

**PROTOCOL N 13**  
**of the conference of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission (ICWC) of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan.**

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Participants:

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Invited:

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Turaev A.I.	Chief of Bukhara Obvodhoz
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Chairman of the conference Ilamanov A.I. - Minister of Land Restoration and Water Management of Turkmenistan.

Agenda:

1. Forecasting analysis, regulation of limits and regime of operation of water reservoirs, improvement of water distribution mechanism of Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers in 1995-1996 hydrological year (including dry period of 1995 year) (responsible BWO "Syrdarya" and BWO "Amudarya").
2. Admission of ICWC to the International Commission of Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) as a collective member (responsible SIC ICWC).
3. On activities of ICWC state-members of towards implementation of the "Program of concrete actions..." including articles 9,10, adopted at Nukus conference of Central Asian states' leaders (responsible ICWC secretariat, BWO "Syrdarya", BWO "Amudarya").
4. Appeal to Economic and Social Commission of Asia and Pacific Ocean (ESCAP) about opening of the representation of this Commission in one of the capitals of Central Asian states (responsible ICWC, SIC ICWC).
5. Analysis of "main positions and principles of water strategy in the Aral Sea Basin" with consideration of comments and proposals of ICWC members (responsible SIC ICWC).
6. About the Agenda of the next ICWC conference.

Following the presentations of the participants of the working meeting and exchange of opinions, members of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission decided:

*On the first item.*

1. For calculation of Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers water-related complex's operational regime in vegetation period of 1996 to ensure water security at the existing level of vegetation period in 1995.
2. To approve water discharge limits from Amudarya and Syrdarya for 1995-1996 hydrological year including fallow period and water-supply volumes to the Aral Sea and adjacent areas.  
Water discharge limits from Amudarya river are to be 10% lower in comparison with the limits on vegetation period of previous years. BWO "Amudarya" should undertake adjustment and correction according to approved limits of water discharge in vegetation period.
3. To take for base operational regime of water reservoirs flow of Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers for 1995-1996 hydrological year. BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya" after obtaining forecasts on water security of vegetation period of 1996 from Hydrometeorological Departments of Central Asia Republics should correct operational regime of water reservoirs flow during vegetation period and adjust it according to decisions of ICWC members.
4. Members of ICWC should request their governments to sign by February 15, 1996 the interstate agreement on water-energetic resources use of Naryn-Syrdarya flow of hydro-power stations and on mutual delivery and accounting for electric energy, gas and coal among the Republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan according to the draft of this Agreement and Proceedings of the conference in Bishkek (December 19-21, 1995).

5. Given the possibility of reaching a critical level of water security (less than 90% security of natural runoff) ICWC members should request their governments to instruct the organizations supervising the reservoirs to operate reservoirs in the regime of discharge and filling based on strict coordination with the appropriate BWO.

6. Aimed at improving water distribution mechanism for Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers under the charge of BWO "Syrdarya", BWO "Amudarya", SIC ICWC has proposed:

to elaborate the unique methodology of water balance and adjust the water-balance plots' control transects' location with ICWC;

to elaborate the methodology of water resources assessment for Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers taking into account the dynamics of water masses movement and watershed transformation.

7. Members of ICWC should request their governments to endorse the agreement for unobstructed flow of water resources according to limits, along the rivers and canals on the territory of the Central Asian states and transmission to the borders of adjacent states taking into account natural losses and watershed transformation.

***On the second item.***

1. To recommend to Republics of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan to set up National Committees of the Commission for Irrigation and Drainage and to join the International Commission of Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).

***On the third item.***

To require the ICWC secretariat (Negmatov G.A.) to prepare within 10 days the list of persons for obtaining certificates and diplomatic immunity according to the standard of international laws in Executive Committee of ICAS. This list should include the members of ICAS, ICWC (including ICWC experts), Deputy Ministers of Water Management, Deputy Chairman of Committee of Water Resources of Republic of Kazakhstan, chiefs of operational departments, chiefs of oblast water management departments, chiefs of BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya", chiefs of their local departments, Director and Deputy Director of SIC ICWC.

***On fourth item.***

1. To recommend to every ICWC state-member through their Ministries of Foreign Affairs to apply to the UNEconomic and Social Commission for countries of Asia and Pacific Ocean (ESCAP) with request to establish its representation in the capitals of the Central Asian states.

***On fifth item.***

Given that the regional water strategy is a combination of national water strategies, to request the ICWC members to revise within 10 days the national water strategies taking into account the approved principles of interstate water distribution, in order to enable SIC ICWC to incorporate them into the regional water strategy.

The next ICWC (XIV) conference will be held in Khodjent, Republic of Tajikistan in April 1996.

Agenda of the next ICWC conference:

1. To clarify the discharge limits and operational regime of water reservoirs cascades in Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers and the volume of water supply to the Aral Sea and adjacent areas in 1995-1996 hydrological year (responsible BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya").
2. On technical conditions of the entities passed for temporal maintenance to Basin Water Management Associations (responsible BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarua").
3. On the progress of the SIC ICWC 1995 working plan and consideration of the plan for 1996-1998 (responsible SIC ICWC).
4. On the working plan and arrangement of works under WARMAP - II phase program, including preliminary discussion of juridical documents, worked out by ICWC organizations under the WARMAP program and program 1.1. (responsible SIC ICWC).
5. On improvement of SIC ICWC structure (responsible: SIC ICWC and leading institutions of the ICWC state-members).
6. On the agenda of the next ICWC conference.

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For Kyrgyz Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
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Given that the dry period can continue during several years to make BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya" responsible for preparation of forecast calculations of water reservoirs cascades operation during the irrigation regime for 1996-2000 with participation of interested ministries and departments of the Central Asian states to be reviewed by the heads of states.

Signed by:

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For Kyrgyz Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
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