



1-3 November 2021

Implementation and Operational Authorities Meeting under the Aktau Protocol

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

This meeting of high-level government-nominated representatives will take stock of the outputs under item 6 of the draft PoW 2020-2021 (TC/COP6/8rev) as well as discuss and substantiate items 7, 8, 11, 12 of the draft Ministerial Statement (TC/COP6/10) related to the implementation of the Aktau Protocol as resulted from PrepCom 7 in preparation of COP 6. It will, furthermore, comprise the first Meeting of the Operational Authorities responsible for the implementation of the Caspian Sea Plan Concerning Regional Cooperation in Combating Oil Pollution Incidents (Plan) in accordance with its section 2.3. In that context, the objectives of the meeting are to:

- 1) Review and agree on the text of the Plan,
- 2) Agree on the long-term exercise agenda,
- 3) Review the activities and budget of the Aktau Protocol implementation beyond 2021,
- 4) Substantiate cooperation activities with the Astrakhan Agreement, and
- 5) Familiarize experts with the Aktau Protocol file repository on the new Tehran Convention website.

This annotated agenda is to be seen in conjunction with the Note by the Interim Secretariat on the Implementation of the Aktau Protocol (May 2021).

It is expected that the results of the meeting will be presented to the PrepCom and COP 6 as part of document TC/COP6/17.

Day 1

08:00 – 08:15 - Opening of the meeting

- Adoption of the agenda

08:15 – 09:30 - Presentation of the Aktau Protocol repository on the Tehran Convention website

During this session, the interim Secretariat will present the clean and complete repository of Aktau Protocol related files for access on the new Tehran Convention website. The session will include the introduction of workflows for collaboration by designated country officers on the implementation of the Aktau Protocol. It forms part of the Meeting of the Operational Authorities.



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The Meeting is invited to consider and explore the Aktau Protocol file repository and tools on the Tehran Convention website for use of the designated representatives in the Aktau Protocol implementation.

09:30 – 09:45 - Coffee break

09:45 – 11:30 - Review of the draft Plan
(Draft Ministerial Statement paras. 7 and 10, Note by the Interim Secretariat point 1)

During this session, the Parties will review the two remaining items for discussion in the draft Plan for the implementation of the Aktau Protocol which could not be solved on the expert level: a) the definition of regional mechanism and b) the language use. The state of discussion on the issues is explained in point 1 of the Note by the Interim Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to clarify and decide on “the procedures of the regional mechanism” as being the Tehran Convention Secretariat. Furthermore, it may agree on the draft Plan for adoption at COP 6, and further its implementation.

11:30 – 12:00 - Coffee break

12:00 – 14:00 - Continued: Review of the draft Plan

Day 2

08:00 – 09:30 - Summary and state of held exercises under the Aktau Protocol

During this session, the Parties and the interim Secretariat will take stock of the results and lessons learned of the exercises held under the Aktau Protocol to date. It will review objectives and a roadmap for future exercise. This session forms part of the Meeting of the Operational Authorities.

09:30 – 09:45 - Coffee break

09:45 – 11:30 - Long-term exercise agenda
(Draft Ministerial Statement paras. 8, Note by the Interim Secretariat point 2.b)

During this session, the Parties will discuss the Long-Term Plan for Oil Spill Preparedness Exercises in the Caspian Sea as contained in the Guidelines for Oil Spill Exercises under the Aktau Protocol (Annex 9) of the Plan (TC/COP6/17 Annex 4). This session forms part of the Meeting of the Operational Authorities.



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The Meeting is invited to agree on the long-term exercise agenda for COP 6 to adopt the Guidelines for Oil Spill Exercises under the Plan.

11:30 – 12:00 - Coffee break

12:00 – 14:00 - Interrelationship of the Aktau Protocol with the Astrakhan Agreement (Draft Ministerial Statement para. 12, Note by the Interim Secretariat point 2.c)

During this session, the Parties will review opportunities for structured cooperation and synergies in the implementation of the Aktau Protocol with the Agreement on Cooperation in Emergency Prevention and Response in the Caspian Sea (Astrakhan Agreement) taking into account the analysis contained in TC/COP6/17 Annex 5. It forms part of the Meeting of the Operational Authorities.

The Meeting is invited to decide on a roadmap to establish and enhance cooperation with the authorities responsible for the implementation of the Astrakhan Agreement.

Day 3

08:00 – 09:30 - Program of Work, Budget and Tehran Convention Secretariat staffing (Draft Ministerial Statement para. 11, Note by the Interim Secretariat point 2.a)

During this session, the Parties will consider the provision and support for a staff member in the Tehran Convention Secretariat to carry out the functions as per Articles 12 (2) and 13 of the Aktau Protocol to further its progressing implementation. Parties will also discuss implementation activities and review a draft budget for the implementation of the Aktau Protocol in the period of 2022-2023 as part of the Tehran Convention Program of Work.

The Meeting is invited to agree on the program of work and budget, including a Secretariat staff member for the implementation of the Aktau Protocol in the period of 2022-2023.

09:30 – 09:45 - Coffee break

09:45 – 11:30 - Continued: Budget, Tehran Convention Secretariat staffing and Program of Work

11:30 – 12:00 - Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00 - Any other business