

PROTOCOL № 14
of ICWC meeting of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrghiz Republic, the Republic of
Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan

9-th August 1996

Bishkek

Were presented:

Sarsenbekov T.T.	Chairman of the State Committee for Water resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Bekbolotov I.B.	Minister of Water Management of the Kyrghiz Republic
Ashurov N.A.	Minister of Water Management of the Republic of Tadjikistan
Altiyev T.A.	Deputy Minister of Water Management of Turkmenistan
Djalalov A.A.	Acting Minister of Water Management of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Invited persons:

Kunanbayev S.	Deputy department chief in the Kazakhstan government
Kenshimov A.K.	State Committee for water resources, department chief
Apasov R.T.	Major reviewer in the government of the Kyrghiz Republic
Bekenov A.E.	Ministry of Water Management of the Kyrghiz Republic, department chief
Ovezov A.O.	Ministry of Water Management of Turkmenistan, department chief
Buranov U.K.	Ministry of Water Management of the Republic of Uzbekistan, department chief
Sokol'sky Ju.V.	Ministry of Water Management of the Republic of Tadjikistan, department chief
Kalandarov I.D.	BWO "AmuDarya", director
Sayatov K.A.	BWO "AmuDarya", deputy director
Khamidov M.H.	BWO "SyrDarya", director
Tolstunov Ju.V.	BWO "SyrDarya", deputy director
Dukhovny V.A.	SIC ICWC, director
Kasimov A.K.	Tadjik branch SIC ICWC, director
Negmatov G.A.	ICWC secretary

Minister for Water Management of the Kyrghiz Republic Mr. Bekbolotov J. was a Chairman

AGENDA

1. Making more accurate limits of intakes, reservoirs cascades operation regime on AmuDarya and SyrDarya rivers and flash volume to the Aralside and Aral Sea, 1995-1996. (Responsible: BWO "SyrDarya", BWO "AmuDarya")

2. About technical state of the objects, transmitted under provisional management to BVO.

(Responsible: BWO "SyrDarya", BWO "AmuDarya")

3. About SIC ICWC plan-1995 fulfilment and consideration of its plan-1996-1998.

(Responsible: SIC ICWC)

4. About plan and progress in WARMAP project 2-nd phase, including preliminary consideration of legislative documents

(Responsible: SIC ICWC)

5. About perfection of the ICWC structure

(Responsible: SIC ICWC and leading research institutes)

6. About next ICWC meeting agenda.

Exchanging by opinion ICWC members have decided:

On the first question:

1. To confirm BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya" measures on water-intakes limits and provision of water reservoirs cascades operation regime within non-growing period 1995-1996.

2. BWO "SyrDarya" together with ICWC members should provide necessary operation regime of Kairakkum reservoir for growing period completion.

3. ICWC members should apply to their governments with proposal about preparation in September-October special agreements about Naryn-Syrdarya cascade utilization in 1996-1997 and about mutual delivery and accounts for electric energy, gas and coal with attraction of all states in the SyrDarya basin. It is expedient to sign an agreement by all governments before the beginning of new year.

4. To charge BWO "AmuDarya" jointly with Ministries of Water Management of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to specify Tuyamuyun reservoir operation regime with consideration of water demand to the end of growing season of 1996.

On the second question:

1. To accept as satisfactory the technical state of hydrounits which belong to BWO "SyrDarya" and BWO "AmuDarya". At the same time it is worth to underline, that the operation regulations are not fully executed.

2. To eliminate in short time shortages fixed by working groups as a result of a special observation.

3. ICWC members should consider issue about financing necessary preparation and construction works.

On the third question:

1. To confirm SIC ICWC plan-1996 fulfilment.

2. To approve SIC ICWC plan-1996-1998 agreed with all Ministries of Water Management. SIC ICWC should within a month specify the national executors of the programs. ICWC members should provide financing and support for SIC ICWC plan fulfilment.

3. To apply to the World Bank an UNDP for assistance in systematic training of water economy's high level specialists with attraction of different donors.

4. SIC ICWC on behalf of ICWC to apply to the International Fund for Aral Sea to support financially SIC ICWC plan since 1997.

On the fourth question:

1. To confirm generally the WARMAP project phase 2 activity.

2. To submit to ICAS preliminary report on "General Provisions on Water Management Strategy in the Aral Sea Basin".

3. For strengthening the integral water resources management within the basin to propose to ICAS to confirm the following states:

- ICWC is a main body executing water management policy and is responsible for elaboration, implementation and coordination of the "Program of concrete actions", approved by heads of states on 11-th January 1994;

- ICWC prepares water strategy in the basin jointly with all economic branches. The strategy, after its approval becomes principle regulation for all states and their economic branches and water-users for water resources provision of the Central Asian region sustainable development;

- all water-users should agree their actions on the water resources use with ICWC;

- taking into account impossibility of any divergence from main provisions "Conception of improvement of natural and socio-economic situation in the Aral Sea basin" all consulting companies reports should be submitted to ICWC before and been revised by SIC ICWC with participation of all countries of the region;

- further investigations within the framework of the projects which are financed by international organizations and countries-donors, should be executed by local specialists and institutions, attraction of the foreign specialists should be made of the basis of tender, where the ICWC members have decisive opinion;

- the pilot projects elaboration and implementation in each country should be enhanced. These projects should be the polygons for water-saving technologies perfection, updated methods of production, agricultural products processing and staff training;

- to strengthen donors attraction to programs 2.2, 4.3, 5.4, 5.5, 7, which delay prevents development of "Program of concrete actions" as a whole, and to provide, from experience of European Union, uninterrupted financing.

4. Taking into consideration absence of coordination of all program within the framework of "Program of concrete actions" and their adjustment to "Main provisions of water management strategy in the Aral Sea Basin", to ask ICWC members to introduce their proposals on coordination, expertise and adjustment of the programs.

5. SIC ICWC should develop within a month the draft agreements on improvement of water resources management with consideration of the Ministries of Water Management comments and discuss them at the next ICWC meeting.

6. Taking into account support, development and participation in water strategy elaboration by WARMAP program and according to Memorandum on ICWC members visit to Belgium and Italy in 1995, to apply to European Commission and TACIS program's leadership in order to increase financing of 2-nd phase of this project to create the information system with involvement of agricultural bodies and permanent remote monitoring rivers, channels, deltas and Aral Sea itself using existing international experience.

On the fifth questions:

1. To confirm SIC ICWC new status agreed with all ICWC members with consideration of comments and to cancel SIC ICWC status approved by ICWC 10-th October 1993.

2. SIC ICWC should strengthen actions on equipment provision of its branches on expense of UNDP, EU and Capacity building program.

Next ICWC meeting should be held in Djambyl in the second half of October 1996.

Agenda of the next ICWC meeting

1. Consideration and approval of water-intakes limits, AmuDarya and SyrDarya reservoirs cascade operation regime and water flash to the Aralside and Aral Sea in 1996-1997 with consideration of perennial cycle of humidity of the river basins.

(Responsible: BWO "SyrDarya", BWO "AmuDarya", SIC ICWC)

2. About the results of investigations executed by foreign consulting companies within the programs 3 and 4 of "Program of concrete actions".

(Responsible: SIC ICWC)

3. ICWC Secretariat report for 1995-1996.
(Responsible: ICWC Secretariat)
4. About agenda of the next ICWC meeting.

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On the preparation to ICID Congress to be held
15-22-nd September 1996 in Cairo

15-22-nd September 1996 in Cairo International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage meeting will be held. The Aral Sea Basin problem will be considered separately.

To take as information, that all managers of water economy organizations of Central Asian States are invited to take part in its work.

To ask ICWC members to prepare national reports for presentation at the Congress to attract the world community attention to this problem.

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INFORMATION ON THE THIRD QUESTION OF AGENDA OF ICWC MEETING: "ON ICWC PLAN 1995 FULFILMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF ITS PLAN FOR 1996-1998"

Scientific-information centre (SIC) ICWC carries out coordination of interstate program "To work out water-economy strategy on water resources rational use and management ensuring guaranteed development of Central Asian region's national economy and restoration of environment to the level of ecological equilibrium", coordinated with leading research and design institutes and ICWC states-members and confirmed as the SIC ICWC working plan on 1994-95 by the ICWC meeting in Nukus (ICWC minutes, 10-th October 1993)