

COUNCIL OF PRIME MINISTERS

AGREEMENT

Between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Government of the Kirgiz Republic, the Government of the Republic of Tadjikistan and the Government the Republic of Uzbekistan on Cooperation in the Sphere of Hydromet

The Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Government of the Kirgiz Republic, the Government of the Republic of Tadjikistan and the Government the Republic of Uzbekistan hereinafter referred to as the Sides,

guided by goals and principles of the Treaty on creation of a single economic area between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kirgiz Republic, the Republic of Tadjikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan signed 30 April 1994;

trying to achieve effective and practical implementation of items highlighted in the Agreement about mutual cooperation in the sphere of hydro-meteorology between the members-countries of the NIS from 8 February 1992;

taking into account interdependency of hydro-meteorological processes in the region, the possibility of the origin of uncontrolled hydro-meteorological phenomena that would require coordinated efforts of member-countries to forecast these events;

guided by the wish to extend the development of regional cooperation aimed to provide necessary assistance to obtain efficient summary of information by the Sides in case of spontaneous hydro-meteorological phenomena through use of international laws;

recognizing the responsibility for the provision of secure/safe and favorable living conditions and timely protection from uncontrolled misfortune;

understanding that hydro-meteorological processes develop dynamically and do not have any borders/frontiers and correct interpretation of hydro-meteorological processes/data needs the use of information collected from huge territories that in most cases do not coincide with administrative or any other divisions;

recognizing the importance of the functions of observation systems, development and improvement of the system enabling to regularly receive and use hydro-meteorological information in order to provide safety of the population and economy of their countries and trying to achieve coordinated actions in the exchange sphere of hydro-meteorological information, including information about spontaneous hydro-meteorological phenomena;

attaching much importance to the development of scientific and technical cooperation in the sphere of hydro-meteorology using the principles and procedures of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

have agreed about the following:

Article 1.

Sphere of Application

The present Agreement is applicable to organize and coordinate the work on hydro-meteorology accounting the world achievements and trends in scientific and technical cooperation of each of the Sides.

Article 2.

Competent Organs/Agencies and Dissemination System

Competent Organs/Agencies that are authorized to implement the present Agreement are:

From the Republic of Kazakhstan – the Republican public enterprise “Kazhydromet” at the Ministry of Nature and Environmental Protection of the ROK;

From the Kirgiz Republic – the Public enterprise of hydro-meteorology at the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Kirgiz Republic

From the Republic of Tadjikistan – The Main Division of Hydro-meteorology and Observation of Natural Environment at the Ministry of Nature Protection of the ROT,

From the Republic of Uzbekistan – The Main Division of Hydro-meteorology at the COM of the ROU.

In case of the appointment of other authorized agency, the Sides should notify each other about it each other in writing through diplomatic channels.

Competent agencies during the period of time agreed by the Sides will create a complex preservation and renewal hydro-meteorology net system, development of satellite communication systems and receipt of information, preservation and development of efficient and regime hydro-meteorological information exchange system. The terms of functioning of these data systems would be regulated through special intergovernmental agreements.

Article 3.

Forms of Cooperation

Taking into account the world achievements, the Sides will provide the organization and coordination of works within the frames of implemented coordination directed to complete the following tasks:

preservation of currently operating net functions of stations and their further development in districts susceptible to the impact of spontaneous hydro- meteorological phenomena and in order to provide space and timely solution of received data, including development of distant environment monitoring methods, including satellite systems;

application of a single technology regulated by the WMO, processing and preservation of efficient and regime hydro- meteorological information, including creation of data base and exchange of soft ware used for these purposes;

provision of needed/required accuracy and timely receipt of comparable hydro- meteorological information;

provision of information in case of hydro- meteorological emergency;

exchange of efficient and regime information, including primary information obtained during traditional observation periods (daily, decade, monthly and annually) from hydro- meteorological net systems;

organization, in case of emergency of threat and special/extreme hydro-meteorological situation, of temporary observations units, including those that are agreed with authorized agencies on a related territory;

joint planning, development and implementation of scientific and research projects, exchange of scientific and technological publications, achievements obtained in the sphere of science and technology;

joint training and education of experts in the sphere of hydro- meteorology;

promotion in the development of line/branch instrument/equipment – using the system of joint orders to produce and sale hydro-meteorological instruments;

exchange of information about the recent scientific achievements, methodology and standard documentation;

planning, organization and conducting joint events to prevent/anticipate spontaneous hydro-meteorological phenomena (inspection of dangerous/ hold-up lakes, watching melting ices and dangerous mountain torrents);

providing to each other the authority to use gratuitously hydro-meteorological stations' net data while executing efficient and production works and transmission of information to the Public and inter-government agencies without the right of passing this information to the third side;

all issues that were not covered in the present Agreement will be specified in additional agreements, signed between authorized agencies of the Sides.

Article 4.

Request About Help/Assistance

The sides accomplish requests about help in the supply of equipment, materials for observations, receipt of needed information, training of experts in various qualification levels, provision of methodological publications, including program tools for processing and interpretation of the observation results.

Assistance is provided on the basis of requests, in which the requesting Side underlines the type and amount of needed assistance and terms of its provision.

The providing Side during the shortest possible time considers the address of the requesting Side and informs it about the possibility, amount and terms of the provided assistance.

Article 5.

Terms of Crossings Public Borders During In/Out Transportation and Transit of Equipment for Operation of Observation Hydro-Meteorological Systems and Provision of Help

In/out transportation and equipment transit, instruments, fuel and lubricants, food products necessary for:

life-support operation system of hydro-meteorological stations, located in high mountains and difficult for access regions, including related territories of the Sides;

organization of temporary observation units to anticipate development of spontaneous phenomena

provision of support is performed on the territory of the requested Side and is fully supported by this Side;

levy of custom payments is solved in each definite case in compliance with the legislation of the Sides;

transportation of any equipment, except those designed for definitely fixed goals specified in the present Article is prohibited;

after termination of temporary works or provision of help/assistance the transported equipment should be taken out from the territory of the requesting Side. In case of specific conditions when it is not possible to take out the equipment, this equipment may be presented to the authorized agency of the requesting Side in the form of assistance on the terms agreed. In this case it is necessary to notify the authorized and custom agencies of the requesting Side about the type, amount and location of the presented equipment.

Custom registration of the transported equipment is performed through filling in the State Custom Declaration (SCD) in its simplified form notifying the list. Issued by the authorized agencies of the Sides.

Article 6. Use of Air Ships

Use of air ships (airlines and helicopters) to execute actions to anticipate spontaneous hydro-meteorological events (inspection of dangerous/ hold-up lakes, watching the accumulation of snow and melting ices and dangerous mountain torrents) and the supply of high mountain hydro-meteorological stations with equipment on the territory of the requesting Side is registered through the issue of a permission by a competent organ/agency of the requested Side.

The competent organ of the requesting Side informs the related agency of the other Side about the decision to use air ships indicating their type, the destination point, research specifications and period/time of work.

Flights are performed in compliance with rules and provisions established by international civil aviation organizations and by each of the Sides.

Issues about costs compensation for use of air space, landing on the airports and flight of air ships, payments for radio navigation services, fuel and provision of technical services of air ships are solved separately in each single case.

Article 7.

Settlement of Disputes

Disputes about interpretation or application of the present Agreement are solved through consultations or negotiations with the Sides.

Provisions of the present Agreement do not affect commitments of the Sides in compliance with international agreements.

Article 8.

Changes and Amendments to the Agreement

The present Agreement may be changed or amended with the common consent of the Sides and they should be registered in a separate Protocol that is an integral part of the Agreement.

Article 9.

Taking Effect

The present Agreement takes effect from date of delivery to the depository of the latest notification about execution of intergovernmental procedures required for enactment of the present Agreement.

The present Agreement is open to enter for other countries that share these goals and principles, with the common consent of all the Sides.

The present Agreement is valid for a period of five years and will be automatically renewed for additional five years period in case the Sides do not approve another decision.

Any Side of the present Agreement may leave it through a delivery of a written notification to the depository. The operation of the present Agreement is terminated for this Side after 6 months after the receipt of this kind of notification by the depository.

The Agreement is concluded in the city of Bishkek 17 June 1999 in a single copy in the Russian language.

The original copy remains in the ICKKTU Executive Committee which will submit certified copies to each member-country that have signed the Agreement.

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