

PROCEEDING NO 17

of the meeting of International Coordination Water Commission (ICWC) of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan

February 21, 1998

Ashgabat

Attendees: ICWC Members

Sarsenbekov T.T.	Chairman of the State Committee of Water Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Kostyuk A.V.	First Deputy Director General of the Water Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Management of the Kyrgyz Republic
Nazriyev M.N.	First Deputy Minister of Water Management of the Republic of Tadjikistan
Altiyev T.A.	Deputy Minister of Water Management of Turkmenistan
Djalalov A.A.	First Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Management of the Republic of Uzbekistan

From ICWC Organizations

Kalandarov I.D.	Director BWO «Amu Darya»
Lisenko O.G.	Head of Water Resources Department BWO «Amu Darya»
Khamidov M. Kh.	Director BWO «Syr Darya»
Leshansky A.I.	Head of Division of water allocation and water balance of BWO «Syr Darya»
Dukhovny V.A.	Director SIC ICWC

Invited persons

Khanmedova A.O.	Head of Water Resources and Water use Division of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan
Sarkisov M.N.	Deputy Minister, Director Institute "Turkmengiprovodkhoz"
Goshayev D.G.	Head of Department of operation and maintenance of the Ministry for Water Management of Turkmenistan
Saparov U.B.	Director of Hydromeliorative expedition of the Ministry for Water Management of Turkmenistan

Deputy Minister of Water Management of Turkmenistan mr. Altiyev T.A. was as a Chairman.

AGENDA

1. Consideration and approval of operation regime of water-reservoirs cascades and limits for 1998 (responsible: BWO "Amu Darya, BWO "Syr Darya");

2. Programme of organisational-financial provision of ICWC and its entities activity in 1998 and next 5 years, including:

Plan of maintenance financing;

Plan of design scientific work of SIC ICWC and its organizations;

Plan of measures on dryness drought overcoming;

Plan of activities on hydrometeoservices and water accounting improvement (responsible: ICWC members, BWO "Amu Darya, BWO "Syr Darya", SIC ICWC).

3. About readiness of interstate systems and structures to the growing period of 1998 (responsible: ICWC members, BWO "Amu Darya, BWO "Syr Darya").

4. Additional question "About organization of Central Asian consulting association on water-related problems".

Exchanging by opinions ICWC members decided:

On the 1st question

1. To approve water-intake limits from Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers and regimes of water reservoirs cascade operation on 1997-1998 hydrological year, including non-vegetation period, and water releases volume to the Aral Sea and adjacent area according to appendix 1. After receiving Hydrometservice forecast about water provision for the growing period of 1998 BWO "Syr Darya" and BWO "Amu Darya" to precise regimes of cascades operation within the growing season and agree it with ICWC members.

BWO "Syr Darya" (Mr. Khamidov) to undertake measures on water supply to Chardara reservoir during the growing season in amount not less than 4.5 - 5 km³ under conditions of high lateral inflow to the Syr Darya trunk simultaneously smoothing water provision of the republic-water users according to the interstate agreement of 18.02.1992. Kairakkum reservoir operation regime should be executed according to the BWO "Syr Darya" scheduling.

2. ICWC members to undertake permanent control on intergovernmental agreements fulfillment on the Naryn-Syr Darya cascade water-energetic resources use, to promote accomplishment of mutual supply and payment for electricity, gas and coal between Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan according to above agreements.

3. Taking into account that Governments of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan have already agreed the draft projects of three agreements submitted by ICWC. (Letters of 03.07.1997), to ask ICWC members of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tadjikistan and Turkmenistan to undertake appropriate measures to accelerate concordance of above projects by their government.

On the 2nd question.

1. To approve cost estimate for financing maintenance needs of water-organisations BWO "Syr Darya" and BWO "Amu Darya" on 1998 at the level of last year with regard to indexation and charge both BWO's together with ICWC experts within a month to prepare and submit to financial entities of the Central Asian states information grounding their expenditures for consideration and approval.

2. To approve SIC ICWC plan and cost estimate according to appendices and ask IFAS to finance these expenditures in 1998 and next years on expense of contributions to the Fund and other sources, bearing in mind that its activity is addressed to creation of the mechanism of sustainable development and management by water resources in the Aral Sea

basin, which fully coincide with the tasks of the "Programme of concrete actions", approved by the Head of states on January 11, 1994.

3. To approve the plan of measures on drought overcoming submitted by BWO "Syr Darya" and BWO "Amu Darya" engaging all water-related organizations of the region together with BWO's to take active part in its implementation-according to the appendix to the 2nd question.

On the 3rd question

1. BWO "Amu Darya" and BWO "Syr Darya" should provide to the beginning of the growing season of 1998 full workability of the interstate systems and structures. Water-related organisations - ICWC members should help them in this work fulfillment.

2. To oblige BWO's and the ministries-owners of structures to prepare to next ICWC meeting plan of reconstruction and repair of these structures in order to avoid loss of manageability on the interstate water ways in the future. ICWC members should find financial means for works accomplishment on structure rehabilitation and reconstruction.

On the 4th question

1. "Aral Water Consult" is a association of water-organisations and reserve persons of five states of Central Asia in area of water resources, irrigation and environment management and protection. Its main goal is coordination of the regional projects preparation and implementation funded by the states of the region and international donors in close connection with the SIC ICWC regional and national organisations.

2. To establish that "Aral Water Consult" is accountable to ICWC in activities within the region.

According to T.Sarsenbekov proposal the following question is included: taking into account raising requirements to water resources management at the interstate level and necessity of giving BWO's international status to prepare appropriate proposals to the next ICWC meeting (responsible: SIC ICWC, BWO "Amu Darya, BWO "Syr Darya",).

Next ICWC meeting should be held in April 1998 in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Agenda of the ICWC 19th meeting.

1. Results of the non-vegetation period of 1997-1998 and precisising of cascades operation regimes and water-intake limits in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya basin within the growing season of 1998 (responsible: BWO "Amu Darya", BWO "Syr Darya").

2. About the progress in creation of the regional information system for water resources use and main provisions on information exchange (responsible: SIC ICWC).

3. About BWO "Amu Darya" and BWO "Syr Darya" international status (responsible: BWO "Amu Darya", BWO "Syr Darya")

4. About the ICWC next meeting agenda.

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