

MINUTES OF THE 69TH MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

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Invited:

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Artykov Kakhramon Ismailovich	Deputy Head, BWO Amudarya

Agenda of the 69th ICWC Meeting

1. The results of the growing season 2016 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins;
2. Consideration and approval of the water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of reservoir cascade for the next non-growing season 2016-2017 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins;
3. Commemorative activities for the 25th anniversary of ICWC; and
4. Agenda and venue of the next 70th ICWC meeting.

Supplementary item:

1. Approval of Messrs. O.A.Kholkhudjaev and M.Ya.Makhramov as the Heads of BWO Syrdarya and BWO Amudarya, respectively.

Decisions on the first item:

1. Take into account and approve the reports by BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya on the results of the growing season 2016 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins. Based on the comments from Kazakhstan, BWO Syrdarya should update the data related to the Shardara reservoir and others, as well as the inflow to Prearalie and the Aral Sea, and should improve the presented report;
2. Underline progress achieved by present in water accounting along the North Fergana Canal and Big Fergana Canal, as well as a need to make attempts to ensure water delivery to Tajikistan according to the approved limits;
3. BWO Syrdarya should improve forecasts in order to reduce differences between the forecast and actual data on water availability;
4. Mention the common interest in improving and enhancing operation of gauging stations throughout the Syrdarya River basin, particularly, by installing automated stations and attracting donors.

Decision on the second item:

1. Approve the forecast country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regime of reservoir cascade for the non-growing season 2016-2017 in the Amudarya River basin (Annex 1).
2. Approve the forecast country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regime of reservoir cascade for the non-growing season 2016-2017 in the Syrdarya

River basin (Annex 1).

3. Coordinate, on a routine basis, with the Kyrgyz party the proposed country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regime of the reservoir cascades for the non-growing season 2016-2017 in the Syrdarya River basin.

Decisions on the third item:

1. Host the 25th anniversary of ICWC activities on maintaining interstate water cooperation in Central Asia.

2. Support the anniversary activities in the course of 2017. The venue and time should be approved on a routine basis.

3. Establish an Organization Committee represented by ICWC, SIC ICWC, ICWC Secretariat and one representative per member country to prepare the events.

4. The Committee should prepare a preliminary program of the events within a month and submit it to ICWC members for discussion in their respective countries, with following application to donors for financial and other support.

5. SIC ICWC and ICWC Secretariat should report on preparation for the events at the next ICWC Meeting.

Decisions on the fourth item:

1. Host the next 70th ICWC meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in the first half of April 2017.

2. The following agenda should be proposed for the meeting:

- The results of the non-growing season 2016-2017 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins;
- Consideration and approval of the water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of reservoir cascade for the next growing season 2017 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins;
- Progress on commemorative activities for the 25th anniversary of ICWC;
- Progress on the “Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions”; and
- Agenda and venue of the next 71st ICWC meeting.

Decision on the supplementary item:

1. Approve Mr. Kholkhudjaev Odil Akhmedovich as the Head of BWO Syrdarya.

2. Approve Mr. Makhramov Makhmud Yakhshibayevich as the Head of BWO Amudarya.

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