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Fourth meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in Azerbaijan

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Languages: Azeri and English, simultaneous interpretation provided

FINAL AGENDA

09.30-10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00-10.30	<p>Opening. Adoption of the agenda. Opening: Mr Rasim Sattar-zada, Head of Environmental Policy Division</p> <p><i>Welcoming remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Parviz Yusifov, EC Delegation • Ms Tatiana Efimova, OECD • Mr Peep Mardiste, NPD Coordinator, UNECE • Mr Zurab Jincharadze EPIRB Project Deputy Team Leader <p>Purpose of the meeting and adoption of the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mutallim Abdulhasanov, Head of Subdivision in Environmental Protection Policy Unit of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources
10.30-12.30	<p>SESSION I. Joint National Policy Dialog and EU “Environmental Protection of International River Basins(EPIRB)” Project National Coordinating Committee session on developments in the water sector in Azerbaijan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent developments in the water sector of Azerbaijan, State Water Agency, Ministry of Emergency / Ministry of Ecology • Status with a draft national water strategy Arif Akhundov, Water Agency, Mr Rafig Verdiyev, National expert • EPIRB Project Progress - Zurab Jincharadze EPIRB Project Deputy Team Leader • EPIRB project activities in Azerbaijan, including development of IRBMP for Central Kura Pilot area, Rafig Verdiyev, EPIRB project Country Water Management Expert, Azerbaijan <p>Reflections by members of the Steering Committee representing different agencies Discussion</p>
12.30-13.15	<p>SESSION III. UNECE-WHO/EUROPE Protocol on Water and Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned process for setting of national targets under the Protocol on Water and



	Health, Mr Peep Mardiste, UNECE and Ms. Leylakhanum Taghizade, Republican Centre of Hygiene and Epidemiology Discussion
13.15-14.15	<i>Lunch</i>
14.15 – 15.15	SESSION IV. Multi-purpose water reservoirs in Azerbaijan: to make its operations sustainable achieving water policy objectives <i>Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During this session a new project will be presented, which will be aimed to address the following aspects: (i) How to minimize competition among multipurpose water uses of reservoirs; (ii) How to set an appropriate governance to allow coordinated water uses management, and (iii) How to address the financing, as well as economic issues, of operating such multipurpose reservoirs - Ms Tatiana Efimova, OECD Discussion
15.15 - 16.30	SESSION V. CROSS-FERTILIZATION WITH THE NPD PROCESS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN AZERBAIJAN <i>Presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNECE project on pilot assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in the Alazani/Ganikh basin. Ms. Annukka Lipponen, UNECE and Ms. Lucia de Strasser, UNECE consultant for KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden Invited interventions from the concerned ministries in Azerbaijan Discussion
16.30 – 16.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.45 - 17.45	SESSION V. DISCUSSION OF THE NPD ACTIVITIES FOR 2015 AND BEYOND IN AZERBAIJAN <i>Presentations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direction EUWI NPD activities in Azerbaijan for 2015 and beyond. Joint presentation of OECD and UNECE of the three main pillars of EUWI EECCA work in 2016-2019, priorities for Azerbaijan. <i>The Chair will recall the decisions taken under the previous agenda items.</i>