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Watercourses and International Lakes

Implementation Committee

First meeting

Geneva, 5 June 2013

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the first meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting on Wednesday,
5 June 2013, at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Lessons learned from other implementation and compliance mechanisms.
4. Exchange of views on the Committee's role and functions.
5. Exchange of views on the Committee's core rules of procedure.
6. Requests for advice, submissions, Committee initiative.

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7. Strategy for publicizing the mechanism and facilitating its use.
8. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings.
9. Any other business.
10. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

In accordance with paragraph 10 of annex I to decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (see ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2, forthcoming), the Implementation Committee shall elect its chair and vice-chair.

2. Adoption of the agenda

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

3. Lessons learned from other implementation and compliance mechanisms

The Committee will be informed about the tasks, modalities of work, rules of procedure and experience of other committees dealing with implementation and compliance issues.

4. Exchange of views on the Committee's role and functions

The Committee will exchange views on its role and functions, as outlined in annex I to decision VI/1. In particular, the Committee will discuss the modalities for undertaking a Committee initiative.

5. Exchange of views on the Committee's core rules of procedure

The Committee will exchange views on its core rules of procedure, as outlined in annex II to decision VI/1, and discuss the need to further develop them.

6. Requests for advice, submissions, Committee initiative

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures:

(a) Any request for advice relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation or application made in accordance with section V of annex I to decision VI/1;

(b) Any submission relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation and compliance made in accordance with section VI of annex I to decision VI/1;

(c) Undertaking a Committee initiative in accordance with section VII of annex I to decision VI/1.

7. Strategy for publicizing the mechanism and facilitating its use

The Committee will discuss the strategy and modalities for raising awareness about the mechanism and facilitating its use, including possible capacity-building measures and the presentation of the mechanism at various forums and events.

8. Programme of work and calendar for 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. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its next meetings.

9. Any other business

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

10. Adoption of the report

The Committee will agree on the modalities for preparation and adoption of the meeting report. The Committee will entrust the secretariat to prepare and circulate the draft report.
