

**Minute No 29
of ICWC meeting of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
and Uzbekistan**

April 12-13, 2001

Kokshetau

Attendees:

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
A.A. Nozirov	Minister of Reclamation and Water Resources, the Republic of Tajikistan
U.B. Saparov	Authorized representative, Turkmenistan
A.A. Jalalov	First Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water management of the Republic of Uzbekistan

ICWC Honorable Members

R.A. Giniyatullin
N.K. Kipshakbayev

From ICWC organizations

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

Invitees

Kh.A.Askarov	Department Head, Committee of Water Resources, the Republic of Kazakhstan
Kh.P.Pulatov	Director "Yugvodkhoz"
A.K.Kutzhonov	Director "Kyzylordavodkhoz"
K.K.Beishekeyev	First Deputy Director General, Water Department of MAWR, the Kyrgyz Republic
A.Sh.Jailoobayev	Board Director, Water Department of MAWR, the Kyrgyz Republic
R.K.Ikramov	Director SPA SANIIRI
L.N.Borovikova	Deputy Director SANIIGMI
T.K.Kudekov	Director General "Kazgidromet"

Meeting was chaired by A.M. Ramazanov - Chairman of the Committee of Water Resources of the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

AGENDA

1. Water reservoir cascade operation regime and water intake limits amplification in the AmuDarya and SyrDarya basin for growing period of 2001 (responsible: BWO “AmuDarya” and BWO “SyrDarya”);
2. About project “Provision on order of financing ICWC executive bodies (BWO, SIC, Secretariat)” (responsible: SIC ICWC);
3. ICWC activity and development program consideration (responsible: SIC ICWC);
4. “About strengthening water and meteorological organizations interrelation in AmuDarya and SyrDarya river flow amplification and forecast reliability increase”;
5. (Additional question). About ICWC members proposals on BWO status changes (Proposed by A.Ramazanov and A.Jalalov);
6. (Additional question). ICWC protocol decision on the World Commission on Large Dams, ICID and International Association of Power Engineering conclusion on the “Report of World Commission on Dams”;
7. (Additional question). About scientific-practical conference “Water Resources of Central Asia” devoted to ICWC 10 years anniversary in 2002 in Almaty;
8. (Additional question). About restoration of collaboration with Mekong river Secretariat under ESCAP support;
9. About next ICWC meeting agenda.

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

On the first question:

1. Accept information about BWO “SyrDarya” and “AmuDarya” measures on water intake limits realization and actual regime of water reservoir cascade along the AmuDarya and SyrDarya rivers during non-growing season of 2000-2001.
2. Approve water intake limits for the AmuDarya and SyrDarya rivers according to Annex 1 and 2 as well as AmuDarya water reservoir cascade operation regime according to Annex 3.
3. Recommend for consideration I and II options of Naryn-SyrDarya reservoir cascade operation regime when preparing intergovernmental agreement on the SyrDarya basin water-power resources rational use on 2001 (Annex 4 and 5).
4. ICWC members to promote conclusion of the interstate agreement on Naryn-SyrDarya cascade water-power resources integral utilization for current growing season.
5. Charge BWO “AmuDarya”, SIC ICWC together with hydro-meteorological services, MWR of Turkmenistan and MAWR of Uzbekistan to organize activity to define channel water losses along AmuDarya.
6. Note that there is severe draught in the AmuDarya and SyrDarya basin and during current growing season situation will not grow better. ICWC members to take additional measures on water resources rational use.

On the second question:

1. The project “Provision on order of financing of the ICWC executive bodies” to take for a base, finalize and submit to ICWC members for final coordination with the governments before next ICWC meeting.

On the third question:

1. Adopt prepared by SIC ICWC program of ICWC development and strengthening as well as proposals on thematic working groups establishing.

2. ICWC members to define countries representatives to the thematic working groups.

3. Charge SIC ICWC to organize these groups activity according to program and approve at the next ICWC meeting.

On the fourth question:

1. Ask hydro-meteorological services of all countries to determine minimum volume of work to restore systematic observations on Abramov and Fedchenko glaciers and to consider expedient twice a year to define snow stock in watershed. To determine share contribution for each country and agree with relevant governments.

2. Support the Republic of Kazakhstan proposal on weather and gauging stations restoration in the Aral Sea basin by Kazakhstan at its own.

3. Accept information that gauging stations on Pyanj (Lower Pyanj), Vahsh (Komsomolabad, Tigrovaya balka), Kafirnigan rivers will be restored by the Republic of Tajikistan by its own.

4. Ask Glavgidromets of Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan to organize jointly with BWO “AmuDarya” three times calibration of the Darganata and Kerky gauging stations.

5. Charge SIC ICWC together with Glavgidromets, BWO “AmuDarya” and “SyrDarya” to five proposals on USAID project correction in part of financing activity mentioned in item 1.

6. Accept proposal of the Republic of Tajikistan on the world community and donors attention attraction to snow-ice resources monitoring within the Tajikistan territory.

On the fifth question:

1. Change item 3.2 of the BWO “AmuDarya” status and item 4.2 of the BWO “SyrDarya” status as follow:

“Association is headed by head appointed and approved by ICWC decision for 5 years term”. Order of the head appointment is determined by “Provision on the ICWC executive bodies’ leading staff selection and appointment”.

2. Charge Secretariat and SIC ICWC to prepare the project “Provision on the ICWC executive bodies’ leading staff selection and appointment” based on ICWC members proposals summarizing.

3. In connection with change of BWO “AmuDarya” hydrounit administrations’ name to put amendments in item 3.1 of the association status:

- Name:
- Kurgantube administration to replace by Verhnedaryinskoye one;
 - Charjev administration to replace by Srednedarinskoye one;
 - Nukus administration to replace by Nizhnedarinskoye one

On the sixth question:

Protocol decision is accepted (Annex 6).

On the seventh question:

1. Carry out scientific-practical conference “Water resources of Central Asia” devoted to ICWC 10-years anniversary in February 2002 in Almaty.

2. Charge V. Dukhovny and N. Kipshakbayev, under coordination with A. Ramazanov, to prepare measures for the conference conducting.

On the eighth question:

1. Consider expedient to restore collaboration with Mekong river Secretariat.
2. Ask UN ESCATO to support and promote this collaboration.

On the ninth question:

Next ICWC meeting to carry out in the Kyrgyz Republic in July-August 2001 with agenda:

Agenda:

1. About growing period 2001 and water reservoirs operation and water intake limits in the AmuDarya and SyrDarya basin amplification (responsible: BWO “AmuDarya” and “SyrDarya”);

2. About ICWC Training Center activity and thematic working groups plan approval (responsible: SIC ICWC);

3. About intergovernmental agreements finalizing and coordination progress (responsible: SIC ICWC, BWO “AmuDarya” and “SyrDarya”);

4. Consideration of the project “Provision on the ICWC executive bodies’ leading staff selection and appointment” (responsible: SIC ICWC);

5. Consideration of the project “Provision on the ICWC executive bodies financing order” (responsible: SIC ICWC);

6. On measures of ICWC Jubilee Conference conducting (responsible: A.Ramazanov, SIC ICWC);

7. About place, date and agenda of the next ICWC meeting.

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