

**MINUTES OF 52ND MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION
FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF
TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF
UZBEKISTAN**

December 5, 2008

City of Ashgabat

Participants:

ICWC Members:

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| Ryabtsev Anatoly Dmitriyevich | Chairman of Committee for Water Resources Ministry of Agriculture Republic of Kazakhstan |
| Koshmatov Baratali Turanovich | Director General of Water Resources Department at the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources and Processing Industry Kyrgyz Republic |
| Yokubzod Saidi | Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources Republic of Tajikistan |
| Khamrayev Shavkat Rakhimovich | Deputy Minister, Head of Central Water Administration at the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources Republic of Uzbekistan |

ICWC Executive agencies:

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| Umarov Pulatkhon Djakhanovich | Deputy director of SIC ICWC, head of ICWC Training Center |
| Kidirniyazov Burkitbay Tajiniyazovich | Acting head of BWO «Amudarya» |
| Khamidov Makhmud Khamidovich | Head of BWO «Syrdarya» |

Invited:

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| Kipshakbayev Nariman | Director Kazakh branch of SIC ICWC |
| Seysenov Sembay | Head of PWR «Yugvodkhoz» Committee for Water Resources at the Ministry of Agriculture |

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| | Republic of Kazakhstan |
| Sheraliyev Nurmukhammed | Head of division, Central Water Administration at the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources |
| | Republic of Uzbekistan |
| Taganov Seitmurad | Instructor of the Agricultural department at the Cabinet of Ministers |
| | Turkmenistan |
| Khanmedov Guvanch | Head of Operations Division, Ministry of Water Resources Turkmenistan |
| Chairman: | Yazmuradov Annageldi Orazberdiyevich – ICWC member, Minister of Water Resources Turkmenistan |

AGENDA

1. Regarding results of vegetation period 2008 (responsible: BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya»).
2. Regarding fulfillment of water withdrawal limits and of the operation modes of the reservoirs cascade in the Amudarya and Syrdarys river basins during the non-vegetation period 2008-2009.
3. Regarding the organization of regional training center for specialists at high and middle levels of water management, energy and environmental agencies of Central Asian countries on the basis of the ICWC Training Center and its branches (SIC ICWC and TC ICWC are responsible for implementation).
4. Revision of draft agreement «About water and energy use in the Syrdarya river basin».
5. Venue and agenda of the next 53rd ICWC meeting.

Additional issues for consideration:

1. Concerning the project «Water productivity improvement at field level» (included at a request of SIC ICWC).
2. Appointing the heads of ICWC executive bodies: BWO «Amudarya» and ICWC Secretariat

The members of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) having agreed on the agenda, having heard the reports and exchanged the opinions had **decided on** the following:

First item:

1. Take into account the results of the operation modes of the reservoir cascade and of water withdrawals of countries for vegetation period 2008 as informed by BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya».

Second item:

1. Take into account the fulfillment of water withdrawal limits and of the operation modes of the reservoirs cascade in the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins for the past non-vegetation period as informed by BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya».

2. Pay special attention to the reliability of the gauging stations information in the Naryn and Syrdarya rivers

3. Support the proposal of SIC ICWC and BWO «Syrdarya» concerning the equipment of gauging stations Uchkurgan, Akdjar and Kizilkisjlak through the financial support from Swiss donors.

Third item:

1. Ask European Union to support the project «Development of Central Asian training network on integrated water resources management».

2. ICWC should consider and adopt schedule of workshops, their budgets and venues.

Fourth item:

Consider given draft agreement during the meeting of the heads of water and energy organizations of Central Asia in December 2008 in Bishkek city, with the involvement of representatives from the regional and national working groups on the preparation of the draft agreement «About water and energy use in the Syrdarya river basin».

Fifth item:

1. Next 53rd ICWC meeting will be held in Tajikistan during the second decade of April 2009.
2. Approve the agenda of the next 53rd ICWC meeting.

Agenda

1. Regarding fulfillment of water withdrawal limits during non-vegetation period 2008-2009 and adoption of water withdrawal limits along the Amudarya and Syrdarya for the next vegetation period 2009 and approval of expected operation of the reservoirs cascade (responsible: BWO “Amudarya”, BWO “Syrdarya”).
2. Analysis of fulfillment of ICWC decisions by executive bodies (order to ICWC Secretariat, protocol №51, 18.09.2008).
3. Adoption of rotation of ICWC executive bodies
4. Miscellaneous
5. Venue and agenda of the next 54th ICWC meeting.

Regarding additional issues:

1. Relieve Khudaybergenov Yuldash Khudaybergenovich from the responsibility of the head of BWO “Amudarya” on the basis of a resignation and appoint Kdirniyazov Burkitbay Tajiniyazovich as the head of BWO “Amudarya”.
2. Relieve Negmatov Gayrat Abdusattarovich from the responsibility of the head of ICWC Secretariat on the basis of a resignation and appoint Mukhitdinov Khayrullo Ergashevich as the head of ICWC Secretariat.

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| For the Republic of Kyrgyzstan | B.T. Koshmatov |
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