MINUTES OF THE 80TH 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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(video meeting)

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Agenda of the 80th ICWC meeting

1. Results of the use of water withdrawal limits and operation of the reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins during the non-growing season 2020-2021.

2. Approval of the country water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins for the growing season 2021.

3. Follow up on proposals and initiatives voiced at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states in the city of Turkmenbashi.

4. Agenda and venue of the next 81st meeting of ICWC.

5. Additional matters

Decision on the first item:

Take into account the reports of BWO Amu Darya and BWO Syr Darya on the results of the non-growing season 2020-2021 in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins.

Decision on the second item:

1. Approve the limits of country water withdrawals in Amu Darya and Syr Darya basins for the growing season 2021 (Appendices 1 and 2).

2. Take into account the proposed by BWOs forecast operation regimes of reservoir cascades in Amu Darya (Appendix 3) and Syr Darya (Appendix 4) basins for the growing season 2021.

3. ICWC members have agreed on the basis of more accurate forecast data on water availability to additionally consider and agree upon the operation modes of the reservoir cascade for the growing season 2021 in the Syr Darya basin by the end of May.

4. Take into account the information by BWO Syrdarya on progress in drafting proposals for water withdrawal limits for the Karadarya River and the Chirchik River. The proposals are to be submitted to ICWC members for consideration and approval of the water withdrawal limits for 2022.

Decision on the third item:

1. Take note of work done by ICWC bodies as a follow-up to proposals and initiatives put forward in Turkmenbashi at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states.

2. SIC ICWC is to prepare ToR for development of a feasibility study on automation of gauging stations in the Syrdarya Basin, including small rivers, and submit it to ICWC members in due course.

3. BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya together with SIC ICWC are to define more precisely the actual water losses along the Amudarya and the Syrdarya.

Decision on the fourth:

1. Hold the next meeting of ICWC in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The date of the meeting will be decided in due course.

2. Propose the following agenda for the 81st ICWC meeting:

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3) Follow up on proposals and initiatives voiced at the Summit of the Heads of IFAS founder-states in the city of Turkmenbashi.

4) Additional matters.

5) Agenda and venue of the next regular 82nd ICWC meeting.

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