

**PROTOCOL OF THE 48th MEETING OF INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR
WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN,
THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN,
TURKMENISTAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

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Agenda:

1. On 2007 growing season and approval of water withdrawal limits during the non-growing season in the Basins of the Amudarya and the Syrdarya Rivers (BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” are in charge).
2. On the results and perspectives for works completion on ADB RETA 61630 Project.
3. On the development of work principles for “Central Asian Regional Water Information Base” (CAREWIB) in the interests of national information systems.
4. On “Provisions about ICWC”.
5. On the agenda and venue of the next 49th ICWC meeting.

Having the agenda approved, the reports listened and the opinions exchanged, the members of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia (ICWC) decided:

On the first item:

1. Take into consideration the information about events of BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya” on the implementation of water withdrawal limits and provision of the accepted operating regime of tandem reservoir system during 2007growing season.
2. Adopt water withdrawal limits for 2007-2008 non-growing season and coordinate the regime of forecast-schedule for tandem reservoir system operation along the Amudarya River with the Ministry for Energy and Industry of the Republic of Tajikistan.
3. Adopt water withdrawal limits for non-growing season 2007-2008 within the Syrdarya River Basin. The states within the Syrdarya River Basin should coordinate the proposed operating regime of Naryn-Syrdarya tandem reservoir system with the national Energy Agencies in a short period.

On the second item:

1. Take into consideration the information of National work groups and Regional work groups about the work done.
2. Chiefs of National work groups should ensure the completion of work up to the end of 2007.
3. The Tajik party has withdrawn its remarks concerning the preamble, Articles 2 and 3 “Agreements on water and power resources use in the Syrdarya River Basin”. Article 6.1 has been revised in the following way: “Before the approval of new water allocation strategy within the basin, the water withdrawal limits for the Parties during hydrological year from the Syrdarya River (Provision 1) and its main tributaries, including the Chirchik River should be allocated on the basis of Correction Note for “Revised water resources use and conservation master-plan for the Syrdarya River Basin” approved in Protocol #413 of Scientific and Technical Council under the Ministry for Land Reclamation and Water Resources of the USSR from February 29, 1984 within the period of 5 years and to extend it automatically for the next 5-year period if another proposal on this issue in a written form has been submitted by none of the parties not later than 6 months in advance”.
4. National work groups should continue the work on the mentioned Agreement.

On the third item:

1. Approve the development principles of national information systems proposed by SIC ICWC and implemented within the framework of Phase 2, CAREWIB Project, according to signed Memorandums.
2. ICWC Members together with SIC ICWC are to organize establishment of national contact points and support for preparatory work during inception period of the next phase of CAREWIB Project.
3. ICWC Members thank Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation for their active support.

On the forth item:

1. Take into consideration the information about the work on draft “Provisions about ICWC” and draft Agreement “Regarding consolidation of management organizational structure, conservation and development of transboundary water resources in the Aral Sea Basin”.
2. Taking into account that members of National work group from the Kyrgyz Republic have not initialled the mentioned projects, B.T. Koshmatov, ICWC Member, is asked to take measures on consideration of the mentioned drafts within one month period.
3. Taking into account importance and significance of the mentioned drafts, the documents should be considered and approved by current ICWC Members during the next meeting of ICWC.

On the fifth item:

1. The next 49th meeting of ICWC should be held in the second ten-day period of February, 2008 in the Republic of Uzbekistan.
2. Approve the agenda for the next 49th ICWC meeting.

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1. Regarding implementation of water withdrawal limits and provision of accepted operating regime of reservoir cascades on the Amudarya River and the Syrdarya River during growing season 2007-2008.
2. Regarding the program for provision of ICWC financial and logistics activity and its executive bodies (responsible BWO «Amudarya», BWO «Syrdarya», the Secretariat, SIC ICWC, CMC ICWC and Training Center ICWC).
3. Regarding progress of works on ADB RETA 6163 Project.
4. Regarding “IWRM-Fergana” project assessment results.
5. Regarding “Provisions about ICWC” and Agreement “Regarding consolidation of management organizational structure, conservation and development of interstate water resources sources in the Aral Sea Basin”.
6. Regarding the First Asian-Pacific Water Summit.
7. Regarding the agenda and venue of the next 50th ICWC meeting.

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