

**Protocol No 28  
 of ICWC meeting of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan**

December 21-22, 2000

Ashgabat

## ICWC members

A.M. Ramazanov	Chairman, Committee for Water Resources of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Republic of Kazakhstan
B.T. Koshmatov	Deputy Minister, Director General, Water Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic
S.Sh. Shoimardonov	Deputy Minister of Reclamation and Water Management of the Republic of Tajikistan
S.K. Kurbanov	Minister of Water Management of Turkmenistan
A.A. Jalalov	First Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water management of the Republic of Uzbekistan

## From IFAS

T.A. Altıyev	Chairman EC IFAS
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## From ICWC bodies

Yu.H. Khudaibergenov	Head BWO "AmuDarya"
O.G. Lysenko	Head, BWO "AmuDarya" Department
M.H. Khamidov	Head BWO "SyrDarya"
A.I. Leshansky	Head BWO "SyrDarya" Department
V.A. Dukhovny	Director SIC ICWC
P.D. Umarov	Deputy Director SIC ICWC

## Invited

R.K. Ikramov	Director General SPA "SANIIRI"
H. Pulatov	Director "Yugvodkhoz"
A.K. Kutzhanov	Director "Kyzylordavodkhoz"
A.Sh. Jailobayev	Head of Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Management of the Kyrgyz Republic
A.E. Bekenov	Chief Engineer "Kyrgyzsuvdlboor"
D.D. Nurbayev	Deputy Director SANIIGMI
A.Ch. Ovezov	Head of Department, Ministry of Water Management of Turkmenistan

Meeting was chaired by Minister of Water Management of Turkmenistan S.K. Kurbanov.

## AGENDA

1. About results of vegetation period 2000 (responsible BWO “AmuDarya” and BWO “SyrDarya”)
2. Water diversion limits for non-growing period of 2000-2001 in AmuDarya and SyrDarya basin consideration (responsible BWO “AmuDarya” and BWO “SyrDarya”). Water reservoir cascade on AmuDarya and SyrDarya operation regime as a proposal to interstate agreement on SyrDarya water and energy resources rational use.
3. BWO “SyrDarya” activity during growing period 2000 consideration.
4. About ICWC development and strengthening program (resp. SIC ICWC)
5. Program of ICWC and its executive bodies financial activity for 2001:
  - O & M financing plan;
  - design work plan;
  - SIC ICWC and its branches research plan (responsible BWO “AmuDarya” and BWO “SyrDarya”, SIC ICWC)
6. About draft “Provision on BWO, SIC and ICWC Secretariat financing” (responsible SIC ICWC)
7. About interaction strengthening between water management organizations and Hydrometservices on amplification of river flow and hydrological forecast in Central Asia
8. Additional question (submitted by SIC ICWC): about ICWC and FAO technical collaboration project (resp. SIC ICWC)
9. About agenda and place of the next 29<sup>th</sup> ICWC meeting.

Have heard participants' reports and exchanging opinions ICWC members have decided:

### **On the first question**

1. To accept BWO “AmuDarya” and BWO “SyrDarya” information about water intake limits realization and established cascade regime provision on AmuDarya and SyrDarya during growing period 2000.
2. ICWC members to take into account, whilst water use plan of 2001 preparation, lessons learned during dry year 2000, to undertake necessary measures for water sector readiness improvement for similar phenomena in the future.
3. BWO “AmuDarya” and BWO “SyrDarya” to take measures on even water distribution between water users.

### **On the second question**

1. To approve water intake limits from AmuDarya and SyrDarya river (Annex 1, 2) and reservoir cascade regime on AmuDarya river for non-growing period of 2000-2001 Annex 4) and water supply to the Aral Sea and coastal zone (Annex 1, 2).
2. Recommend operation regime of Naryn-SyrDarya cascade during non-growing season of 2000-2001 (Annex 3) as a proposal for preparation of two- and three-sided interstate agreements on water-energy resources rational use in the SyrDarya basin. ICWC member from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to promote conclusion of those agreements in January 2001.

**On the third question**

1. ICWC member from Kazakhstan Mr. A.M. Ramazanov offered draft decision as follow:

1.1. To recognize BWO "SyrDarya" activity on even water supply of all water users during growing period of 2000 insufficient.

1.2. To fire BWO "SyrDarya" Head Mr. M.K hamidov.

1.3. To consider necessary periodically (once in 5 years) rotate BWO "SyrDarya" leadership with nomination on this position representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and introduce appropriate amendments in BWO "SyrDarya" status.

2. Proposal of Kazakhstan is supported in items 1.1 and 1.2 by Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan; in items 1.3 by all ICWC members.

3. Following consensus on item 1.3, ICWC members to prepare proposals on given question with regard for rotation principle for two BWOs. SIC ICWC together with BWOs to summarize and include in draft status of BWOs for discussion at the next ICWC meeting.

**On the fourth question**

1. SIC ICWC proposals on ICWC activity's main directions and development program improvement to accept for consideration and ICWC members at 01.02.2001 to prepare suggestions on ICWC activity development and strengthening as well as on creation of thematic groups from representatives of 5 countries.

2. ICWC members to continue work on developed agreements' text improvement and accelerate their submitting to ICWC meeting.

**On the fifth question**

1. To approve cost estimates for operational needs of BWO "AmuDarya" and BWO "SyrDarya" for 2001.

2. Taking into account, that SIC ICWC plan for 2000-2002 has been approved at 25<sup>th</sup> ICWC meeting, to approve its cost estimate for 2001;

3. To approve SIC ICWC cost estimate for 2001 with regard for proposal of ICWC member from Kyrgyzstan Mr. B. Koshmatov about amplification of SIC ICWC Kyrgyz branch expenses.

4. ICWC members to take measures for providing full financing of above activity.

**On the sixth question**

To accept proposal of ICWC member from Kyrgyzstan Mr. B. Koshmatov and to consider question 6 at the next ICWC meeting.

**On the seventh question**

1. To recommend to Hydrometservices of Central Asia within a month to agree and prepare proposals on rehabilitation of key weather and gauging stations, prepare cost estimates and define share of each country and order of financing.

2. ICWC members together with Hydrometservices to prepare suggestions to the governments for determining sources of financing on item 1.

3. To ask Hydrometservices leadership, taking into account complicated water related situation, to March 1, 2001 to prepare monthly forecast for AmuDarya and SyrDarya water availability on growing period of 2001.

4. To invite to next ICWC meeting Hydrometservices leaders to strengthen their interaction with water management organizations in the region.

**On eighth (additional) question**

1. To adopt activity conducted by SIC ICWC together with national organizations on FAO involvement in the project directed at irrigated farming productivity improvement in the Aral Sea basin. To agree with the text of agreement between FAO and ICWC and principle equal financial means distribution between the states.

2. To commission SIC ICWC Director Prof. V. Dukhovny to sign this agreement on behalf of ICWC and organize jointly with FAO representatives fulfillment of conditions set by FAO.

3. ICWC members to appoint the project national coordinators and support development of this activity in Extension service.

4. SIC ICWC Director Prof. V. Dukhovny within a month to agree with ICWC members the project budget.

**On the ninth question**

Next 29<sup>th</sup> ICWC meeting to carry out in the Republic of Kazakhstan in March 2001.

**AGENDA  
of the next 29<sup>th</sup> ICWC meeting  
in the Republic of Kazakhstan in March 2001**

1. Reservoir cascade operation regime and water intake limits in AmuDarya and SyrDarya basin amplification for the growing period of 2001 (resp. BWO "AmuDarya" and BWO "SyrDarya")

2. About the project "About order of financing ICWC executive bodies (BWOs, SIC ICWC, Secretariat) (resp. SIC ICWC)

3. Consideration of program of ICWC activity development and strengthening (resp. SIC ICWC)

4. About strengthening water related bodies and Hydrometservices interaction on AmuDarya and SyrDarya river flow forecast amplification.

5. About agenda and place of the next 30<sup>th</sup> ICWC meeting.

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For the Kyrgyz Republic  
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