

**BRIEF NOTE**  
**ON**  
**SECOND MEETING OF INTER-MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP ON**  
**DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES AND WATER**  
**EFFICIENCY PLAN IN KAZAKHSTAN**

**Astana city, Kazakhstan**

**27 January, 2006**

The second meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Working Group on development of the National Integrated Water Resources and Water Efficiency Plan in Kazakhstan (IWRM WG) has been held in the city of Astana on 27 January 2006. The Agenda and List of Attendants are attached herewith (Attachment 1 and 2).

The first version of the draft National Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Efficiency Plan has been submitted for consideration. The draft Plan has been drawn up under the assistance of UNPD project sponsored by the Government of Norway, UK Department for International Development and Global Water Partnership.

As of 25 January 2006, the IWRM WG accounted for representatives of 33 ministries and state agencies (the list of WG is given in Attachment 3).

The first version of the National IWRM&WE Plan was circulated amongst all parties concerned in December 2005. The circulation list is given in the Attachment 4. Also the List contains information on submitted comments and proposals to the draft National Plan as of 26 January 2006.

In general the participants of the IWRM WG accepted the draft National Plan and confirmed the necessity of preparation, approval and implementation of the National IWRM &WE Plan. It was also agreed to issue proposal for the Government in relation to change of CWR, RBOs and RBCs status. During the course of the meeting the following decisions have been made:

- To recommend for consideration the establishment of Central Executive Body on Water Resources Management enabling to perform strategic functions to ensure formulation and implementation of state policy on use and protection of water fund (Ministry for Water Resources).
- The deadline for submission of comments/proposals and Action Plans by ministries and agencies concerned has been fixed on 28 February 2006; received comments and Action Plans shall further be incorporated in the final version of the National IWRM and WE Plan that shall be submitted to the Government for consideration.
- At the stage of final version preparation the team drawing up the National Plan shall permanently work in close cooperation with all ministries and agencies concerned, with each member of the IWRM WG.
- Meetings of IWRM WG shall be conducted for getting internal approval and making preparatory arrangements necessary for appropriate approval procedure. Such meeting shall be arranged after completion of the final version of the National IWRM Plan or during the finalization period, if necessary.