

## MINUTES OF 44th MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) REPRESENTED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

30-31 March 2006

Ashkhabad city

### Participants:

		ICWC members:
Kenshimov	Amirkhan	Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, the Republic of Kazakhstan
Kadyrbekovich		
Beishekeyev	Kydybek	First Deputy Director General of Water Resources Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry, the Kyrgyz Republic
Kanimetovich		
Eshmirzoev Ismat Eshmirzoevich		Deputy Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, the Republic of Tajikistan
Altiyev Tekebay Altiyevich		Minister of Water Resources, Turkmenistan, Honorary member of ICWC
Khamrayev Shavkat Rakhimovich		Deputy Minister, Chief of Central Water Administration, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources (MAWR), the Republic of Uzbekistan

### From ICWC Executive Bodies:

Dukhovny Viktor Abramovich		Director of SIC ICWC, Professor, Honorary Member of ICWC
Khudayberganov	Yuldash	Head of BWO "Amudarya"
Khudayberganovich		
Khamidov	Makhmud	Head of BWO "Syrdarya"
Khamidovich		
Negmatov	Gayrat	Chief of ICWC Secretariat, Honorary Member of ICWC
Abdusattarovich		
Makarov Oleg Stepanovich		Director of CMC ICWC, Director of PKTI "Vodoavtomatika i metrologiya"
Umarov Pulatkhon Djakhanovich		Director of ICWC Training Center

### Invitees:

Kipshakbaev	Nariman	Director of SIC ICWC Kazakh Office, Professor, Honorary Member of ICWC
Kipshakbaevich		
Shaymordonov	Subkhonkul	Director of SIC ICWC Tajik Office
Shomakhmadovich		
Lysenko Oleg Grigoryevich		Division head, BWO "Amudarya"
Kazakov Mavlon Khakimovich		Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan, IFAS Executive Committee
Ostanov Razok Marizaevich		Chief of Amubukhar water lift canal
<b>Chairman:</b>		Altiyev Tekebay Altiyevich - Minister of Water Resources, Turkmenistan, Honorary member of ICWC

## AGENDA

1. Progress in implementation of water withdrawal limits for the non-growing season 2005-2006 and adoption of water withdrawal limits for the growing season 2006 (responsible - BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya").
2. Development of RETA program «Improvement of shared water resources use in Central Asia» and detailed Work Scope and Plan.
3. Comparative data analysis for measuring devices and control facilities as for August 2005 in CAR countries, CIS and far-abroad countries and Proposals to CMC Work Program in the field of metrological provision of water activity of metrological services in CAR countries (responsible CMC ICWC).
4. Consideration of «Provision on ICWC» (responsible SIC ICWC).
5. Agenda and venue of the next 45th ICWC Meeting.

### *Additional items:*

1. Results of participation of ICWC representatives in the 49th ICID Congress in Peking.
2. Annual Scientific-practical Conference in Almaty city.

Having approved the agenda, heard the speeches made by the participants of the meeting, and exchanged views, the members of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) in Central Asia decided:

### **On the first item:**

1. Take into consideration information of BWO "Amudarya" and BWO "Syrdarya" on implementing water withdrawal limits and ensuring the adopted operation mode of the reservoir cascade on the Syrdarya and the Amudarya for the non-growing season 2005-2006. Recognize effective monitoring and regulation of operation mode of Chardarya reservoir and providing no-failure winter flood water routing.
2. Adopt the water withdrawal limits from the Amudarya and the Syrdarya for the growing season 2006 and water supply volume to the Aral Sea. Recommend the operation mode of Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade for making agreement with energy organizations in riparian countries. The operation mode should be specified in April-May 2006.
3. ICWC members should implement a permanent control over progress of signed interstate agreements on multipurpose use of water and energy resources in Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade in 2006.

### **On the second item:**

1. Approve the program of arrangements and work progress of national work groups (NWG) and regional group on the Project ABD RETA 6163.
2. Approve new staff of regional work group:
  - SIC ICWC Representative
  - BWO Syrdarya Representative
  - Representative of IFAS Executive Committee
  - UDC (United Dispatcher Center) Energy Representative – Bychikhina S.P.
  - BWO Amudarya Representative
  - CMC Representative as an observer
3. Request Ministry for Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan

to complete NWG staff according to approved Work Program.

4. Recognize the necessity to strengthen cooperation inside national inter-departmental groups in order to take into consideration the interests of all sectors of economics and environment and discovering balance between them.

5. Approve redeveloped draft Agreement «On forming and functioning of national, basin and regional databases of multipurpose use and protection of the Aral Sea basin water resources» and submit it to EC IFAS and Governments of Central Asia countries for consideration.

6. Take into account general approaches given in draft Agreement «On using water and energy resources of the Aral Sea basin».

7. Request the Asian Development Bank to increase financing for a possibility for all members of National Work Groups (in five representatives) from every country to take part in project arrangements.

**On the third item:**

SIC ICWC members should prepare proposals on delivering and purchasing hydrometric instruments for water management organizations in Central Asia countries.

**On the fourth item:**

Draft of new “Provision on ICWC”, presented and finalized with account of comments and proposals, should be agreed and submitted to IFAS Direction for approval.

**On the fifth item:**

1. The next 45<sup>th</sup> ICWC Meeting should be held in July 2006 in Kyrgyzstan.
2. Approve the following agenda of the next 45<sup>th</sup> ICWC Meeting.

**AGENDA:**

1. Status report on water withdrawal limits use for the non-growing season 2005-2006 and specification of operation modes of reservoir cascades and water withdrawal limits in the Amudarya and the Syrdarya basins in the growing season 2006 (responsible - BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”).

2. Information on work progress of International Project “IWRM-Fergana”, Phase III (responsible – SIC ICWC).

3. Principles and order of rotation of ICWC executive bodies (responsible – ICWC Secretariat).

4. Results of participation of ICWC representatives in World Water Forum IV in Mexico (responsible – SIC ICWC).

5. Agenda and venue of the next 46<sup>th</sup> ICWC meeting.

**On the first additional item:**

1. Strengthen cooperation of NCID with ICID head office.
2. NCID Chairmen of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan should take measures on payment of annual membership fees of national organizations to ICID.
3. NCID Chairmen should appoint representatives in ICID Work Groups on water conservation, technical activity, farmers’ involvement as well as in Research Groups of Young People Forum and others.

**On the second additional item:**

Agree with proposals of Work Group of Organizational Committee:

1. In connection with participation of ICWC representatives in World Water Forum IV activity, 17-22 March 2006, Annual Central Asian International Scientific-practical Conference in Almaty city in 2006 should not be held.
2. Beginning from 2007 Central Asian International Scientific-practical Conference in Almaty city should be held once in two years combining with Central Asian International Exhibition «Water» based on International Exhibition Center «Atakent-Expo».
3. Taking into consideration that in 2007 it will be 15th anniversary of ICWC, Jubilee ICWC Meeting, Central Asian International Scientific-practical Conference «Water cooperation for the welfare of sustainable Central Asia development» and Central Asian International Exhibition of water technologies and water sector VII devoted to 15th anniversary of ICWC should be held in April 2007.
4. Entrust SIC ICWC together with BWO «Amudarya», BWO «Syrdarya» and CMC ICWC to prepare the Program on preparation of jubilee arrangements for the next ICWC meeting.
5. ICWC members together with SIC ICWC should make efforts in looking for donors in order to provide sponsor support in carrying out jubilee arrangements.

For the Republic of Kazakhstan

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For the Kyrgyz Republic

K.K. Beishekeyev

For the Republic of Tajikistan

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**PROTOCOLAR DECISION OF THE 44<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) REPRESENTED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

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1. Take into consideration that ICWC members represented by the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan have made a proposal to include the issue on rotation of ICWC executive bodies into the agenda, but ICWC member for the Republic of Uzbekistan has opposed the investigation of this issues at present ICWC meeting.

2. Taking into account available disputes it has been made a decision to include the above mentioned issue into the agenda of the next meeting and charge ICWC Secretariat with preparation of proposals on principles and order of rotation of ICWC executive bodies.

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**REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS OF WATER WITHDRAWAL LIMITS DURING THE NON-GROWING SEASON 2005-2006 AND APPROVAL OF WATER WITHDRAW LIMITS FOR THE GROWING SEASON 2006 ГОДА<sup>1</sup>**

**I. The Amudarya river basin**

Actual water availability for five months of the non-growing season for the Amudarya river basin in given site Atamurad and upstream of Garagumdarya was 100,8 % of norm. Under the norm 12 billion 716 million m<sup>3</sup> the actual water availability was 12 billion 808 million m<sup>3</sup> (last year it was 11 billion 079 million m<sup>3</sup> or 92,3 % of norm). Expected water availability for the whole growing season will be within the norm.

Fixed water withdrawal limit use for five months of current growing season in the light of states looks in the following way:

-Fixed water withdrawal limit was used in total for the basin by 104,2 % under the limit

<sup>1</sup> Materials for the first issue of the agenda of ICWC Meeting 44, 30-31 March 2006, Ashgabat