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DRAFT AGENDA AND LIST OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL ON WATER AND HEALTH

I. DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening ceremony and constitution

1.1 Opening ceremony

The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Regional Director of the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization and the representative of Hungary will formally open the meeting and address the Parties.

- 1.2 Constitution of the Meeting of the Parties
 - The secretariat will inform the MOP on the status of ratification, declarations made by Parties upon ratification, and representation at the meeting.
 - Following the procedure established under the Water Convention, the Meeting of the Parties may wish to establish two ad hoc groups: one on the draft programme of work and one on the draft declaration.
- 1.3 Election of officers and other Bureau members
 - The Meeting of the Parties is expected to elect a Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons and additional officers as deemed necessary, according to rule 17 of the rules of procedure.
- 1.4 Adoption of the agenda
- 1.5 Adoption of the rules of procedure
- 1.6 Report of the Bureau on the credentials submitted by the Parties
- 2. General debate on status of implementation and challenges

Parties and representatives of international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and representatives of the private sector will inform the meeting about the status of implementation of the Protocol and the main challenges. The outcome of the discussion will be taken into account under the relevant items of the agenda.

3. Report from the joint secretariat on meetings of relevance under UNECE and WHO/EURO and decision on mainstreaming activities and priorities of work under the Protocol into the policy making of the World Health Organization (WHO)

4. Amendment to the Protocol

5. Procedures and mechanisms

5.1 Compliance procedure

Adoption of the compliance procedure and election of the members of the compliance committees.

5.2 Reporting requirements

Adoption of draft guidelines for reporting progress towards targets under article 6, para. 2 (a) to (e).

- 5.3 Designation and responsibilities of focal points
- 5.4 Facilitator and clearing-house facility *No draft document available yet.*

6. Specific substantive issues

- 6.1 Target setting and indicators for review and assessment of progress Parties and non-Parties will announce their progress toward establishing targets and targets dates according to art 6 of the protocol and assessing progress towards the targets in accordance with art. 7.
- 6.2 Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities

7. Progress in the implementation of the Water Convention and possibility for joint action

According to article 16 para 3 (c), the Meeting of the Parties will be informed on progress in the implementation of the Convention.

8. Partners in cooperation: links with other organizations and programmes

The MOP will agree on its role and inputs into the Environment for Europe process, including the sixth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe" (Belgrade, October 2007), and the fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health (Italy, 2009). It will seek cooperation with relevant organizations and institutions, including those of the private sector.

No document for this item?

9. Access to information, public participation in decision-making and public access to justice

According to article 16 para 3 (g) the Meeting of the Parties shall consider the need for further provisions on access to information, public participation in decision-making and public access to judicial ands administrative review of decisions within the scope of the Protocol. The Parties will make arrangements to include this item in the agenda for its second meeting.

10. Programme of work and operation of the Protocol

10.1. Programme of work for 2007-2009

- 10.2 Terms of reference of bodies established to implement the programme of work *No draft document available.*
- 10.3 Financial arrangements
- 11. Declaration of the first meeting of the Parties
- 12. Date and venue of the second meeting of the Parties
- 13. Other business

14. Adoption of the report

The Parties will make arrangements for the adoption of the report taking into account the practice established under the Convention.

15. Closing of the meeting

II. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PARTIES

- 1. Provisional agenda
- 2. Rules of procedure
- 3. Draft decision on mainstreaming activities and priorities of work under the Protocol into the policy making of WHO
- 4. Draft decision on amendment to the Protocol
- 5. Draft decision on compliance procedure
- 6 Draft guidelines on reporting progress towards targets under article 6, para. 2 (a) to (e)
- 7. Designation and responsibilities of focal points
- 8. Draft decision on the facilitator and clearing house facility
- 9. Surveillance and early-warning systems, contingency plans and response capacities
- 10. Report on the implementation of the Water Convention and possibility for joint action
- 11 Partners in cooperation
- 15. Draft programme of work under the Protocol for 2007-2009
- 13. Draft terms of reference of bodies established to implement the programme of work
- 14. Draft decision on financial arrangements
- 15. Draft declaration of the first Meeting of the Parties