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Minutes of the meeting

AD.1 Opening of the meeting

1.1 Welcome by the Chairman

Chairman of the PEG RBM, Mr. Zeljko opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants. He notified that all the countries are represented at the meeting. The full list of participants is attached to this report as Annex I.

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

The PEG RBM adopted the agenda of the 9th PEG RBM meeting (See meeting document Ref.No.:3-08-10/2-2-PEG.1).

AD.2 Adoption of the Report from the PEG RBM 8th meeting

No comments were received on the report of the 8th PEG RBM meeting.

- The report was adopted by the Group as proposed (Doc. Ref. No.: 3-08-10/3-2-PEG.1)

AD.3 Brief report on activities performed between the 7th and the 8th PEG RBM Meeting

Mr. Zeljko and Mr. Komatina reported on the activities of the Secretariat since the last meeting in June.

Mr. Komatina reported on the outcomes of the 11th Special Session – part I, held on July 15-16, 2008 (See meeting document: AD.3 Issues discussed on SC members meeting 15-16 July).

The Group took note on the presentations.

AD. 4 Sava RB Analysis Report

4.1 Water quantity issues

- Countries' presentations on performed activities and discussion on further steps and timeline

Mr. Zeljko presented the status on the data delivery for the Water Quantity chapter (part) of the SRBA report. He emphasised following issues:

1. The deadline for the first screening of water quantity data was set to December 2007;
2. Only Serbia delivered filled water quantity templates without substantial delay from agreed term;
3. Slovenia has submitted partial data (for a baseline year)

Thereafter, the representatives of the countries discussed as follows:

- Slovenia has delivered only data on the present water use, Some data are still under completion. The problem of verification of data has been stressed. In further discussion it was noticed that the water demand of NPP Krško is missing in the table. (Doc. AD.4.1 SLO Sava Questionnaire Water Quantities 140708)

- Croatian representatives have declared that they already done about 70% of the analysis, the questionnaire has been filled. They also stated that data are going to be prepared in a month, and delivered after internal review and verification.
- B&H: FBiH has already prepared the data from the preliminary report on Strategy for Water Management – first draft should be finished in October and adopted until the end of 2008. The data will be delivered after adoption of the Strategy.
- RS - According to the information, a Framework Strategy of water management development has been prepared, the data delivery should follow soon.

There were no additional conclusions on the issue.

4.2 Mapping needs for the Sava RBA report

- Presentation of already collected GIS data

Mr. Grošelj presented the current status of data collected from the countries needed for the maps preparation. (Doc. AD 4.2 Maps availability).

The Group took note on the presentation. After discussion it was concluded that:

- ✚ The question of the access to the data that are in possession of the institutions which are not designated for the Framework Agreement should be raised on the meetings which are planned between Sava Commission and the officials of the countries.

- ✚ It is necessary to include Montenegro in the process of the maps preparation.

- Information on GIS project proposal

Mr. Zeljko presented the project proposal for preparation of necessary documentation needed for the setup and development of the Sava GIS. He also informed the Group that the procurement notice shall be announced in newspapers in all the four Sava countries, as soon as the Sava Commission approved the proposal.

(see Doc.: AD.4.4 Draft ToR for Preparation of Implementing Documents for Establishment of the Sava GIS).

The Group took note on the presented information.

4.3 Other SRBA activities

- Information on status of hydrology report for the SRBA

Mr. Zeljko informed the Group on the current status of the "Hydrology Report for the Sava River Basin Analysis" proposal. It is expected that the contract will be signed soon and that all work should be finished by the end of 2008.

The Group took note on the presented information.

- Information on UNECE project proposal

Mr. Zeljko presented the proposal for the UNECE - Sava River Basin Project Proposal for "Technical Assistance in the Process of Preparation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan" with Swedish financial support. (AD.4.3 Sava RB pilot project- UNECE- Project Fiche_draft 4). The tendering procedure will start as soon as all necessary paper work between the Sava Commission and the UNECE has been done.

Expected duration of the project preparation is 1,5 months.

The Group took note on the presented information.

4.4 Overview of the SRBA activities and finalization proposal

Mr. Grošelj presented the status on the Water Quality chapter of the SRBA. (AD.4.4 SAVA_WQ_Draft_3).

He stressed that water quality chapter, as prepared by the Sava CARDS project, is just a compilation of data without necessary harmonisation.

Successively, the availability of the missing data for each country has been discussed (AD.4.4 SAVA WQ evaluation).

The main issues discussed were as follows:

Introductory part:

- The textual part is missing;
- The Secretariat shall compile a one page text based on the inputs which should be delivered by the countries;

Table 1.2:

- The data on lakes are missing for B&H;
- Montenegro should be contacted for the issue;

Table 1.5 Sub-ecoregions:

- B&H: FB&H has no data. Availability of data should be checked with the Republic of Srpska;
- Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia are able to deliver data in GIS form;

Referent conditions for river:

- B&H: Availability of data should be checked with the Republic of Srpska;

Table 1-25: Point sources of pollution:

- Slovenia should deliver missing data;

1.1.5 Assessment of impacts on the Sava basin level :

- The issue of annual discharge of pollution is crucial. Mr. Milovanović shall check the availability of such data for the Sremska Mitrovica station;
- Availability of summary data for the Sava river should be checked with the ICPDR;
- Croatia has developed its own WQ model for the Sava river and some results can be submitted;
- There is need to prepare a short analysis of current water quality status of the Sava river. It should be based on the basic WQ parameters which should be delivered by the countries (for agreed period), and analysed by a WQ expert.

All other obligations, not noted in this report, but discussed on this or previous PEG meetings need to be fulfilled, taking into account the anticipated deadline for the preparation of the SRBA report.

AD. 5 Protocols

5.1 Protocol on sediment management

- Presentation of the current status of the activity and nomination of the task group members

Mr. Komatina informed the Group that the B&H and Serbia nominated the members of the task group. It is expected that Croatia and Slovenia will notify the Secretariat on their nominations soon.

It is also stressed that desirable profiles of experts should cover the fields of Hydraulic engineering, River basin management, Hydromorphology Biology, Ecology and Law.

AD. 6 Preparation of the meetings with the countries

According to the conclusion from the RBM 8 (Ref.No.:3-08-10/3-2PEG.1, Article 1.3) on the meetings of Secretariat and PEG RBM members with representatives of the ministries in each country (primarily in order to foster the collection of data for the Sava RBM Plan), the Group members prepared the lists of issues to be discussed on the meetings.

6.1 Common issues for all countries

- Project proposals (GIS, groundwater..)

Mr. Komatina firstly presented the Joint Statement signed in November 2007 by all the Parties of the FASRB on "cooperation in the field of shared groundwaters in the Southeastern Europe" (AD.6.1b Joint Statement_Int GWM Roundtable_15 Nov 07, AD.6.1b Joint Statement_Int GWM Roundtable_Annex) as outcome of the International Roundtable on "Integrated Management of Shared Groundwater in Southeastern Europe" held in Brdo on November 14-16, 2007 (Doc.: AD.6.1c Izvestaj_International Roundtable_Integrated management of shared groundwater in SEE Europe_Brdo 11-07). Referring to the conclusions of the 7th and 8th Special Session of the SC held in July and November, 2007 (Doc.: AD.6.1a Groundwater-SC conclusions), and the Joint Statement, Mr. Komatina presented the intention to form a fiche for a project proposal of the "Program on management of the transboundary ground water bodies" which could be proposed for financing by the Parties. The other project potentially interesting to propose for joint financing could be Sava GIS development, once the implementation documents are being prepared.

6.2 Specific issues per each country

Slovenia, B&H and Serbia have sent a short description of the theses that should be discussed on the foreseen meetings. The Secretariat discussed the issues proposed individually with the Group members from each country in order to better prepare specific subjects. (Doc.: AD.6.2 Teze za Razgovore). The Group members from Croatia also presented their specific issues to be discussed.

AD. 7 Any other issue

The next, 10th PEG RBM meeting, will be held on December 16-17, 2008 in Zagreb.

The 9th meeting was closed at 16:00.

List of Annexes:

Annex I: List of participants

Annex II: List of Meeting documents and presentations

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