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the Protection and Use of Transboundary
Watercourses and International Lakes

Implementation Committee

Eighth meeting

Haparanda, Sweden, 23 and 24 May 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighth meeting

**To be held in Haparanda, Sweden, starting on Tuesday, 23 May 2017,
at 3 p.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 10 May 2017** through the following link:
<https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=QIkXIu>.

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

2. Relevant activities under the Convention

The Committee will be informed of relevant meetings and activities under the Convention since its last meeting.

3. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative

In accordance with the relevant procedures set out in decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, 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 (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2, decision VI/1, annex I, paras. 18-23);

(b) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation and compliance (ibid., paras. 24-27);

(c) Undertaking a Committee initiative (ibid., paras. 28-29).

4. Review of the national reports on the implementation of the Convention

In accordance with its decision at its seventh meeting, the Committee will review the national implementation reports submitted by Parties during the pilot reporting exercise implemented from January to May 2017. On the basis of its review, the Committee will discuss and agree on possible steps it can take to promote implementation and compliance by individual Parties or groups of Parties.

Based on the experience of the pilot reporting exercise, the Committee will also discuss the appropriateness of the reporting template, and whether any revisions to the template should be recommended to the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management at its twelfth meeting (Geneva, 5-6 July 2017), for subsequent consideration by the Meeting of the Parties.

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

The Committee members will report on their efforts to present the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance at various forums and events, and the outcomes of such activities undertaken so far.

¹ Information and documents for the meeting will be made available on a dedicated web page of the Convention's website (<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=43598>).

On the basis of the discussions at previous meetings and past efforts, Committee members will be invited to share information on and discuss future possibilities to promote the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance. In particular, the Committee will also continue discussions on how to raise awareness about the Committee and its work among international financial institutions and non-governmental organizations.

6. Role of the Committee in the global opening of the Convention

At its sixth meeting (Geneva, 3-4 May 2016), the Committee received a mandate from the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention to support the secretariat in answering questions from countries outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region interested in acceding to the Convention. The Committee will be informed about recent and planned secretariat efforts to build capacity on the Convention outside the ECE region and discuss its potential involvement.

7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings

Based on the discussions under previous items, the Committee will discuss its future programme of work until the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2018. It will then agree on the dates of and the issues for consideration at its next meetings.

8. Any other business

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

9. Adoption of the report

The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its eighth meeting.
