses  
and International Lakes

and

Meeting of the Signatories to the Protocol on Water  
and Health to the Convention

Working Group on Water and Health  
Sixth meeting  
Geneva, 31 May – 2 June 2006

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE DESIGNATION OF FOCAL POINTS  
AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES<sup>\*</sup>**

Prepared by the secretariat

1. At its fifth meeting, the Working Group discussed and agreed on the text of a draft decision of the Meeting of the Parties on the designation of focal points and their responsibilities (see annex).
2. The Working Group is expected to finalize the text and submit it to the first meeting of the Parties.

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\* This document is being issued on the above date owing to a lack of human resources in the secretariat.

Annex

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE DESIGNATION OF FOCAL POINTS  
AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health,

*Recognizing* the important interlinkages between water and health issues,

*Wishing* to promote synergy between environment and health,

1. Calls on Parties to designate one or more national focal points for the Protocol and, as appropriate, contact persons for specific topics under its auspices, if they have not already done so, and to submit the relevant contact information to the secretariat, including any modifications or additions as they occur;
2. Invites non-Parties and interested organizations to designate one or more focal points for the Protocol and, as appropriate, contact persons for specific topics under its auspices, if they have not already done so, and to submit the relevant contact information to the secretariat, including any modifications or additions as they occur;
3. Requests the secretariat to keep the list of focal points and contact persons for specific issues within the scope of the Protocol up to date and to post it on the Protocol's website to facilitate the sharing of information; and
4. Calls on nominated focal points to promote and support activities related to the Protocol within their countries/organizations by facilitating and/or coordinating, *inter alia*:
  - (a) Dissemination of information related to the Protocol to other concerned national authorities, organizations and the general public, as applicable;
  - (b) Provision to the secretariat of relevant information that could be of use for other Parties and non-Parties in their implementation of the Protocol;
  - (c) Information requests from the public, where appropriate.