

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE USE AND PROTECTION OF
THE DNIESTER RIVER BASIN

Fifth Meeting

Venue: Costești Tourist Complex, Costesti Village, Ialoveni District, Republic of Moldova

Dates: 28 - 29 November 2024

**Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Use and
Protection of the Dniester River Basin**

I. The fifth meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Use and Protection of the Dniester River Basin (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) was held on 28-29 November 2024 at the Costești Tourist Complex, Costești Village, Ialoveni District, Republic of Moldova.

1. Opening of the meeting: welcoming speeches and agenda adoption.

2. Presentation of information:

2.1. Hearing of Information from the Plenipotentiaries of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on the implementation of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on the joint use and protection of transboundary waters.

2.2. Impact of institutional and personnel changes on Commission's work.

2.3. Information presented by the heads of working groups (hereafter - WGs) on the work carried out from November 2023 to date.

3. Briefing the Commission on implementation/development of Dniester River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and Flood Management Plans in the Dniester River Basin (FMPs).

4. Presentation of proposals for amendments to the Rules of exploitation of the reservoirs of the Dniester Hydrocomplex by the WG on River Basin Planning and Management.

5. International cooperation (on-line)

5.1 Presentation from the Secretariat of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.

5.2 Presentation on the Global Environment Facility (GEF) project "Development of transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the Dniester River Basin through the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan".

6. Other relevant issues in the Dniester River Basin:

6.1. Issues related to the implementation by Parties of the Protocol of the IV-th Meeting of the Commission, held on November 22-23, 2023:

6.1.1. Identification of solutions to facilitate border crossing by the Moldovan side on the Dniester River to enable monitoring activities at the Unguri hydrologic station;

6.1.2. Implementation of the Commission's recommendations on the presumed impact of the activities of the Dnestrovsc Termo - Electrical Plant (hereinafter - Dnestrovsc TEP);

6.2. Impact of the war on cross-border cooperation in the Dniester River basin.

6.3. Issues related to the implementation by the Parties of the Protocol of the 3rd meeting of the Commission dated October 29, 2021.

7. Presentations on Initiatives for Promoting Sustainable Management of the Dniester River Basin.

8. Determining the time and the place of the 6th meeting of the Commission.

9. Closing the meeting.

III. The Commission approved the following decisions:

1. Opening of the meeting: welcoming speeches and agenda adoption.

1. Opening of the meeting: welcoming speeches by Mr. Sergiu Lazarencu, Minister of Environment of the Republic of Moldova, Ms. Olena Kramarenko, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine, Co-Chair of the Commission Co-Chairs of the Commission on the Sustainable Use and Protection of the Dniester River Basin, Ms. Nataliia Sirenko, Ukrainian Chargé d'affaires to the Republic of Moldova, Ms. Katarina Fried, Ambassador of Sweden to the Republic of Moldova and Mr. Gheorghe Hajder, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova, Co-Chair of the Commission.

The Commission adopted the Meeting Agenda (Annex 1).

2. Presentation of information:

2.1. Information from the Plenipotentiaries of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on implementation of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on joint use and protection of transboundary waters.

The Commission heard and acknowledged the reports of the Plenipotentiaries of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on implementation of the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on the joint use and protection of transboundary waters.

2.2. Impact of institutional and personnel changes on Commission's works:

The Secretary of the Ukrainian side of the Commission and the heads of the Ukrainian working groups (hereinafter - WGs) presented information on the impact of institutional and personnel changes on the Commission's activities.

The Commission heard and took into attention the information presented by:

- the Secretary of the Ukrainian part of the Commission regarding the change of Ukrainian co-heads of the WGs, namely the Legal WG and the WG on Ecosystems and Biodiversity
- Co-heads of the Moldovan part of the Commission about the needs to appoint the new head of the WG on Monitoring and Information Exchange (Moldovan part).

The Commission decided to appoint the following heads of the WGs:

- Vitalii Zhuk, co-head of the Legal WG (Ukrainian part)
- Sergiy Matveyev, co-head of the WG on Ecosystems and Biodiversity (Ukrainian part)
- Mr. Vasile Parasciuc, co-head of WG on Monitoring and Information Exchange (Moldovan part).

2.3 Presentation of information by the Co-heads of WGs on the work carried out from November 2023 to date.

The heads of WGs reported on the implementation of the approved work plans and the corresponding planning of future activities.

The co-heads of WG on River Basin Planning and Management reported on the outcomes of the joint meeting of WG (the 8th meeting, held on September 5-6, 2024, in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine).

The report included information on:

- development of the Dniester River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) for 2024-2029 in Moldova and for the period 2025-2030 in Ukraine;
- analysis of the hydrological regime of the Dniester River in 2023;
- analysis of the organization and effectiveness of the spring ecological flow in 2024;
- discussion of proposals for the Regulation on the exploitation of reservoirs of the Dniester Hydropower Complex;
- proposals for improving bilateral monitoring (see minutes of the 8th WGs meeting of 5 September 2024 and its annexes).
- activities related to events such as Dniester Day 2024, the Summer Schools of 2023 and 2024, and the national Basin Committees/Councils.

The co-heads of WG presented the draft work plan for the 2024-2025 period.

The Commission took into consideration the information provided by WG and approved the work plan for 2024-2025 (Annex 2.1).

The co-heads of WG on Monitoring and Information Exchange reported on the implementation of the approved work plans and the corresponding planning of future activities.

The co-heads of the WG on Monitoring and Information Exchange reported on the outcomes of the working group meeting held on September 5-6, 2024, in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine (see minutes of the WG meeting held on September 5-6, 2024 and its annexes).

In particular, they informed about:

- conducting water monitoring in the Dniester River Basin, exchange of information on water quality, and assessment of chemical and ecological status;
- need to resume groundwater monitoring in both countries;
- joint water sampling and measurements at two points: the Dniester River, the neutral zone of Palanka-Maiak, 48 km from the Odesa-Reni Road, and the Dniester River, Otaci - Moghileov-Podolskii;
- exchange of information on the status of water resources, which was carried out in accordance with the Cooperation Program between the State Hydrometeorological Service of the Republic of Moldova and the Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Center in the field of hydrometeorology for the years 2021-2025; water monitoring information was exchanged by sharing results from joint water sampling via email;
- development of the national report on the status of waters in the Dniester River Basin for 2023;
- participation in meetings of the Dniester Basin Council/Committee.

Additionally, the co-heads of WG emphasized the need for a screening of Ukrainian and Moldovan legislation in the field of water monitoring to ensure compliance with European Union Directives.

The Commission assigns the WG to prepare a draft of the relevant technical terms of reference (concept note) for the screening of national legislation in comparison to EU requirements in order to prepare an appeal to the GEF project "Development of transboundary cooperation and integrated

water resources management in the Dniester River Basin through the implementation of the Strategic Action Program (SAP)".

The Commission recommended to the Moldovan side to provide information to the Ukrainian side in accordance with the Regulation on cooperation in the field of monitoring and information exchange in terms of the assessment of ecological and chemical status and a draft National report on the status of waters in the River basin on period 2023-2024 according to the time limits indicated in Regulation.

The co-heads of WG presented the draft work plan for the 2024-2025 period.

The Commission took into consideration the information provided by WG and approved the work plan for the 2024-2025 period (Annex 2.2).

The co-heads of WG on Emergency Situations presented information about the WG's activities from December 2023 to November 2024, as well as the outcomes of the joint meeting (see the Minutes of the 5th meeting, held on November 7, 2024).

The report included information about the successful execution of the WG's activity plan for the 2023-2024 period, with the exception of measures whose implementation was impossible due to the full scale armed invasion of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and the imposition of martial law on its territory. Among the topics discussed were:

- progress made in implementing the Flood Risk Management Plans in the Dniester River Basin;
- participation in aligning the national regulatory framework of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in the field of emergency risk prevention and reduction, including flood risk, within the context of the EU Association Agreement;
- participation in the process of adapting the National Civil Protection Plans to climate change and disaster risk management;
- development of WG activity plan for the 2024-2025 period.

The co-heads of the WG presented the draft work plan for the 2024-2025 period.

The Commission took into consideration the information provided by WG and approved the work plan for the 2024-2025 period (Annex 2.3).

The co-heads of the WG on Ecosystems and Biological Diversity provided information regarding the activities undertaken and issues encountered during the reference period in the context of the full scale armed invasion of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

The report included information on the measures taken by both countries to ensure the conservation of sites within the Emerald network and the development of related regulatory framework.

The discussions focused on:

- organization of measures for joint monitoring of biodiversity within the framework of the Emerald Network and coordination of the management of such territories, taking into account Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the protection of the environment and of wild flora and fauna and Directive 2009/148 of the European Parliament of 30.11.2009 on the conservation of wild birds;
- necessity of taking concentrated measures to create common international (transboundary) Ramsar protected areas for biodiversity conservation, including the region of the lower Dniester area;

- development of measures for the conservation of biodiversity of aquatic organisms, including the control of invasive alien species of aquatic organisms; within the framework of the WG meetings, amendments to the legislation of Ukraine on the above issues were presented.

Regarding the methodology for analyzing the effectiveness of spring ecological flow for the ecological state and preservation of biodiversity, especially the reproduction of aquatic bioresources, in the Dniester River Basin, the WG considers the issue of developing a methodology for assessing the effectiveness of ecological flow to be relevant.

Regarding the implementation of measures to increase the forest cover of the Dniester Basin by 2030. In 2022, measures were taken to increase forest cover.

In order to ensure the implementation of the National Program for Forest Extension and Rehabilitation for period 2023-2032 and the Action Plan for its implementation for the period 2023-2027, approved by Government Decision no. 55/2023, the "Moldsilva" Agency in the autumn season of 2023 and spring-autumn of 2024 ensured the afforestation of the riparian strip of fl. Dniester on an area of 52.5 ha. In the same period, the Ecological Society "Biotica" carried out plantations on an area of 20 ha within the limits of the "Lower Dniester" National Park.

The co-heads of WG presented the draft work plan for the 2024-2025 period.

The Commission took into consideration the information provided by WG and approved the work plan for the 2024-2025 period (Annex 2.4).

The co-heads of the Legal WG reported on activities of the WG: in particular, on 23 March 2024, a meeting of the Legal WG was held, as a result of which the draft regulations were approved, common positions were developed on the temporary rules and procedures for the WG's activities, and the issue of developing a joint action plan was discussed.

The co-heads of WG presented the draft work plan for the 2024-2025 period.

The Commission took into consideration the information provided by the WG and approved the work plan for the 2024-2025 period (Annex 2.5).

3. Briefing the Commission on implementation/development of Dniester River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and implementation of Flood Risk Management Plans in the Dniester River Basin (FPMPs).

The parties exchanged information regarding the progress in the development/implementation of the Dniester River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and the progress in implementation of the Flood Risk Management Plan for the Dniester River Basin.

The Commission assigned the WGs on River Basin Planning and Management and Emergency Situations to continue coordinated work on implementation of RBMPs and FPMPs and to present the progress at next meeting of the Commission.

At the request of the Ukrainian side expressed in the meeting of the Commission, the parties agreed that the Moldovan side will present information on progress of implementation of the project for the construction of wastewater treatment plant at Soroca within two months from the date of the 5th Meeting Commission Minutes signing.

4. Presentation of proposals for amendments to the Rules of exploitation of the reservoirs of the Dniester Hydropower Complex by the WG on River Basin Planning and Management

The co-heads of the WG on River Basin Planning and Management presented to the Commission the amendments to the Rules for the Operation of the Dniester Hydropower Complex proposed by the Moldovan side, which were discussed upon during the WG meetings.

The Commission decided:

- the Ukrainian part of the mentioned WG with possible involvement of other Ukrainian experts will continue working on the received proposals of the Moldovan side (Annex 3) during 2025 and WG on River Basin Planning and Management will present the agreed proposals (including considerations of all WGs of the Commission) during the next meeting of the Commission. The proposals on which no consensus will be reached within WGs, in accordance with point 42 of the Rules and Procedures, shall be presented for the consideration in the next meeting of the Commission;
- to apply to the GEF project *"Development of Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Dniester River Basin through the Implementation of the Strategic Action Plan"* to support the development of an official methodology on ecological flow and spring ecological flow for Ukraine and Moldova.

5. International cooperation (on-line).

5.1 Presentation from the Secretariat of the Convention on Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.

The Secretariat of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes informed about the possibility of updating the scenarios regarding the impact of climate change in the Dniester River Basin and the establishment of priority actions that need to be taken by both parties.

The Commission heard and took into attention the information presented by the representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes on the possibility of updating the scenarios on the impact of climate change in the Dniester River Basin and determining the priority of actions to be taken by both parties.

The Commission assigned the WG to take the information presented into account for use in further work.

5.2 Presentation on the Global Environment Facility (GEF) project "Development of transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the Dniester River Basin through the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan".

The OSCE representative presented information on GEF project "Development of transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the Dniester River Basin through the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan".

The Commission took note of the information presented by the OSCE representative regarding the GEF project.

6. Other relevant issues in the Dniester River Basin:

6.1 Issues related to the implementation by Parties of the Protocol of the IV-th Meeting of the Commission, held on November 22-23, 2023

6.1.1 Identification of solutions to facilitate border crossing by the Moldovan side on the Dniester River to enable monitoring activities at the Unguri hydrologic station.

The representatives of the Moldovan side repeatedly informed the Commission about the issue of crossing the border on the Dniester River by the Moldovan side for the implementation of monitoring at the Unguri hydrological station.

The Commission heard and took note of the information presented by the representative of the State Hydrometeorological Service, Republic of Moldova.

The Commission decided to recommend:

- the Moldovan side, in case of planning to implement monitoring measures at the Unguri hydrological station, to notify the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources in advance about the place, date, type of requested access to border territory and time and contact details of the specialists who will conduct these measures;
- the Ukrainian side to ensure further appeal to the relevant military administration and informing the 24th Border Guard Detachment named after Hero of Ukraine Senior Lieutenant Vyacheslav Semenov in order to obtain permission to conduct hydrological measurements on the Dniester River within the controlled sections, in the case of receiving the information from State Border Service, the Ministry will send the information to Moldovan side during at least 2 months;
- The Ukrainian side to prepare a letter of appropriate content and inform the Moldovan side on this issue.

6.1.2. Implementation of the Commission's recommendations on the presumed impact of the activities of the Dnestrovsc Thermo-Electrical Plant (hereinafter – the Dnestrovsc TEP).

The Head of WG informed the Commission that the Moldovan Legal WG had sent inquiries to the competent authorities of the Republic of Moldova regarding the legal status of the power plant. The authorities stated that the plant was privatized with the involvement of the non-constitutional authorities from the left bank of the Dniester.

The Commission decided to create a bilateral working group by 31 May 2025 under the leadership of the Ukrainian side, which should develop a technical task to study the potential impact of the Dnestrovsc TEP on the environment and communities. Based on the results of its work, the Legal WG should prepare a report for submission to the Co-Chairs of the Commission for consideration and approval, and after reaching an agreement between the Parties, submit the report for consideration by the Intergovernmental Mixed Moldovan-Ukrainian Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation.

6.2. Impact of the war on cross-border cooperation in the Dniester River basin.

The Commission heard and took into attention information presented by the representative of PJSC "Ukrhydroenergo".

The Commission condemns the full-scale armed invasion and attacks by the Russian Federation on the hydropower infrastructure of Ukraine and considers them to be aimed at causing maximum harm to the civilian population.

6.3. Issues related to the implementation by the parties of the Protocol of the 3rd meeting of the Commission dated October 29, 2021.

The Moldovan side has repeatedly requested clarification regarding any intentions of the Ukrainian side to extend the capacity of the Dniester Hydroelectric Complex. In response, the Ukrainian side confirmed that there are no plans to change capacity and constructions included in project decisions.

Following the consideration of the compliance of the Republic of Moldova to the Implementation Committee of the Espoo Convention, which considered that Ukraine violated the requirements of

this Convention when making a decision on the construction of the Dniester PSPP, the Implementation Committee, based on the information provided by the Government of Ukraine regarding the state expertise of the project and taking into account the fact that the provisions of the Espoo Convention do not have retroactive effect, decided not to further consider this issue (case EIA/IC/INFO/2, link: <https://unece.org/eia/info2-ukraine-0>).

According to decisions of Minutes of 3rd and 4th meetings the Parties undertake, in order to ensure transboundary cooperation, to carry out timely exchange of information in cases and in accordance with the procedure provided for by Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and the Agreement between the Government of Moldova and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, concluded on August 15, 2024. In turn, the Parties agree on the need to strengthen monitoring of the impact of existing facilities.

7. Presentations on Initiatives for Promoting Sustainable Management of the Dniester River Basin.

The Commission heard and took into attention information presented by the representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine regarding:

- organization of the Dniester Day;
- organization of a summer school and expedition on the Dniester River in 2024;
- organisation Dniester River basin Conference 2024;
- organization of the “Colors of the Dniester” competition;
- panel discussion at COP29 in the Ukrainian pavilion, which took place on November 22 and where the work of the Dniester Commission was presented as a good experience.

The Commission recommends using the opportunities of international technical assistance projects to continue supporting the organization of the aforementioned events and competitions, and emphasizes the particular importance of involving children and youth in such projects.

8. Determining the time and the place of the 6th meeting of the Commission.

The Commission established a tentative period for the next meeting, specifically at the beginning or middle of October 2025. Ukraine will further inform the other contracting party about the location of the meeting, which will be held on the territory of Ukraine.

9. Closing the meeting.

The Co-chairs of the Commission solemnly concluded the fifth meeting of the Commission with closing remarks.

On behalf of the
Republic of Moldova:

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Co-chair of the Commission, Chair of the
Moldovan part of the Commission,
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**Work Plans for period of 2024 – 2025
of Working Groups of the Commission on sustainable use and protection of the
Dniester River Basin (hereinafter – Commission)**

Annex 2.1

**Work Plans for period of 2024 – 2025 of the Working Group (WG) on River Basin Planning and
Management**

#	Name of works	Deadline	Responsible
1.	National Dniester river basin management plans: implementation, screening for compliance with the EU WFD and comparability methodological approaches and received results	During the year	WG's members
2.	Hydrological analysis 2024	During the year	WG's members
3.	Hydrological analysis for the first half-year 2025 and ecological flow	Feb. – Apr. 2025	WG's members
4.	Development of proposals regarding the revision of the Rules of Operation reservoir of the Dniester HPP integrated complex	During the year	WG's members
5.	Hydropeaking analysis of the Dniester downstream the HPP	During the year	Ana Jeleapov
6.	Supplement to the Regulation on Cooperation on Monitoring and Information Exchange in the Dniester River Basin for further approval by the Commission with a clause on prompt notification of the competent authorities of Moldova and Ukraine on water discharges from hydropower plants to avoid emergencies and to define the list of such competent authorities in the Annex to this Regulation	During the year	WG's members
7.	The impact of military operations on the status of water in the Dniester basin	During the year	Ukrainian members of the WG
8.	Summer School 2025	Summer	Eco-Tiras
9.	Dniester Day 2025	May	WG's members
10.	Information about activities Basin Council and Committee of the Dniester Basin District	During the year	WG's members
11.	Conducting a meeting of the Working Group	During the year	WG's members
12.	Prepare an annual report on the activities of the Working Group	December	Co-Heads of the WG

Annex 2.2

Work Plans for period of 2024 – 2025 of the WG on Monitoring and Information Exchange

#	Name of works	Deadline	Responsible
1.	Preparation of a report on the WG's activities	before the meeting of the Commission	WG's members
2.	Monitoring of water quality and the status of surface waters in the Dniester River basin	During the year	WG's members
3.	Coordination of joint water sampling and their implementation	During the year	WG's members
4.	Exchange of information on the status of water resources in the Dniester basin	During the year	WG's members
5.	Preparation and exchange of the National Report on the Status of Water in the Dniester Basin for 2024	Until July 1, 2025	WG's heads

6.	Mutual information/participation of WG members in meetings of the Dniester Basin Council / Committee of the Dniester Basin District	During the year	WG's members
7.	Conducting a WG's meeting	During the year in accordance with the agreements of the Parties	WG's members
8.	Ensuring communication with other WGs of the Commission, considering and participating in the discussion of relevant issues	During the year	WG's members
9.	Preparation of a joint report on the state of waters in the transboundary Dniester basin for 2024	before the meeting of the Commission	WG's members

Annex 2.3

Work Plans for period of 2024 – 2025 of the WG on Emergency Situations

#	Name of works	Deadline	Responsible
1.	Exchange of information on the threat and emergence of emergency situations with transboundary impact	During the year	GIES MIA RM ¹ , Hydrometeorological State Service of the RM, State Emergency Service ² of Ukraine, UkrHMC ³
2.	National Flood Risk Management Plans: comparability of methodological approaches, compliance with the EU Flood Directive, the degree of harmonization of the national legal framework of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, monitoring of the implementation of measures	During the year	WG's members
3.	Analysis of emergency situations in the Dniester River basin (if they occur), their causes and consequences for water use and the environment, measures taken to prevent/mitigate them	During the year	WG's members
4.	Participation in the development and updating of flood hazard and risk maps	During the year	Agency "Apele Moldova", Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, State Emergency Service of Ukraine, UkrGMI DSNS and NAS of Ukraine ⁴
5.	Participation in joint actions related to emergency and rescue and other urgent works, organization of informing the population in the event of an emergency related to floods/floods or pollution of the water area of the Dniester River	During the year	WG's members
6.	Determination of dangerous water levels for areas with an increased risk of natural phenomena (floods)	During the year	WG's members

¹The General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.

²The State Emergency Service of Ukraine;

³Ukrainian hydrometeorological center;

⁴Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Institute of the State Emergency Service and the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

7.	Conducting a meetings of the Working Group	During the year	WG's members
8.	Preparation of the annual report on the results of the working group	Before the meeting of the Commission	Heads of WG

Annex 2.4

Work Plans for period of 2024 – 2025 of the WG on Ecosystems and Biodiversity

#	Name of works	Deadline	Responsible
1.	Exchange of information on changes in national legislation on the conservation of biological diversity, protection and restoration of forests, the formation and preservation of the ecological network, and the protection of aquatic living bioresources.	Permanently	WG's members
2.	Preparation of proposals for the creation of cross-border nature conservation areas	30 November, 2025	WG's members
3.	Organization of activities for joint monitoring of Permanently biodiversity within the framework of the Emerald Network and coordination of the management of such territories, taking into account Council Directive 92/43/EEC of May 21, 1992 on the protection of habitats, wild flora and fauna and European Parliament Directive 2009/148/EEC of November 30, 2009 on the conservation of wild birds.	Permanently	WG's members
4.	Coordinating joint actions on fisheries control and anti-poaching.	Permanently	WG's members
5.	Development of Measures to Preserve the Biodiversity of Aquatic Organisms, in particular regarding the Control of Invasive Alien Species of Hydrobionts	Permanently	WG's members with involvement of experts
6.	Development of a methodology for analyzing the effectiveness of spring ecological flows for the ecological state and preservation of biodiversity, especially the reproduction of aquatic biological resources, in the Dniester River basin.	1 September 2025	WG's members with involvement of experts
7.	Implementation of measures to increase the forest cover of the Dniester basin by 2030.	Permanently	WG's members
8.	Conducting WG's meetings.	Once per quarter	WG's members
9.	Informing stakeholders about the WG's activities.	Permanently	WG's members

Annex 2.5

Work Plans for period of 2024 – 2025 of the Legal WG

#	Name of works	Deadline	Responsible
1.	Clarification of the legal status of the Dnestrovsc Termo - Electrical Plant.	1 Jun. 2025	WG's heads
2.	Examination of proposals Rules for the exploitation of the reservoirs of the Dniester Hydrocomplex, approved by order of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine dated May 27, 2022 No. 209.	1 Jun. 2025	WG's members
3.	Proposals for amendments to the agreement, rules of procedure and regulations on the administration of the committee's websites	September 1, 2025	WG's members
4.	Translation of documents from the committee website (rules of procedure, website rules, etc.).	August 1, 2025	WG's members

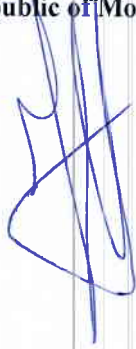
5.	Information on the expansion of Dniester Hydrocomplex capacities.	Permanently	WG's heads
6.	Development of regulations of the joint legal working group.	October 1, 2025	WG's members
7.	Approval of the action plan for 2025-2026.	November 1, 2025	WG's heads

Approved:

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