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## **THE FOREWORD**

It is impossible to stop the time motion.

It is the 10th birthday of the International Fund of Rescue Aral.

Relentless time has shown necessity and importance of presence in Central - Asian region of this coordinating body which efforts support dialogue, mutual understanding, solves practical tasks of water-economic, hydropower and ecological character, develops partnership of the states and their interaction with various international organizations.

Water is a life, therefore in the most difficult initial two years of sovereign development of Kazakhstans, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan have concluded the very first agreements on a joint management, use and protection of water resources of interstate sources, have formed the International Fund of Rescue Aral.

The presidents of Central - Asian Countries dear Nazarbaev N.A., Akaev A.A., Rakhmonov E.SH., Niyazov C.A., And Karimov I.A. have shown the greatest, political will and the state wisdom in so delicate and more vital sphere as water relations, having put them on a high international level and at the same time having kept century traditions of friendship, mutual understanding, partnership and having directed this high potential on creation and prosperity of the countries of region. The certificate to that is stable functioning water and power complexes in uneasy transitional conditions of formation of market economy and unshakable will of the governments and people of region on search of ways out of the most complicated social - economic and ecological conditions in pool of Aral sea.

The new pulse to cooperation in this direction in frameworks of the IFAS has given Dushanbe Summit of Central Asia States Heads, taken place on October, 5-6, 2002, on which priority directions of the concrete actions Program in Aral sea basin for 2003-2010 have been authorized, it is approved the initiative about creation of the United Nations Commission on coordination of the external help and giving the IFAS United Nations division status. Thus the countries of region undertake efforts on optimization of the IFAS

activity and giving to it the status of the authoritative international organization, positions rapprochement, account of states interests for the blessing of people living here.

Dushanbe Stale Water International Forum which will take place from August, 30 till September, 1, 2003, it is a goode opportunity of many-sided activity presentation of the countries which are included in IFAS, which celebrating its 10-years anniversary, the support of efforts of the Tajikistan President, the President of the International Fund of Rescue Aral E.SH.Rakhmonov about the announcement since 2005 of the 10-anniversary of water.

I wish IFAS successes in its noble mission.

The given publication generalizes process of creation, functioning of the IFAS and its structural divisions, familiarizing the broad audience of readers with many-sided activity of the States Heads and the Governments of Central Asia under the decision of Aral sea pool problems.

**Chairman of the Executive committee  
of IFAS**

**S. M. Aslov**

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS  
OF THE ARAL SEA BASIN**

On July, 13, 1993

Tashkent

About the Concept of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan under the decision of Aral problem and Aral Sea basin in view of Social-Economic development (substantive provisions).

1. To approve basically coordinated by all states - participants about joint actions under the decision of a problem of Aral Sea and Priaralye, of ecological improvement and maintenance of Social-Economic development of the Aral region. Also to approve the text of substantive provisions of the Concept and send it to all international organizations participating in the decision of the Aral problem, for an opportunity of orientation in the further joint actions.

2. To charge the heads of states delegations, participating at today's session of Interstate Council, to organize work on completion of the Concept and its preparation for the final statement on Nukus Meetings of heads of the Central Asia states.

KAZAKHSTAN  
KYRGYZSTAN  
TAJIKISTAN  
TURKMENISTAN  
UZBEKISTAN

## **THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF THE HEADS OF CENTRAL ASIAN REGIONS**

On January, 4 1993 the meeting of Heads of the states has taken place in the city of Tashkent: the President of Kazakhstan N.A.Nazarbaeva, the President of Kyrgyzstan A.A.Akaeva, the President of Tajikistan E.S.Rakhmonov, the President of Turkmenistan S.A.Niyazov, the President of Uzbekistan I.A.Karimov. Participants of a meeting have in detail discussed political and economic situation in the states of region. The useful exchange of opinions on questions of the further strengthening equal in rights and mutually advantageous economic and humanitarian connections between these sovereign states has taken place. As a result of an exchange of opinions of the states Head have charged the governments to work the questions connected to a price policy, development of communications, maintenance with energy carriers, problems of Aral and Caspian Sea in interests of the states of region. The sides have made the decision on creation of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA. It is necessary to carry out the Sessions of Fund in Kzil-Orda, Nukus and Tashauz.

Participants of a meeting were uniform in opinion on expediency of carrying out the meetings of Heads of the states and the governments on a regular basis. The next meeting will take place in April of this year in Ashgabad city.



**THE CONCEPT OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN,  
TURKMENISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN  
UNDER THE DECISION OF PROBLEMS  
of ARAL AND PRIARALYE  
IN VIEW OF SOCIAL-ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENTS OF REGION  
(Substantive provisions)**

**INTRODUCTION**

In a basis of the Concept have lain the offers of Kazakhstan (1992), the Concept developed by working group of the Cabinet of Uzbekistan (1991, 1992) and other materials of the design and research organizations of republics, Ministries of Land Improvement and Water Conservation, the state committees on wildlife management, Academies of sciences of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, presentation of World Bank mission on problems of Aral and a number of other documents .

Problems of the Aral region, Aral itself and balance of air basin, is considered in mutual coordination with features of Central Asian region, its geographical and natural characteristics in dynamics of the past, the present and the future social-economic development.

The raw-material producing orientation of region economy developed for last decades has laid down it in heavy conditions in the decision of the most essential tasks of economic development. The national income per capita though grew, but was constantly less, than in the advanced regions of the former Union. Cotton growing, all over again in interests of cotton independence of the country, and then export, has occupied more than 50 % of the best irrigated arable land and more than half of all water resources. Strategy of an all-union division of labour, unequivocally having defined guarantees in delivery of the foodstuffs: meat, milk, of potato and other products, has caused for region of import of the foodstuffs and a significant part of the industrial goods.

In conditions of arid climate and drainless character of basin , at growing need for water, there was a problem of Aral Sea as

result of long-term impetuous operation of basin resources, on what left up to 60 % of water resources of region, or 55... 60 billion cube. m. annually - as much, as it is selected as a whole from the Sea over its stable level before.

Up to 1960 the general resources of superficial and underground waters successfully had Aral Sea, approximately being fifty-fifty distributed between creation of the national income - 63 cube. Km. and expenses of a drain - 57 cube. km. of water one year on updating of the Sea. At the same time, when on the basis of water and agriculture 55...60 % of a total national product and only 10...12 % of end production were created, it inevitably should lead to Social-Economic crisis. Wide development of an irrigation, backlog of a standard of farming and insufficient rates of industrial development at high rates of growth of the population have led to decrease in the national income, in the even greater degree - a standard of living of the population, to braking of a social production and strengthening of dependence from import from other regions. With a view of restraint of these processes of Central Asia republic constantly increased efforts on reduction of specific charges of water (for a decade almost on 5 thousand cube. m/hect.) and on growth of efficiency of the grounds. However at absence of industrial development, only due to these measures to stop the reduction in production of an agriculture and security of an irrigated arable land for 1 person was not possible.

Conditions when incomes of the national economy main branch of republic - cotton growing,- collected in other regions, and manufacturers of agrarian production were financed with participation of "grants", have defined a low level of social and sanitary-and-epidemiologic service, a low level public health services. It was showed, first of all, in neediness more than half of population by the necessary quality of potable water, in shortage of the equipped hospitals, out-patient - polyclinic establishments. In Priaralye on this general background was imposed also infringement of a normal inhabitancy due to change of a hydrological mode, deterioration of acting water as a whole on region in all sources with increase of desertification processes owing to

reduction of level of Aral Sea.

Adverse social-economic and sanitary conditions of life, uncontrolled and excessive on volume use of pesticides - up to 20-25 kg /hect.- have negatively affected on health of Priaralye population. At prophylactic medical examination of adult population at 63,5 % surveyed in Karakalpakstan and 72,6 % - in the Khorezm area are revealed deviations in a state of health (at children these figures have made accordingly 66 and 70 %) . The level of disease of the population intestinal infections among the population of region in 3 times exceeds medium union level. Similar position in Bukhara, Tashaguz and Kzil-Orda areas.

In this connection the given Concept of Aral Sea cannot be considered in a separation from problems of region as a whole, a priority of Social-Economic requirements of the population living in region, and creation of satisfactory ecological conditions.

The concept proceeds from a generality of the Social-Economic problems decision of region in view of prospective growth of a population in 2000, 48 million person, by 2010 - 69... 72 million person. It is simultaneously considered the necessity of maintenance of additional requirement for workplaces 2,8 and 5,2 million person in region accordingly on a level 2000 and 2010. At the same time the need in irrigated lands, proceeding from preservation of loading even in 0,16 hect./one inhabitant, makes across Tajikistan accordingly 1,11 and 1,15 million hect. against 0,718 million hect. nowadays and across Uzbekistan accordingly 4,64 and 5,88 million hect. against 4,3 million hect.

Modern conditions, both political, and economic, bring a lot of serious complications in the decision of the Aral Sea basin problemsbasin . The break of economic relations with former republics, inflation in a combination to monopolism of suppliers of the major industrial output have put all Central Asian zone in extremely heavy economic position.

It is natural, that the Concept should be based as on the common ideas, measures and tasks of exit from a crisis situation of all interested states, and on features and purposes of each of them development.

Realizing available specificity in economic, social-ecological conditions of each state, the Concept nevertheless sets as the purpose development of uniform joint approaches and sights at formation scientifically proved ways of improvement social - economic, medical - biologic and ecological situation in Aral Sea basin.

Proceeding from above-stated, tasks of the Concept are:

Definition of the main directions of region development with the purpose of maintenance of a necessary level of social - economic well-being at the limited water resources, first of all - in Priaralye and in economically backward zones of basin , in conditions of transition to market and sovereignty of the states;

Development of reliable decisions on reduction of ecological stability of the reduced water area of Aral Sea and measures on liquidation of negative influence of deterioration of the natural environment in Priaralye;

Improvement of sanitary-and-hygienic and medical - biologic conditions in Priaralye;

Definition of really proved measures under the water-savings and updating of water resources as for water delivery in Aral and Priaralye, and in interests of social - economic development.

## **I. THE CHOICE OF THE DIRECTION OF SOCIAL - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON THE LIMITED WATER RESOURCES OF BASIN**

The concept considers a line of main variants of region development on the basis of existing water resources and with attraction of them from the outside.

As a result of comparison of variants at a level 2000 and 2010, recommended by the Concept a variant of development, provides main changes and character of social - economic development (perfection of irrigated agriculture in a complex with development of local irrigation methods up to 5 million hect. and deep processing of agricultural products; besides by 2010 - additional water delivery in region). A water-economic basis of a new way of development in developed conditions - water-savings,

i.e. reduction of specific expenses for unit of made production in all branches of a national economy, and also in social sphere. In conditions of arid region the all-round economy of water is a paramount duty of a society as from results of the water-savings in direct dependence are opportunities of forward social - economic development and ecological improvement of region.

These circumstances in view of a demographic situation define priority directions of rational use of available water resources:

In irrigated agriculture - maintenance of precise management with hydromeliorativesystems and maintenance of due discipline of underconsumption with the further introduction watersaving ways of an irrigation and irrigation technologies, that demands prime allocation of capital investments;

In household sphere - perfection of systems and networks of water supply and the water drain, introduction of progressive sanitary technical equipments,an establishment of rational norms of water consumption and water removal in city and rural zones;

In industry - reduction of specific water consumption by introduction of the closed water delivery systems and water removal on production and development in the long term shallow and waterless processes.

Limitation of water resources is reflected in ways of Social-Economic development and ecological improvement and demands:

Decisions of a food problem and intensification of other branches of an agriculture on the basis of the water-savings by increase of fertility of irrigated ground fund and productivity of cultivated cultures, perfection of structure of areas under crops, introduction progressive agrotechnical and agromeliorated technologies, etc., and also more full use of biological-soil potential of mountain - foothill and deserted - pasturable zones;

Decisions of a problem labour and, basically, all problem of Social-Economic development - on ways of creation new (nonconventional) high technology and labour-consuming, hi-tech, ecological and non water-retaining capacity branches, and in traditional, acceleration of branch structure reorganization of economic complex, maintenance its intensive, ecological and water

protection technologies, is especial regarding deep processing a mineral-source of raw materials and agricultural production. First of all structural transformations should be made in the textile, light, food, mountain - metallurgical, machine-building and oil-and-gas industries; Decisions of ecological improvement problem of region and, first of all Priarale, by maintenance of river waters quality norms and creation artificial landscape of ecosystem within the limits of big rivers deltas and on the dried day of the Sea on the basis of a complex of engineering and natural small reservoirs for creation of comfortable conditions life habitation;

Acceptances of corresponding agreements and contracts about a legal regime of water resources use in view of developed new economic - political conditions.

Introduction water protection methods and ways of conducting a water management " in irrigated agriculture and land improvement, in other branches of an economic complex significantly will change hydrological, water and economic parameters of water-economic and hydromeliorative systems, will considerably reduce working costs and will promote increase of capital investments efficiency.

The further development of an agriculture and the industry in basin s of the rivers Amu Daryas and Syr-Darya should correspond to the above-stated requirements and to be carried out by each state and limits of the established limits of water so that to satisfy the Social-Economic needs according to demographic situation and requirements of Priaralye and a reduced part of the Sea as the special water-consumer in basin s of the rivers.

## **II. MAINTENANCE OF THE INVESTMENT MECHANISM**

The states of region have the limited opportunities to an investment of means. For attraction of domestic and foreign investments to development of industrial production (labour-consuming, but less water retaining capacity) it is recommended to create preferential and protectionist conditions as reduction of taxes from investments, and manufacturers, the sanction of lisenze free and duty-free export of the exported goods received in indemnification for the investments, etc.

With the purpose of attraction of domestic and foreign private, cooperative and other free financial assets for financing development water and an agricultural production expediently in every possible way to support the organization of the joint-stock companies, having the purpose not only development of an irrigation and water supply, but also complex development of regions on the basis of a real deepening of agriculture culture processing , creating for them exclusive conditions of credits and return of means.

Attraction of means of the international organizations, banks, various funds for performance of the concrete programs connected to improvement of use and management of water resources of basin that should be promoted appreciably by development and the coordination of uniform approaches of Central Asian states to the decision of problem of Aral, is supposed.

### **III. MEASURES ON IMPROVEMENT OF LIFE CONDITION QUALITY AND MEDICOSANITARY SERVICE**

Taking into account a high share of agricultural population and natural-climatic potential, it is the most expedient to solve a problem of employment and increase in efficiency of a social production by creation on village agroindustrial enterprises, final processing of agricultural products, and also others labour-consuming manufactures. Experience of separate areas in accommodation, in countryside, of industrial productions deserves support and distribution with the help of joint-stock companies and joint ventures of small scale. Thus the special attention should be given to Social-Economic development of Priaralye and others backward economically zones of region for achievement even average indices on each country, for what:

To recognize expedient acceptance of the law on social protection of the population injured of ecological disasters by an example of Kazakhstan;

To provide priority development here the industries and modernizations of an agriculture due to the state sources of financing.,

There are should be continued and completed also maintenance

of all settlements of Priaralye with potable water of necessary quality till 1997, necessary hospitals and objects of public health services, children's establishments are constructed, the special program "Food" is realized. Expediently urgently to buy some import factories on priming of pure water in bottles and by construction of such factories to provide population of Priaralye for the minimal payment there where into the nearest years it will not be entered centralized, water supply.:

Improvement of Priaralye is impossible without practical measures on the discontinuance of dumps mineralized collector-drainage waters in the river Amu Darya.

Therefore it is necessary to force construction of Right-bank and Left-bank pathes, to stop in 1996 dump of all collector-drainage waters in Amu Darya, and also essentially to reduce dump to Syr-Darya. To carry out inventory of pollution sources in basin and to plan rigid term of construction of clearing constructions, biological plateaus. Simultaneously with it from republics up to facilities it is necessary to make programs of water charges reduction singularly production and reduction on this basis of dumps in the river. It is expedient to expand scales of application of biological methods of protection of plants, sharply

To limit pesticides and herbicides, norms of application of mineral fertilizers and widely to apply inhibitor nitrofication for increasing of KPD efficiency use of fertilizers..

Despite of high cost of works and the big expenses of energy on a dimineralization of waste collector-drainage waters to count one of priority directions of the future innovations partial staling of water by reduction the toxic salts contents and their use for cultivation of halophite plants on sandy files.

General prophylactic medical examination of Priaralye population, and also the population of all Aral Sea basin and revealing of the most widespread illnesses should be continued and accepted measures on an attachment to high quality: to medical institutions of the chronic patients, undergone to influence of ecological disaster.

And Starting from 1993... 1994 begin designing, construction



and equipment of the specialized first-aid posts centers for areas of Priaralye.

Before preparation of the necessary staff to continue a direction of doctors and medical staff for work in medical establishments of Priaralye.

Creation of comfortable conditions of life of the population can be achieved only on the basis of the certain restoration of the degrading natural environment by improvement of river water quality, air, water supply and the water drain, good roads and the decision of food problem. From these paramount tasks the main thing is restoration of the degrading natural environment. With this purpose the complex of ecological improvement projects of Priaralye as it is done in Kazakhstan and Karakalpak is subject to realization. It is necessary with the common efforts of Central Asia states and Kazakhstan with the help of the Russian Federation and other countries to lead complex ecomonitoring of the natural environment, the person and national economy of Priaralye.

#### **IV. CREATION OF SUSTAINABLE WATERING SYSTEM OF PRIARALYE**

Restoration exhausting in full up to 53 marks demands submission annually up to 2010: in Aral 65 km<sup>3</sup> of water without taking into account requirements of delta. From here complexity of realization of such offer is obvious. Preservation of the Sea on a mark 38 - a task more accessible, it demands together with needs of deltas 30...35 km<sup>3</sup> water in one year. But preservation of the Sea is not disposal of all troubles which already, have captured an environment and process of desertification intensively proceeds, postponing the Sea from settlements all is farther and farther, especially damaging to economy and aggravating without that heavy conditions of a life of the population. The carried out long-term re Searches in Aral Sea basin, carried out in 1989, measures on watering of deltas, formation of shallow lakes system, have allowed to improve sharply a microclimate, to plan and start creation sustainable active ecosystem in delta and on the drained bottom of the Sea which will allow to restore and increase fishfarming,

muskrat, create zones of migration of birds flight, to prevent salt and dust outening from dried bottom of the Sea and to result delta, its flora, fauna and water mode in an initial condition.

It is provided to create active zone controlled ecosystem, providing stability of restoration of the broken natural balance in Priaralye. As calculations show, creation of watering zones in deltas of both rivers for restoration on former marks productive ecosystem will allow to lower the arids of climate due to evaporation in volume of 4...5 km<sup>3</sup>/year. It has confirmed by already carried out watering in 1988... 1992 .

Works on creation of artificial ecosystem in deltas and on the drained day of the Sea are prime from the point of view of nature protection actions in Priaralye and on the basis of own resources of waters should include :

Creation of adjustable system of reservoirs for Amu Darya and management of a part of the Small Sea for Syr-Darya;

polder systems on the drained bottom of the Sea; ..

phytomeliorational works on fastening mobile sand;

Submission of collector-drainage waters in water area of the Sea through spreading sand zones .

Zones of preservation of water areas of Aral with the increased contents of salts should be simultaneously determined and the forecast of its salt and water balance, marks of maintenance and the characteristic of the dried up parts with measures on its fastening and in view of submission of коллекторно-drainage waters, is made .

## **V. THE FORECAST OF WATER RESOURCES CHANGES FOR PROSPECT AND MEASURES ON RATIONAL USE OF WATER AND ITS TO DISTRIBUTION**

The forecast proceeds from total renewed water stocks of two rivers basins having Aral Sea, Syr-Darya and Amu Darya, including underground waters - 120 km<sup>3</sup>/year.

For republics of Central Asia possible selection of water by Afghanistan represents the big uncertainty in view of formation on territories of this country more than 5 km<sup>3</sup>/year of a drain of

inflows and by the border 19 km<sup>3</sup> of Pyanj water resources . The prospective size of selection in 4,5...5 km<sup>3</sup> in these conditions can appear underestimated, especial in connection with changes of a political situation.

Growth of the population, improvement of drinking and municipal water supply conditions with the purpose of comfort increase of life alongside with required increase in water for the industry, where free resources of a labour should be involved, causes increase in irrevocable water consumption at these purposes 9 km<sup>3</sup> in 2000 and up to 11,5 km<sup>3</sup> in 2010 under condition of very economical expenditure of water in the these - branches, full transition to turnaround water supply.

In these conditions the rest resources of water for Aral, deltas and irrigation make -100 km<sup>3</sup> at a level 2000, and at a level 2010 - 97 km<sup>3</sup>/year, from which common resource of Aral and Priaralye should make for average year not less than 22 km<sup>3</sup>/year at a level it is respective to 2000 and 2010, and up to 30 km<sup>3</sup> after 2010.

It is necessary to conduct deep work with the adjacent states on attraction, after 2010, waters from other sources, including transferring of drain, activization of deposits and other measures for finishing this size up to 30 and more km<sup>3</sup> in one year.

Prime action is perfection of water resources management of basin at an interstate level. Creation in 1987 BWO "Syr-Darya" and "Amu Darya" has played, already the first years, positive role . Ordering of water-fences on both rivers, introduction of ASBP-I by the turn "Syr-Darya" has allowed to save these years due to ordering the account more than 1,5 km<sup>3</sup>/year only across Syr-Darya. Created under the initiative of the five states water management Ministries the Interstate coordination of water-economic commission and transition of the BWO in its conducting on the basis of the interstate agreement have allowed coordinatedly to operate water resources of the rivers in the common interests.

However the further perfection of this interstate water resources management is necessary on the basis of multilateral agreements:

Signing by the heads of the countries of the Agreement on joint activity in basin and assignment to the ICWC and BWO not only

operative, but also long-term water resources management, including problem of Aral;

Creation of a legal documents complex under obligations and procedure of the water resources management, similarly available in the international practice;

Continuation ASBP "Syr-Darya" of II turns, development and introduction of the ASBP "Amu Darya" of I turn that will allow to reduce unproductive losses of a drain. Further, at a level 2010 it is supposed, that by development of staling water methods the reserves of stale waters will increase, at least, on 1km<sup>3</sup>/year;

Inclusion in sphere of management of the BWO of the account and the control of joint underground waters, a problem of quality and management corresponding to a delta site of natural resources monitoring in region;

Improvement of water resources forecasting methods, supervision over its dynamics, aerovisual inspection of the snow-glacier resources;

Monitoring the spontaneous phenomena connected or influencing water resources;

Establishment of a uniform policy of teamwork under the water-savings and gradual decrease in specific expenses that will allow to liberate water resources in recourses developments of region.

Necessary reduction in specific expenses of water can be achieved due to perfection of irrigating systems.

It follows to note - priority of introduction of new technics of irrigation, and further - systems of a local irrigation (drop, intrasoil and high-quality discrete), allowing simultaneously to lower specific charges of water to 50 % and to raise productivity of agricultural cultures. By the irrigating systems reconstruction realization the priority should be given to Priaralye systems, where its low level on draining, efficiency, and on a meliorative mode demands prime performance.

Alongside with these measures to decrease in specific expenses of water will promote:

Revision of structure of agricultural cultures crops;

Selection of less water-absorbing ability cultures;

Introduction of turnaround systems of water supply in the industry.

The Big perspective value for increase in volume of water resources can have struggle against degradation of mountain zones , its foresting and culturing with the purpose of drain formation.

The coordinated and in common coordinated realization by all five states of the specified actions will allow to save 10...11 km<sup>3</sup> of water resources, in view of corresponding reduction of returnable waters volume owing to improvement of water use.

## **VI. THE MECHANISM OF THE CONCEPT REALIZATION**

After acceptance of the given document it is defined the Program of practical actions, that includes concrete projects, directed on carrying out in life of the measures, designated in the Concept. The program subdivides these measures into three stages: prime (3...5 years), intermediate term (5...10 years) and long-term (more than 10 years). Definition of sequence of realization, reference of projects to regional or national carries out the Interstate Council with the help of the bodies and through the governments of Central Asia states.

Performance of predesign works, the FEASIBILITY REPORT of the projects, financing of construction of the projects connected to the decision of the given problem, is carried out due to the means allocated by the state-participants of the Kzil-Orda Agreement in International FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA, grants and credits of the International Bank of reconstruction development and contributions of various international sponsors and funds.

## **THE AGREEMENT**

### **ABOUT JOINT ACTIONS UNDER THE DECISION OF A PROBLEM ARAL SEA AND PRIARALYE, ECOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARAL REGION**

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan called below government-participants:

- Taking into account global character of drying of Aral Sea and the phenomena of the natural environment degradation connected to it, in zone Priaralye, and also the developed common crisis ecological situation caused by deficiency of water resources in this basin ;
- Understanding danger of occurring processes to health and well-being of the population living here, and also their negative influence on an ecological situation in other regions, balance of air basin , on development of economy and ability to live of the states located in the Aral region;
- Marking necessity and urgency of association material and financial resources on overcoming of a crisis situation and creation of system of ecological safety in region, and first of all in Priaralye zone;
- Confirming the adherence to principles international water rights, respecting mutual interests of each sovereign states - participants of the given Agreement in questions of use and protection of water resources of basin , proceeding from necessity of the Sea Preservations, have agreed as follows.

#### **Article I**

- States - participants recognize as the common tasks: rational use of the limited land-water resources of Aral Sea basin with a view of necessary Social-Economic development maintenance and well-being of peoples;
- Maintenance of appropriate quality of water in the rivers, reservoirs and underground sources due to reduction and further non-

admission of dump in them crude industrial, household, polluted and mineralized collector-drainage waters;

- Guaranteed maintenance of water delivery to Aral Sea in the volumes, allowing to support its reduced, but sustainable water area at ecologically comprehensible level and preservation of the Sea in this way as natural object;
- Restoration of region's broken ecosystem balance, and first of all in territory of deltas of Amu Darya, Syr-Darya and adjoining sites of the drained Sea-bottom, creation of artificial sustainable landscape complexes;
- Ordering of system and increase OF DISCIPLINE of water use in basin , development corresponding interstate legal and the statutory acts providing application of common for region of losses compensation principles;
- Improvement of sanitary-and-hygienic and medical-biologic conditions of residing of the population, is especial in areas of Priaralye and the urgent decision of a problem of around basin inhabitants maintenance with good-quality potable water;
- Development and carrying out of the coordinated strategy of the Social-Economic development which responde the requirements of ecological safety of peoples living in region;
- Realization of actions on protection migrating animal, including living in adjacent territories with states - participants, the organization of reserved zones;
- Renewal, on the basis of the produced new mutually acceptable conditions, works on submission in Aral Sea basin of additional water resources;
- The maximal assistance on carrying out of scientific re Searches, and also design and other kinds of the development directed on the decision of listed tasks;
- Creation of the most favored treatment conditions, preferential and protectionist measures for the investors putting the means in the programs and works, directed on ecological improvement and social-economic development of region.

**Article 2**

States - participants consider necessary:

- To form on priority basis the Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems and in it;
- permanent Executive committee with a site in Tashkent city;
- The commission on Social-Economic development, scientific-technical and ecological cooperation;
- The coordination water-economic commission, that's work according to the Agreement, signed on February, 18, 1992 in Almaty.

The regulations about Interstate Council affirms by the heads of states - participants.

States - participants have agreed to develop the project of the joint concept of the Aral Sea rescue problem decision and ecological improvement of Priaralye, to prepare the coordinated program on a complex of scientific researches and development, also to create uniform information system of monitoring of a condition of the natural environment and to organize the edition of "Bulletin" on Aral Sea basin problems

**Article 3**

The Russian Federation takes part in work of Interstate Council as the observer in the decision of a problem of Aral Sea and Priaralye, renders the necessary material help regarding water treating, creation of systems of economic - drinking water supply of the population of region, struggle against desertification, participates in scientific and technical cooperation, development of large regional projects, creation of environment monitoring system, renders expert services and promotes preparation of the qualified experts.

**Article 4**

The present Agreement is open for joining to it of any other state interested in achievement of the purposes containing in it aims and tasks.

The present Agreement is for 10 years and is considered



prolonged for the same term if any of states - participants will not declare its denouncement.

The state - participant can leave from the present agreement having notified about it depositary and other states - participants beforehand, not less than six months prior to an exit from the agreement

The present Agreement inures from the moment of its signing.

It is accomplished in Кызыл-Orda city on March, 26 1993 in one original copy in Russian. The original copy is stored in Kazakhstan Government Archive, which will direct to the states which have signed the present Agreement, its certified copy.

**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The heads of the Central Asia states-founders of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea have decided:

1. To select the President of Republic of Kazakhstan Nazarbaev N. A. as the President of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

It is accomplished in Kzil-Orda on March, 26, 1993 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in Archive of the Government of Kazakhstan which will direct, to each state that has signed the present Decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Pepublic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS  
OF THE ARAL SEA BASIN**

1. To ratify Position about Executive Committee of Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems.

2. To put Position into operation after the statement of the heads of states - participants of the Agreement on joint actions under the decision of a problem of Aral Sea and Priaralye, of ecological improvement and maintenance of social-economic development of the Aral region. Also the Regulations about Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems.

The decision is signed in Tashkent city on July, 13, 1993, the Russian copy only. The original copy is kept in the files of the Executive Committee of Interstate Council which will be sent to the representatives of the states who have signed the present decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For Republic of Kyrgvstan  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

S.Kulagin  
M.Zulpuev  
V.Shafoev  
D.Babakuliev  
I.Dzhurabekov

## **REGULATIONS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

### **1. ORGANIZATIONAL BASES OF FUND**

1.1. The International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, further Fund, is created according to the decision of heads of the states of the Central Asia, accepted on January, 4, 1993 in Tashkent and operates on the basis of the present Regulation.

The primary goal of Fund is financing and crediting of joint practical actions and perspective programs and projects of Saving the Aral Sea, ecological improvement of Priaralye and Aral Sea basin as a whole in view of interests of all states of region.

1.2. Founders of Fund are the Republic of Kazakhstan, KYRGYZ Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan. Among founders on the equal in rights beginnings, there can be other states supporting the purposes of creation of Fund and participating in financing of its projects and programs.

Participants of the Fund can be international organizations and other legal persons.

1.3. The fund has the legal right, independent balance, a Seal with the name, the firm form and the logo.

The fund cooperates with the state, public structures and physical persons.

1.4. The fund creates Aral International ecological bank " Aralecobank ".

### **II. FORMATION OF FUND MEANS**

2.1. The fund is formed due to payments of states - founders and participants. Founders and participants of Fund can carry out the monetary payments in the roubles, the hard currency, and also in material assets and property. Initial payments in Fund by the states - founders are recommended at a rate of 1 percent of the national income and brought within six months from the date of signing the present Regulation. Share annual payments of states - founders in Fund are determined by separate Agreements.

The fund is formed also from the account of:

Voluntary payments of the enterprises, the international and separate foreign public and national organizations, legal and physical person;

The means directed on the decision of separate target programs;

Other receipts.

2.2. The means of Fund that not used in accounting year pass to the next financial year, to withdrawal are not subject. Derivation of means for the purposes which not stipulated by the present Regulation and have been not connected to problems of Aral, is not supposed.

2.3. The property of Fund is made with the main and turnaround means reflected in its balance.

### **III. THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF FUND ACTIVITY**

3.1. The main directions of activity of Fund are:

Financing and crediting of joint interstate ecological and scientific - practical programs and the projects directed on saving Aral Sea and improvement of ecological conditions in areas, undergone to influence of the Aral accident, and also the decision of the common social - environmental problems of region;

Financing joint fundamental and applied re Searches, scientific and technical development on restoration of ecological equilibrium, rational use of natural resources and preservation of the environment;

Creation and maintenance of functioning of interstate ecological system of monitoring, databank and other systems about a condition of the surrounding natural environment of the Aral Sea basin ;

Mobilization of means for carrying out of joint actions on protection of air basin , water and ground resources, vegetative and fauna;

Financing of joint scientific and technical projects and development on management of internal transborder waters;

Participation in realization of the international programs and projects on Saving Aral and ecological improvement of the Aral

Sea basin .

#### **IV. RIGHTS OF FUND**

4.1. For performance of the tasks determined by the present Regulation. The fund has the right:

by the established order, in states - founders and other states, to create the branches and representations, including with the right of the legal person, on all directions of activity adequate to the purposes and tasks of the Fund;

To carry out credit and other operations with securities, to act as the guarantor and to place means for deposits bank establishment, to get in the established order actions, bonds and other securities;

To carry out investments into the spheres connected to realization of ecological programs and projects;

To conclude on its own behalf contracts, to open corresponding accounts in establishments of bank, to make transactions and other legal acts.

#### **V. MANAGEMENT OF FUND**

5.1. The fund directs the efforts to realization developed by Interstate Council and the states of programs authorized by heads and decisions on Aral Sea basin problems.

States - founders form Board of Fund to which structure delegate two representatives.

The board is headed by the President of Fund elected from among heads of states - founders for the period of one year serially.

The President carries out a management of Fund activity, defines its external economic and international activity, brings offers on additions and changes for Regulations about Fund, considers and approves plans of work of Fund.

The board creates Executive Committee of Fund, considers the questions connected to reception of new members, appoints and dismiss executive director and chairman of Board of "Aralecobank " and their assistants.

The board of Fund carries out the sessions not less often than

two times one year. States - founders can make offers on carrying out additional board meeting.

5.2. The Executive Committee of Fund is executive and administrative body of Fund. Provides preparation of board meetings of Fund, brings offers under the agenda and a place of carrying out of sessions of Fund.

Executive director, as agreed with the President of Fund, defines structure and number of management, the order and the size of wages of regular employees, a condition of contracts on hiring executors of projects and programs within the limits of the estimate confirmed by Board.

Executive director has the right to represent without the power of attorney Fund in all state, international and other enterprises and the organizations, to dispose of property of Fund, to dismiss and employ employees.

Site of Executive Committee of Fund and "Aralecobank" is Almaty with branches in the cities of Kzil-Orda, Nukus and Dashouz.

## **VI. THE ACCOUNT AND THE REPORTING OF FUND**

6.1. Financial year is established from January, 1 till December, 31 of calendar year. Upon termination of each year make report and balance of Fund which submitted for approval Boards of Fund.

6.2. Book keeping and the reporting are conducted in the order established by the legislation of the state in a place of stay of Fund.

6.3. Founders of Fund have the right of a free output, with return their initial and other payments in Fund and the profit minus of the means spent for realization of ecological programs and projects, with the notice of Board of Fund 6 months prior to an exit.

The questions demanding modification and additions in the text of the present Regulation, concern to the exclusive competence of Board of Fund.

Activity of Fund can be stopped under the decision of heads

of states-founders of Fund.

It is accomplished in Kzil-Orda on March, 26, 1993 in one original copy in Russian. The original copy is kept in Archive of the Kazakhstan Government, which will direct to the states which have signed the present Regulation, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan	N.Nazarbaev
For Republic of Kyrgyzstan	A.Akaev
For Republic of Tajikistan	E.Rahmonov
For Turkmenistan	S.Nijazov
For Republic of Uzbekistan	I.Karimov

The note: the Given Agreement has become invalid.



**THE DECISION OF INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS OF ARAL SEA BASIN "ABOUT FORMATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL"**

1. According to the Agreement on joint actions under the decision of a problem of Aral Sea and Priaralye, of ecological improvement and maintenance of social-economic development of the Aral region, signed by the heads of the Central Asia states in Kzil-Orda on March, 26, 1993 to form in Tashkent Executive Committee as permanent working body of Interstate Council, and ratify the Regulations about it and its structure (it is applied).

2. To ratify posts of the Executive Committee heads in quantity of three units:

Chairman of Executive Committee;

Technical director of the (the first Deputy of Chairman) Executive Committee;

The deputy chairman of Executive Committee.

To submit for consideration of heads of the states which have signed the Agreement on joint actions of decision of a problem of Aral Sea and Priaralye, the nominees of the Executive Committee heads.

3. To take into account the statement of the Government of Republic of Uzbekistan, that for accommodation of Executive Committee will be allocated the corresponding premise in Tashkent which equipped with a communication facility, office equipments and furniture.

4. To the Executive Committee management, as agreed with states - participants of the Agreement, to ratify positions about departments of the Administrative office Committee, the advisory council and editions of "Bulletin", to define the number of workers, to carry out organizational work on completion of employees staff, to prepare and submit for approval of the Interstate Council the estimation charges on the maintenance and activity of the Executive Committee in 1993.

5. To establish, that the schedule of the Executive Committee work is conducted in the order established by the legislation of Uzbekistan Republic.

The decision is signed in Tashkent on July, 13, 1993 in one copy in Russian. The original copy is kept in the files of Executive Committee of Interstate Council which will direct to the representatives of the states who have signed the present decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan	S.Kulagin
For Republic of Kyrgystan	M.Zulpuev
For Republic of Tajikistan	V.Shafoev
For Turkmenistan	D.Babakuliev
For Republic of Uzbekistan	I.Dzhurabekov

It is authorized  
The decision of Interstate Council  
On Aral Sea basin problems  
On July, 13, 1993.

## **REGULATION ABOUT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS OF THE ARAL SEA**

1. The executive Committee of Interstate Council on problems of Aral Sea, Executive Committee named further, is formed by the decision of the Interstate Council on July, 13, 1993 according to signed by the Republics of Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in Kzil-Orda on March, 26, 1993 the agreement on joint actions under the decision of a problem of Aral Sea and Priaralye, on ecological improvement and maintenance of social-economic development of the Aral region.

The Executive Committee is permanent working body of the Interstate Council and operates according to Regulations about Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems and the present Regulation.

The structure of the Exsecutive Committee is resulted in the appendix. A site of the Executive Committee is Tashkent.

2. To the Executive Committee are assigned:

Operative activity on coordination and realization of tasks that Interstate Council is responsible for, preparation of a plan of action and main decisions on them for consideration by Interstate Advice;

The organization of assignments performance of the Interstate Council;

Communication with representatives of the states - members of the Interstate Council on questions where the competence of the commissions on their direct directions of activity is insufficient, and also on the common questions of the Interstate Council;

Preparation together with organized commissions of joint programs of actions and projects of decisions for the statement at sessions of the Interstate Council;

Preparation and selection, together with Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, of projects and programs, lists of objects and plans of financing for the planned period;

Gathering and the analysis of the reporting about performance of the plan and a course of works under joint projects, programs and actions;

Preparation of joint plans, design and scientific-re Search works, control over their performance;

Coordination of the international connections and participation of the international organizations, the countries and separate sponsors in the decision of a problem of the Aral crisis and the tasks determined by a prerogative of the Interstate Council.

3. Financing the activity of the Executive Committee is carried out under the estimation, confirmed by the Interstate Council, on account of share annual payments of states - participants of the Agreement.

4. The Executive Committee, for carrying out of examination of projects and programs, creates for the period of carrying out of examination, working groups of experts of countries - participants of the Agreement and if necessary, with the invitation of experts of other states with their payment under contracts.

5. The Executive Committee is headed by Chairman, technical director (the first vice-President) and deputy chairman which are appointed by the decision of the Interstate Council. Such decision is appointed on presentation of Chairman of the Executive Committee and Chairman of Advisory council.

6. Chairman of the Executive Committee, appoints heads of structural divisions of the Executive Committee, defines the size of their wages, dismisses them, establishes, within the limits of the estimate of charges authorized by Interstate Council on the maintenance and activity of the Executive Committee, number of permanent members of staff the size of their wages, approves lists of staff of divisions, defines conditions of contracts and labour agreements on hiring experts and executors for performance of separate kinds of works by representatives from each country -

participant.

7. The Executive Committee has the right of the legal person, independent balance. The documentation connected to activity of Executive Committee, are made in Russian.

8. The Executive Committee reports about the activity to the Interstate Council. Office-work, book keeping and the reporting are conducted by Executive Committee in the order established by participants of the Agreement.

The Executive Committee and all organizations in it, are free from all kinds of the taxation.

9. To establish, that the Executive Committee by its status can address directly in the Governments of states - participants of the Agreement signed in Kzil-Orda on March, 26, 1993, and also in Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

The present Regulation is authorized at session of the Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems in Tashkent by the decision from July, 13, 1993 in one copy in Russian. The original copy is kept in the Administrative office of Executive Committee of Interstate Council which will direct to the representatives, who have signed these Regulation of the states, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For Republic of Kyrgyzstan  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

S.Kulagin  
M.Zulpuev  
V.Shafoev  
D.Babakuliev  
I.Dzhurabekov

**RESOLUTION**

Of the heads of the Central Asian States and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Action Plan for improving the Environmental Situation in the Aral Sea Basin for the next 3 to 5 Years, and Social-Economic Development of the region.

The Heads of the Central Asian States and the Government of the Russian Federation approved the Action Plan, which was prepared by specialists and endorsed by the Interstate Council, as well as guidelines of the Concept on Solving the Aral Sea Problem and Social-Economic Development of the Region.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF KAZAKHSTAN REPUBLIC  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF TAJIKISTAN REPUBLIC  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF TURKMENISTAN  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF UZBEKISTAN REPUBLIC  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION

January 11, 1994

Nukus

**ACTION PLAN FOR IMPROVING  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION IN THE ARAL SEA BASIN  
FOR THE NEXT 3 TO 5 YEARS AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION (GUIDELINES)**

With regard to the approved Action Plan for improving the Environmental Situation in the Aral Sea Basin and Social-Economic development of the Region, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, with the participation of the Russian Federation, resolve to adopt the following program:

1. To prepare a general Strategy of water distribution, Rational Water Use, and Protection of water resources in the Aral Sea Basin, and to prepare on the basis of this strategy draft intergovernmental legal and normative acts, which will regulate the issues related to the consumption and protection of water from pollution, and the Social-Economic development of the region.

To prepare and introduce quotas limiting water consumption for agricultural and industrial production, as well as for other technological needs.

Implementation period: 1994/95

2. To prepare and introduce a unified system of water availability and consumption measurement for the countries of the Aral Sea Basin, as well as a regional system of monitoring the environmental situation. To create data bases, and to provide the relevant meteorological services with equipment and special devices

implementation period. 1994/96

3. To work out principles of improving the water quality, and limiting pollution. To take measures aimed at reducing, and stopping in future, the discharge of highly

mineralized and polluted drainage water, and of unpurified water used for industrial purposes and in the communal sector, into rivers, water reservoirs, and onto the territories of the neighboring countries.

To complete the construction of collectors along Syr-Darya and

Amu-Darya rivers, which will prevent the discharge of polluted water into these rivers. To undertake reconstruction and building of water cleaning facilities for inhabited areas, as well as for industrial and agricultural enterprises located in the Aral Sea Basin.

To take measures aimed at increasing the water flow in the Syrdarya river-bed, and in the discharge control units at the Shardarinsk hydroelectric station in order to provide an adequate amount of water into the Aral sea.

To take appropriate measures in order to restore and preserve the Smaller Sea.

implementation period: 1994/97

4. To undertake research work and to decide upon the existing engineering options, to prepare projects and to create artificially watered landscape ecosystems in the

deltas of the Amu-Darya and Sir-Darya rivers and on the exposed Aral Sea-beds. To undertake the required melioration work in order to restore the original environmental situation in the above-mentioned areas.

Implementation period for the first stage of work: 1994/97

5. To prepare and implement intergovernmental programs "Clean Water" and

"Health", which provide for supplying the affected population in the Central Asian countries with good quality drinking water and improving sanitary and epidemiological situation in the region

Implementation period for the priority components of the program: 1994/97

6. To undertake the required water and environmental research work, and on the

basis of such work to take specific measures to improve the environmental situation in the zones of water flow formation.

implementation period: 1994/98

7. To provide "Amu-Darya" and "Syrdarya" BVOs with the necessary technological equipment. To install at the above-mentioned BVOs automated systems for managing water resources, and to create information and forecasting centers there.

Implementation of the second stage of the ASBP Syrdarya



project and of the first stage of the ASBP Amu-Daria project: 1994/96

8. To Prepare a feasibility study on donor water flows into the rivers of the Aral Sea Basin from possible external sources.

Feasibility study should be prepared within 1994/97 period

9. To lift all restrictions on the deliveries to, and the transportation of, equipment and spare parts, material and technical resources, humanitarian aid, and other kinds of

cargo used by organization in charge of water management, construction and utilization of irrigation networks and melioration systems located in Aral Sea Basin, along the territories of the Central Asia states and the Russian Federation.

Shall become effective as of first quarter of 1994

10. To ensure diplomatic immunity while on duty and easy access to the affected areas in the territories of the Central Asian states for members of the interstate Council and the staff of its Executive Committee, members of the international Fund for Saving the Aral Sea and the staff of its Executive Directorate, members of the commissions under the Interstate Council, the staff of the Syr-Daria and Amu-Daria BVOs, the Interstate Coordination Water Management Commission,; and experts.

To recommend to the Governments of the Central Asian states, to the Interstate Council, the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, and to other international and public organizations to observe in their practical work the principles and provisions of this program, as well as the main provisions of the Concept on Solving the Aral Sea Problem and Social-Economic Development in the Regions, which was approved by the Interstate Council on July 13, 1993 in Tashkent.

The program shall be financed by the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea and other international funds; loans and grants from the World Bank, as well as by other financial resources which the Central Asian states can make available for this purpose.

The Executive Committee of the Interstate Council shall ensure planning and coordination of activities, and supervise the implementation of the Program components. For this purpose it

shall use the services of scientific, design and other kinds of organizations from all the countries signatory to the Agreement on Joint Action for Solving the Aral Sea Problem, and Social-Economic Development of the Region, which was signed on March 26, 1993 in Kzil-Orda.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF KAZAKHSTAN REPUBLIC  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF TAJIKISTAN REPUBLIC  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF TURKMENISTAN  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF UZBEKISTAN REPUBLIC  
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION

January 11, 1994  
Nukus

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ON REGULATIONS ABOUT INTERSTATE COUNCIL  
ON THE ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS**

The heads of the Central Asia states have decided:

To ratify Regulations about Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems, approved by Interstate Council on July, 13 1993, in Tashkent.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
Republic of KYRGYZSTAN  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Republic of Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

N.NAZARBAEV  
A.AKAEV  
E.RAHMONOV  
S.NIYAZOV  
I.KARIMOV

On January, 11 1994  
Nukus city

**REGULATION  
ABOUT INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON THE ARAL SEA BASIN  
PROBLEMS**

1. Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems, further named the Interstate Council, is formed on a parity basis by Republics of Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan according to signed in Kzil-Orda on March, 26, 1993 by the heads of these states the Agreement on joint actions under the decision of a problem of Aral Sea and Priaralye, of ecological improvement and maintenance of social-economic development of the Aral region which is called below as the Agreement.

The decision of heads of the states which have formed Interstate Council, signed simultaneously with the Agreement, it is entered, in the structure of Interstate Council, five representatives of each state.

2. Representatives of the Russian Federation take part in work of Interstate Council as observers.

3. Interstate Council develops and recommends politics on bringing of productive forces of region conformity with its natural-resource potential. Also IC provides interaction and coordination of efforts of the Central Asia states and the coordinated decision according to article 1 of the Agreement.

4. Interstate Council carries out the functions through Executive Committee and the interstate commissions:

On coordination of ecological, social-economic and scientifically technical cooperation;

On coordination of water economic activities.

The commissions bear the full responsibility for the actions within the limits of the competence and bring its offers to the Council on the interrogations concerning to interbranch problems.

5. Interstate Council:

Recommends states - participants of the Agreement the main directions of social-economic and ecological development of the states of region on questions, where they have mutual interests, not interfering in interstate;

Establishes requirements of ecological safety, approves

programs of joint practical actions, carrying out of scientific researches, development and supervising a course of their performance;

Recommends to the states interstate legal and statutory acts; the common for all states of region principles of management; use and protection of water resources; adjusts interstate relations in the field of water-economic and nature protection activity;

Approves plans of joint actions of the Central Asia states, connected with the decision of Aral Sea basin problems; rescue Priaralye and improvements of an ecological situation in region; the plan of financing of joint programs, carrying out of scientific researches, the technical-economic and design development financed by the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea also supervises their realization;

Organizes creation of the unified system of monitoring, databank and other systems of supervision and the control of a condition of the natural environment in Aral Sea basin.

6. Interstate Council has permanent working body as Executive Committee with a site in the city of Tashkent which maintenance is carried out due to the share annual payments allocated by the governments of states - participants of the Agreement.

Interstate Council approves Position about Executive Committee, defines its structure, appoints and dismisses its heads, approves number of permanent members of staff and estimates the charges on the maintenance of the Executive Committee.

7. Sessions of Interstate Council are carried out serially in territory of one of the states which have formed it. Each side has the right of the invitation of experts to session of Interstate Council.

The representative of the accepting state presides over session.

Sessions are carried out as required, but not less often than two times a year.

Session of Interstate Council is considered competent if in it participates not less than 3 of 5 representatives (members of Council) of each state or representatives of each state will have authority not less than three members of the delegation.

8. Each state has one voice in Interstate Council.

Interstate Council makes a decision or brings the recommendations on the basis of a consensus which is understood as absence of any objections from the side of even one state.

Pleni potentiaries of theecological disaster zones can beinvolved in work of Interstate Council for the account of their direct interests.

Provision can be specified and supplemented, depending on the tasks assigned to Interstate Council.

The original copy is kept in the files of the Executive Committee of Interstate Council which will direct its certified copy to the representatives of the states who have coordinated these document.

For Republic of Kazakhstan	S.Kulagin
For Republic of Kyrgvstan	M.Zulpuev
For Republic of Tajikistan	V.Shafoev
For Turkmenistan	D.Babakuliev
For Republic of Uzbekistan	I.Dzhurabekov

The note: Given Agreement has become invalid.

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT FORMATION OF MEANS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The heads of the states of the Central Asia - founders of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, have decided:

1. To take into account the information of Executive director of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea A.N.Nurushev about formation of Fund means.

2. To charge Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea for monthly term, and as agreed with the Governments of states - founders of Fund to define volumes of the means directed on the decision of regional programs.

The governments should transfer specified means to the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea and its branches, till November, 1, 1995 .

3. To charge the Governments of states - founders of Fund to inform annually to Executive Committee of Fund volumes of the means directed on performance of the national programs connected to Aral Sea basin problems.

It is accomplished in Dashovuz on March, 3 1995 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in archive of the government of Turkmenistan which will direct to each state, that has signed the present decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES ABOUT NOMINEES  
OF HEADS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERSTATE  
COUNCIL ON ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS**

The head of the Central Asia states have decided:

To approve assignment of heads Executive Committee of Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

January, 11, 1994, Nukus



**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON ARAL SEA BASIN  
PROBLEMS  
ABOUT ASSIGNMENT OF HEADS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF INTERSTATE COUNCIL**

1. To appoint Ilamanov Amannazar - a member of Interstate Council, Minister of land improvement and a water management of Turkmenistan, as a Chairman of Executive Committee of Interstate Council in combination for one year.

2. To appoint Bobko Yuriy Viktorovich as a technical director (the first Deputy of Chairman) of the Executive Committee of Interstate Council.

3. To establish, that on conditions of payment and privileges, technical director (the first Deputy of Chairman) and the deputy chairman of Executive Committee are equated accordingly to the first deputy minister and the deputy minister of Republic of Uzbekistan.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

January, 11, 1994, Nukus

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS  
OF ARAL SEA BASIN  
" ABOUT CREATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON  
SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL  
AND ECOLOGICAL COOPERATION OF INTERSTATE COUNCIL  
ON THE ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS "**

1. To organize the Interstate commission on social-economic development, scientific-technical and ecological cooperation of Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems in structure of 15 person, of 3 representatives from each state of the Central Asia.

On the questions, demanding a joint decision, each state has the right to one voice.

2. To ratify personal structure of the commission:

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Sultangazin U.M.-the academician of the National Academy of sciences, director of institute of space re Searches.

Sarsenbekov T.T. - the deputy chairman of the State Committee on water resources.

Abdugapirov I. - the deputy chief of economy management of wildlife management and ecology of Ministry of Economics.

**From the KYRGYZ Republic**

Kulumbaev T.A. - first deputy chairman Goskompriroda (Governmental Committee of Nature) of the KYRGYZ Republic

Epshtein L.A. - the main expert of the State committee on economy of the KYRGYZ Republic.

Suyunbaev M.N. - the deputy director of Institute of water problems of the National Academy of Sciences of the KYRGYZ Republic

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

Aslov S. - the representative of Ministry for Protection of the Environment and Natural Resources

Sokolskiy U.I. - representative of Ministry of water economy of republic.

Sirajetdinov K.S. - the representative of the Academy of

sciences of republic

**From Turkmenistan**

Gurbanov D.M. - minister of wildlife management and preservation of the environment.

Bayramov R.B. - the President of Academy of agricultural sciences.

Urazov B.U. - the deputy minister of economy and the finance.

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

Golyshev V.A. - first deputy chairman Goskomprognozeconomstata

Doshumbaev K.I. - the deputy chairman of Ministers Council of Karakalpakstan Republic

Islamov S.H. - deputy chairman of the Goskomprirody (Governmental Committee of Nature).

3. To ratify Regulations about of the Interstate commission on social-economic, scientific- technical and ecological cooperation.

It is accepted at session of the ICPA on July, 19, 1994 in Ashgabat.

KAZAKHSTAN

KYRGYZSTAN

TAJIKISTAN

TURKMENISTAN

UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES ABOUT  
FORMATION OF MEANS  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The heads of the Central Asia states have decided:

To take into account the information of the President of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea Nazarbaeva N.A. on formation of means of Fund.

To approve efforts and the measures undertaken by the International Fund on improvement of social - ecological conditions in Priaralye.

To charge the governments of the states of the Central Asia according to the authorized regulations about the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea to solve the problem about transfer and terms of payments in the specified Fund in view of introduction by states - participants of national currencies.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

January, 11, 1994,  
Nukus

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL  
ON ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS  
ABOUT ASSIGNMENT OF CHAIRMAN  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERSTATE COUNCIL**

To appoint, as a Chairman of Executive committee, the Chairman of Council of Executive committee Razhapov Matkarima Razhapovich in combination for the period of 1 year.

It is accomplished in Dashouz on March, 3 1995 in one original copy in Russian.

Original copy is kept in archive of the government of Turkmenistan which will direct to each state that has signed the present decision, its certified copy.

For the Government of Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the Government of the KYRGYZ Republic  
For the Government of Republic of Tajikistan  
For the Government of Turkmenistan  
For the Government of Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PERFORMANCE OF " PROGRAMS  
OF CONCRETE ACTIONS ON ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS  
IMPROVEMENT IN ARAL SEA BASIN FOR THE NEAREST 3-5  
YEARS WITH THE ACCOUNT OF SOCIAL - ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENTS OF REGION (SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS)"**

The heads of the Central Asia states have decided:

1. To take into account the information, of Executive Committee Chairman of Interstate Council, on Aral Sea basin problems, of A. Ilmanova about a course of performance of " Programs of concrete actions on improvement of ecological conditions in Aral Sea basin on the nearest 3-5 years in view of Social-Economic development of region (substantive provisions) "

2. To charge Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems:

To improve the work of Executive Committee on coordination and the control over performance of the specified Program, and also to fulfil the mechanism of interaction with the international organizations;

To provide effective work of the Commission on social-economic development, scientific-technical and ecological cooperation.

It is accomplished in Dashovuz on March, 3 1995 in one original copy in Russian.

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For Republic of Kazakhstan

For the KYRGYZ Republic

For Republic of Tajikistan

For Turkmenistan

For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT A NOMINEE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
INTERSTATE COUNCIL.**

The head of the Central Asia states have decided:

1. To enter into structure of Executive committee of Interstate Council of one constant plenipotentiary from each state of the Central Asia of which will consist Council of Executive Committee . Each member of Executive committee Council has one voice. For Interstate Council to bring in respective alterations to Executive committee Regulation .

2. To approve assignment, by the Chairman of Executive Committee, of Executive committee Council Chairman of Interstate Council Razhapov Matkarim Razhapovich in combination for the period of one year.

It is accomplished in Dashovuz on March, 3 1995 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in archive of the government of Turkmenistan which will direct to each state, that has signed the present decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT CHANGES IN STRUCTURE OF BOARD  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The head of the Central Asia states Asia have decided:

To enter in structure of Board of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

From Republic of Kazakhstan: Pavlova Alexander Sergeevicha, Minister of Finance and Izteleuov Bisenbay Izteleuovich, chairman of the State Development bank of Kazakhstan (instead of Karamanov U.K. and Derbisov E.Z.);

From Kyrgyz Republic: Khasanov Rafkat Fagazyanovich, the deputy minister of finance (instead of Atasheva K.K.);

From Republic of Tajikistan: Muzafarov Anvarsho, minister of finance and Alimardonov Murotali Mukhamadievich, chairman of National bank (instead of Junusov I.U. and Kavmidinov K.K.);

From Turkmenistan: Geldiev Oraz Qurbanovich, the deputy minister of wildlife management and preservation of the environment (instead of Choreklyev T).

It is accomplished in Dashouz on March, 3, 1995 in one original copy in Russian.

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For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan



**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The head of the Central Asia states Asia have decided:

1. To take into account the information of the President of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea of N.A.Nazarbaeva on activity of Fund in 1993-1994 and to approve efforts and the measures undertaken by Fund on improvement of social - ecological conditions in Aral Sea basin.

2. To prolong a term of Fund President appointment of N.A.Nazarbaeva for the next term.

It is accomplished in Dashouz on March, 3, 1995 in one original copy in Russian.

Original copy is kept in archive of the government of Turkmenistan which will direct to each state that has signed the present Decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF THE IFAS STATES - FOUNDERS HEADS, ABOUT THE  
STRUCTURE OF FUND BOARD**

The heads of states - founders of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea HAVE DECIDED:

1. To form Board of Fund in the following structure;

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Karamanov Uzakbay Karamanovich - the State adviser of Kazakhstan Republic

Derbisov Erkeshbay Jaylaubaevich - Minister of Finance

**From Kyrgyzstan**

Atashez Kurmanbek Kazievich - the first deputy minister of Economy and finance

Kulumvaev Temir Ablievich - the first deputy chairman of the state committee of nature

**From Tajikistan**

Yunusov Normat Yunusovich - the first deputy minister of finance

Kavmidinov Kayum Kavmidinovich - Chairman of National bank

**From Turkmenistan**

**From Uzbekistan**

Khabibullaev Askhat Sharipovich - Chairman of the State Committee of Nature

Abdullaev Shuhrat Jurievich - deputy minister of finance

2. To charge Board of Fund to hold in a month organizational session, to form Executive Committee, Board of " Araleecobank " and to develop their regulations.

Turkmenistan will, in addition, define the representatives in structure of Fund Board.

It is accomplished in the city of Kzil-Orda on March, 26, 1993 in one original copy in Russian. The original copy is kept in

Archive of the Government of Kazakhstan which will direct to the states that have signed the present Decision, its certified copy.

For Kazakhstan  
For KYRGYZSTAN  
For Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Uzbekistan

**THE JOINT STATEMENT  
OF THE PRESIDENTS OF TURKMENISTAN, KAZAKHSTAN,  
KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN**

On March, 3, 1995

Dashovuz

We, Presidents of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, having gathered in the city of Dashhovuz on annual meeting on problems of Aral Sea and having carried out bilateral and multilateral negotiations, declare:

Now our region experiences important, a turning-point in the history. From the moment of finding, by our states, of independence and the sovereignty there are deep structural transformations in their Social-Economic, political, cultural development. Today bases of becoming of democratic institutes of the state and a society are pawned.

Proceeding from importance of the experienced moment, realizing the responsibility for a present condition and the future of people of our countries, we confirm, that equal in rights cooperation, good neighbourhood and mutual respect become main principles of our policy under the relation to each other. We declare about the readiness in every possible way to promote creation of a favorable climate for closer cooperation between our countries in political, trade-economic, scientific-technical, cultural, humanitarian spheres.

Peoples living in this region, are incorporated by a generality of historical, cultural development, they are pull together with century traditions and moral values. They always lived together in spirit of mutual respect, peaceful disposition and good neighbourhood.

Alongside with the common cultural wealth, we have common traditional trade-economic relations, which is Based on use of power, water and other natural resources of Region.

We, heads of the new states, should remember it, the practical actions to promote the further escalating getting to us from noble ancestors a great heritages, to involve it for disclosing economic potential available in the countries. And this potential should be used for the decision of the vital questions of ecological character

among which most actual problem is Aral.

Today our countries are members of the United Nations Organization, the Organization on safety and cooperation in Europe, the CIS and other authoritative international organizations.

Observing and adhering in the foreign policy of the conventional principles of international law, we declare about unconditional respect of each other territorial integrity and the sovereignty recognition, historically developed borders. We also recognize the right of each state to select their own way of development, the mode of State and social system, we confirm readiness to abstain from statements to each other, that capable to cause doubts according to the unity of our aims can serve interests of unfriendly powers.

We are deciding similar problems in the field of state building, creation in our countries of a fair society, which based on democratic values, on aversion of political, religious and other forms of extremism.

We declare about the openness to equal in rights and mutually advantageous cooperation with each other, with all countries both on two, and on a multilateral basis, about firm and constant adherence to these principles as fundamental principles of achievement of well-being and prosperity by our countries and people.

The President of Turkmenistan	S.Niyazov
The President of Kazakhstan	N.Nazarbaev
The President of KYRGYZSTAN	A.Akaev
The President of Tajikistan	E.Rahmonov
The President of Uzbekistan	I. Karimov

**NUKUS DECLARATION  
THE STATES OF THE CENTRAL ASIA AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON PROBLEMS OF  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ARAL SEA BASIN.**

**PREAMBLE.**

From century to century peoples of Central Asian region brought the powerful contribution to development of world culture. Property of all mankind became their achievements in a science, economic activities and art. During ancient times they have learned to build complex irrigational systems and constructions, to create oases in deserts. Their work erects unsurpassed till now samples of architecture. Their genius accomplishes main opening in mathematics, astronomies, medicine, engineering, however recently before the population of region there were the serious problems connected to ecological disaster and aggravated with political and economic transitional difficulties. The Aral crisis grows out a unreasoned policy in relation to an environment and use of natural resources. The main reason is the excessive expenditure of water for needs of an irrigation from the rivers Amudarya and Syr-Darya. It has led to drying of Aral Sea and unprecedented influence on scales on ecology Central Asian region and the neighbour states.

Growing deficiency of water and its worsening quality have caused degradation of lands and a vegetative cover, change in flora and fauna, decline of processing branch, and also decrease in efficiency of irrigated agriculture. Aggravation of an ecological situation renders direct and indirect negative influence on conditions of a life of 35 million inhabitants of Aral Sea basin, on a condition of their health, breaks economic activities, that in aggregate results in strengthening of migratory processes in the given region.

Now regional bodies are created, plans of concrete actions are developed. It has opened new ways for attraction of the international support, in particular, under the program of Aral Sea. It is based on the mentioned plan and is aimed at sustainable development of this region. The scale and complexity of the

problems connected to water resources, demand the complex and diversified approach and development of cooperation between the states of region and the international community. Coordination of cooperation is carried out by the World Bank, UNDP and UNEP. Donors render significant support to programs across Aral Sea which are directed both on the decision of problems, and on elimination of the reasons of the Aral crisis.

#### Obligations.

According to higher mentioned and according to results of discussion at the given international conference it is confirmed our obligations on full cooperation at a regional level on the basis of mutual respect, good neighbourhood and determination further to work in the name of overcoming consequences of ecological crisis in a zone of Aral Sea basin and its influence on the nature and the person. We also address to the international community, to the governments of the states and people of all world with an appeal to help us with our joint efforts.

### **I. Adherence to principles of sustainable development.**

We declare about our adherence to principles of sustainable development and we count, that for this purpose it is necessary to undertake the following:

To develop and realize long-term strategy and programs under the sanction of the Aral crisis to principles of sustainable development in the way:

recognitions of great value of water, ground and biological resources as bases for sustainable development;

- transition to more balanced and scientifically-grounded system rural and a forestry;
- Increases of efficiency of irrigation by means of development of economic methods of use of water resources, application of the perfect technologies in an irrigation and preservation of the environment;
- Stimulations of long-term forms of use of the grounds and water resources.

Do not allow reduction in a standard of living of people, simultaneously having provided prospects of a worthy life for the future generations in the way:

- Assistance to the initiatives aimed at improvement of health of people, increase of a standard of living and preservation of a cultural heritage;
- To improve system of complex management of natural resources of region in the way:
- Creations of the regional monitoring system behind a condition of an environment, especially water resources;
- Creations of system of information interchange on monitoring an environment;
- Harmonizations of ecological standards and the legislation connected to them. We agree that Central Asian states recognize earlier signed and agreements in force, contracts and other statutory acts regulating mutual relations between them on water resources in basin Aral and accept them to sustainable performance.

## **II. Connection to the international conventions and agreements**

We declare about the complete support of the international agreements, in particular, Declarations on sustainable development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992), the World charter of the nature, the international convention on struggle against desertification, about global change of a climate, about preservation of a biological variety and about protection of transborder waters.

Besides we consider necessary creation of the International convention on sustainable development of Aral Sea basin. Questions of joint water use and unification of ecological standards and the legislation connected to them should occupy in it priority position. In this connection we address to Agencies of the United Nations, first of all to UNDP, with the request to assist in development of the project of the similar convention.



### **III Adherence to principles of human development**

Remaining true to our obligations in the field of public health services and social security which are an integral part of the concept of sustainable development, we recognize, that consequences of crisis in a zone of the Aral Sea basin demand urgent and concrete actions.

We promise to direct the efforts and resources to satisfaction of priority needs and we address for the help and support to the international community in this question. We are going to increase awareness of the international community concerning the Aral crisis and are ready to make still the big efforts in preparation and distribution of the information with the purpose of assistance to process of sustainable development.

As representatives of the young democratic states of the Central Asia and the organizations rendering the help in this region, we undertake to provide participation of our people and NGOs in economic process and the decision of problems facing to them.

### **IV. Assistance to development of regional establishments.**

We confirm readiness to render the all-round help and trust to regional establishments - to Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems, its Executive Committee, the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea and its Executive Committee. We undertake to support for strengthening these regional structures and in the future. For this purpose:

We confirm the intentions and financial obligations concerning maintenance of activity of these regional establishments and giving to their members of the rights and immunity level with employees of representations of the United Nations and agree with offer on necessity to have the constant exempted Chairman of executive Committee (on the expiration of terms of appointment current);

We recognize value and necessity of further development of the Interstate Commission on Social-economic Development, Scientific-technical and Ecological Cooperation (to the Commission on Sustainable Development).

It is accepted at the international conference of the United Nations on sustainable development of the states of Aral Sea basin.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
for Republic of Tajikistan  
for Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

Nukus, September, 20 1995

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT CHANGES IN STRUCTURE OF THE INTERSTATE  
COUNCIL ON ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS AND ADDITION TO  
REGULATION ABOUT COUNCIL**

The Heads of the Central Asia states have decided:

1. To enter in the structure of the Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems

**From Republic of Kazakhstan:**

Esimov Akhmetjan Smagulovich, Vice Prime Minister; Sagadiev Kenjagali Abenovich, the President of National Academy of sciences (instead of Abilseitov G.A. and Tursumbaev B.M.)

**From KYRGYZ Republic:**

Melnichenko Valery Nikolaevich who is acting as minister of a water management (instead of Zulpuev M.).

**From Republic of Tajikistan:**

Aqilov Aqil Gaybulaevich, Deputy Prime minister; Makhmudov Isroil Ismoilovich, 1-st deputy minister of economy and external economic relations; Eshmirzoev Ismat, minister of land improvement and a water management; Pachajanov Daler Nabijanovich, deputy chairman of the National Academy of sciences; (instead of Nazriev M., Shafoev V., Safarov N.M. and Jalilov M.R);

**From Turkmenistan:**

Rajapov Matkarim, the deputy chairman of the Cabinet; Kurbanov Dortkuly, minister of wildlife management and preservation of the environment (instead of Babaquliev J and Ashirova N.A.);

**From Republic of Uzbekistan:**

Jumaniyazov Bakhrom Yadgarovich, Ministers Council Chairman of Republic Karakapakistan; Gorshkov Jury Konstantinovich managing sector of the Cabinet; (instead of Yuldashev R.I. and Shadimetov J.S.).

2. To establish, that in sessions of the Interstate Council presides, serially in alphabetic order, the Central Asia representative of the state in a rank of the assistant to the head of the government for the period of 1 year to bring in respective alterations to Regulations

about Council.

3. The next sessions of Interstate Council and Board of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, to carry out in October, 1995 in Kzil-Orda.

It is accomplished in Dashouz on March, 3, 1995 in one original copy in Russian.

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For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION**

**OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS  
OF ARAL SEA BASIN  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996 KZIL-ORDA  
ABOUT CHANGES IN STRUCTURE OF INTERSTATE COUNCIL  
AND IN STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

1.1 To agree with the following changes in structure of Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems:

**Republic of Kazakhstan**

- Instead of Esimov Akhmetjan Smagulovich will be Karibjanov Janibek Salimovich - the Assistant to the Prime minister;
- Instead of Shaukhamanov Seyilbeka Shaukhamanovich will be Saparbaev Berdibek Mashbekovich - Hakim of Kzil-Orda area;
- Instead of Kipshakbaev Nariman Kipshakbaevich will be Sarsembekov Tulegen Tadjibaevich - chairman of Committee of water resources;
- Instead of Medvedev Svyatoslav Aleksandrovich will be Baev Nikolay Ivanovicha - Minister of ecology and bioresources;
- Instead of Sagadiyev Kenjegali Abenovich will be Shkolnik Vladimir Sergeevich - Minister of science - the President of a national Academy of sciences.

**KYRGYZ Republic**

- Instead of Amanbaev Jungalbek Beksutanovich will be Talgarbekov Bekbolot - Vice Prime minister;
- Instead of Muratalin Iskander Sadikovich to enter Bokombaev Kulubek Joomartovich - minister of preservation of the environment;
- Instead of Zulpuev Merajidin to enter Bekbolotov Jenishbek - Minister of water management;
- Instead of Fisher Jan Efimovich to enter Abilov Mambetjunus - Minister of Emergency Measures and a civil defence.

**Turkmenistan**

- Instead of Ilamanov Amannazar Ilamanovich to enter Odeev Perquli Odeevich - the Deputy chairman of the Cabinet of Turkmenistan;
- Instead of Kurbanov Durtkuly to enter KURBANOV Pirzhana Kurbanovicha - minister of wildlife management and preservation of the environment;
- Instead of Abalakov Mukhamed Khodjamukhamedovich - to enter Altiev Tekebay Altievich - the Deputy minister of a water management.

**On Republic of Uzbekistan**

- Instead of Jumaniyazov Bakhrom Yadgarovich to enter Avezmatov Saparbay Yuldashevich - chairman of Council of Ministers of Republic Karakalpakstan;
- Instead of Salakhitdinova Makhmud Salakhitdinovich to enter Juraev Tukhtamurad Juraevich - the President of the Academy of sciences.

1.2 To include in structure of the Interstate Commission on sustainable development under offers of the states of the Central Asia:

**On Republic of Kazakhstan**

- Instead of Sarsembekov Tulegen Tajibaevich - KHUDAYBERGENOV Koppolsin - the Deputy chairman of Committee on water resources;
- Instead of Abdugapir Ilashbek - Baev Nikolay Ivanovicha - Minister of ecology and bioresources.

**On the KYRGYZ Republic**

- Instead of Kulumbaev Temir Ablievich - Bokombaev Kulubek Joomartovich - minister of preservation of the environment;
- Instead of Epshtein Lyubov Aleksandrovna - Klimakova Galina Nikolaevna - the main expert of industrial complex infrastructure development department of Ministry of Economics.

**Across Turkmenistan**

- Instead of Kurbanov Dartkuli Muhamedovich - KURBANOV Pirzhan Kurbanovicha - minister of wildlife management and preservation of the environment.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

FOR TURKMENISTAN

FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON  
ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT THE COURSE OF CONCRETE ACTIONS PROGRAM  
REALIZATION ON IMPROVEMENT OF ECOLOGICAL  
CONDITIONS IN ARAL SEA BASIN**

2.1 To take into account, that at a preparatory stage of the first phase of the Program of concrete actions on improvement of ecological conditions in Aral Sea basin, there is done certain work.

2.2 To oblige Executive Committee to speed up together with the World Bank work on attraction of the countries of donors for performance of the Program of concrete actions on improvement of ecological conditions in Aral Sea basin, which was accepted by Heads of the Central Asia states. To report the done work at following session of the ICAS.

In structure of developed projects it is necessary to provide creation of skilled - industrial sites, which choice is carried out together with the interested organizations of the Central Asia states.

Taking into account the experience which has been saved up by development of the first phase of the Program of concrete actions on improvement of ecological conditions in Aral Sea basin and a high scientific and technical level of local experts, to ask the World Bank and UNDP the further performance of works to carry out basically forces of local experts with attraction, as required, of foreign advisers.

Carrying out of tenders on purchase of the equipment and advisers should be carried out by the agreement of the Executive Committee of Interstate Council.

2.3 To Executive Committee to organize an independent expert appraisal of concrete actions of projects developed according to the Program and to solve the problem on financing work of experts.

Executive Committee of ICAS coordinates heads of an



independent expert appraisal from each state on national and regional development under the Program of Concrete actions, with the Governments of the Central Asia states.

2.4 To charge IFAS Executive Committee by development of the Program 1.3 to consider the problem stability of lake Sarez in Tajikistan.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON  
ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT ACTIVITY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ICAS  
FOR THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD**

3.1 To approve activity of Executive Committee, for 1995.

3.2 To note, that the Executive Committee carries out coordination of the activity with the ICWC and the Commission on sustainable development insufficiently.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON ARAL SEA BASIN  
PROBLEMS  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
STRUCTURE, ITS BUDGET AND THE LIST OF STAFF FOR 1996**

4.1 To ratify structure and the list of staff of the Executive Committee for 1996 within the limits of twenty one persons.

4.2 To ratify the cost estimation of the Executive Committee for 1996 in sum of 3876997 Sum (three million eight hundred seventy six thousand nine hundred ninety seven sum).

Rate of national currency of Republic of Uzbekistan on 15.03.96r. to US dollar: \$ 1 = 36.5 sum.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON ARAL SEA BASIN  
PROBLEMS  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**THE STATEMENT OF REGULATIONS ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE COUNCIL AND NOMINEES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

5.1 To ratify Regulations about Executive Committee Council.

5.2 To enter into structure of Executive Committee Council the plenipotentiaries of the states:

From Republic of Kazakhstan - Kenshimov Amirkhan Qadirbekovich

From the KYRGYZ Republic - Sulaymanov Muktarbek

From Republic of Tajikistan - Aslov Sirojiddin Mukhridinovich

From Turkmenistan-

From Republic of Uzbekistan - Buranov Usman Kurganovich

5.3 To take into account, that the Government of Republic of Uzbekistan has charged Tashkent Hokimiyat to provide members of Council with office accommodations and habitation for their families.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

FOR TURKMENISTAN

FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS  
OF ARAL SEA BASIN  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ' BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE  
GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC KYRGYZSTAN, THE  
GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, THE  
GOVERNMENT OF TURKMENISTAN AND THE GOVERNMENT  
OF REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

"About the status of Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems (ICAS) and its organizations and the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA (IFAS) and its organizations "

6.1 To approve basically the prepared draft agreement.

6.2 To ask the Governments of the Central Asia states to bring in the draft agreement to parliaments of the countries on consideration by the corresponding commissions for the subsequent signing by the governments of the sides.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON ARAL SEA BASIN  
PROBLEM  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT THE PROJECT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ARAL SEA BASIN**

7.1 To take into account the developed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Uzbekistan the project of the International Convention on sustainable development of Aral Sea basin.

7.2 To form the commission of representatives of the Central Asia states (up to three person from each state) and the international organizations for completion of the project of the Convention. To Executive Committee of ICAS in a month to coordinate structure of the commission to the governments of the CA states and the international organizations.

The commissions in 3 monthly term to submit the specified document for consideration of Council of Executive Committee of ICAS for the subsequent consideration at session of Interstate Council.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON ARAL SEA BASIN  
PROBLEMS  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT ACTIVITY OF INTERSTATE COORDINATION WATER-  
ECONOMIC COMMISSION (ICWC) FOR 1995**

8.1 To take into account the information about carried out by the ICWC work for the accounting period.

8.2 To ask the Governments of the Central Asia states, according to authorized regulations about ICWC and its organizations to charge the Ministries of Economics and finance, to provide assignment for their activity.

To charge ICWC to develop to following session of the ICAS the order of financing of the ICWC organizations due to payments of the Central Asia states in the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

8.3 Up to the statement of regional water strategy to be guided accepted by the ICWC principle of water-division established by " the Agreement between Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Uzbekistan, Republic of Tajikistan and Turkmenistan about cooperation in sphere of joint management of use and protection of water resources of interstate sources " from February, 18, 1992.

8.4 To recommend Executive Committee, of the ICWC, for creative and working groups at completion of national and regional programs of water strategy and the projects connected to them to pay attention:

- On establishment in region of limit rates of water consumption on manufacture of unit of agricultural products, on unit of an industrial output to which the states should aspire;
- On reduction of drainage waters and their use on the purposes

which are not demanding deep biological and chemical clearing.

8.5 Taking into account exhaustion of water resources in Aral Sea basin, to ICWC to provide regulation of water consumption, and also its uniform coordination and limitation in interstate relations.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS  
OF BASIN ARAL SEA  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT WORK OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL-  
ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL AND ECOLOGICAL  
COOPERATION (THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT)**

9.1 To note, that the Commission on social-economic, scientific-technical and ecological cooperation (the Commission on sustainable development) Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems till now has not developed the activity because of not decided questions of financing.

9.2 To address to Aral Fund Board to carry out financing Secretary and Scientific - information centre of the Commission from means of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA Sea.

9.3 Till May, 31, 1996, to present to Executive Committee of Interstate Council the program of works of the Commission for 1996 - 1997.

9.4 According to Nukus Declaration, to rename the Commission on social-economic, scientific-technical and ecological cooperation into the Commission on sustainable development (CSD).

9.5 To enter into structure of the Commission on sustainable development of the first heads of the ministries and departments on ecology and preservation of the environment of Central Asia states of the .

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON ARAL SEA BASIN  
PROBLEMS  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996 KZIL-ORDA**

**THE MESSAGE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE IFAS  
ON COORDINATION OF WORKS BETWEEN EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF ICAS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IFAS  
AND ABOUT FORMATION OF MEANS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

10.1 To take into account the message of executive director of Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea (IFAS) of Nurushev A.N. about coordination of works between Executive Committee of Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems and Executive Committee of IFAS and about formation of means of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

10.2 To address with the request to the World Bank, UNEP, UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO, FAO, WMO to strengthen work on attraction of financial assets on the decision of a problem of Aral Sea.

10.3 Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea to make active attraction of means of states - founders on development of concrete projects on rendering assistance to disastrous areas Priaralye.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS  
OF BASIN ARAL SEA  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF MEANS OF THE SPECIAL GRANT IN  
PROCESS OF THE URGENT HELP**

1. The grant at a rate of 2 million US dollars in process of the urgent help (IIP) goes on the decision of urgent needs of Kazakhstan - 35 %, Kyrgyzstan - 5 %, Tajikistan - 5 %, Turkmenistan - 27.5 %, Uzbekistan - 27.5 %.

Up to the coordination of the new order of distribution the mentioned above principle will operate.

2. To Executive Committee of ICAS together with management of IFAS till July, 1, 1996 to develop and coordinate to the governments of the Sides the order of distribution of special grants of the World Bank and other international organizations.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON PROBLEMS  
OF ARAL SEA BASIN  
ON APRIL, 19, 1996, KZIL-ORDA**

**ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONSTANT EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE ICAS**

To charge, Chairman of Interstate Council on problems of Aral Sea, Karibzhanov Z.S. in week term to send the letter to heads of the Central Asia states with the request for the recommendation of a nominee of constant Chairman of Executive Committee of the ICAS.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF STATES - FOUNDERS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**ABOUT STRUCTURE OF FUND BOARD**

The heads of states - founders of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea HAVE DECIDED:

1. To form Board of Fund in the following structure;

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Karamanov Uzakbay Karamanovich - the State adviser Republics Kazakhstan

Derbisov Erkeshbay Jaylaubaevich - Minister of Finance From Republic Kyrgyzstan

Atashez Kurmanbek Kazievich - the first deputy minister Economy and the finance

Kulumvaev Temir Ablievich - the first deputy chairman of Goscompriroda

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

Yunusov Normat Yunusovich - the first deputy minister The finance

Kavmidinov Kayum Kavmidinovich - Chairman of National bank

**From Turkmenistan**

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

Khabibullaev Askhat Sharipovich - Chairman of Goskomprirod

Abdullaev Shuhrat Yurievich - the deputy minister of finance

2. To charge Board of Fund to hold in a month organizational session, to form Executive Committee, Board " Aralecobank " and to develop regulations about of them..

In addition Turkmenistan will define the representatives in structure of Fund Board.

It is accomplished in the city of Kzil-Orda, March, 26, 1993 in one original copy in Russian. The original copy is kept in Archive of the Government of Republic of Kazakhstan which will direct to the states that have signed the present Decision, its certified copy.

**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The heads of the Central Asia states-founders of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea have decided:

1. To select the President of Republic of Uzbekistan I.Karimov as the President of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

It is accomplished in Almaty on February, 28, 1997 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in Archive of the Government of Kazakhstan which will direct, to each state that has signed the present Decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

N.NAZARBAEV  
A.AKAEV  
E.RAKHMONOV  
S.NIYAZOV  
I.KARIMOV

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES ABOUT  
FORMATION OF MEANS  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The heads of the Central Asia states have decided:

To take into account the information of the President of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea Nazarbaeva N.A. on formation of means of Fund.

To approve efforts and the measures undertaken by the International Fund on improvement of social - ecological conditions in Priaralye.

To charge the governments of the states of the Central Asia according to the authorized regulations about the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea to solve the problem about transfer and terms of payments in the specified Fund in view of introduction by states - participants of national currencies.

FOR REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN  
FOR THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

January, 11, 1994,  
Nukus

**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS CENTRAL ASIA STATES ABOUT ACTIVITY OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

1. To approve activity of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea and its President N.A.Nazarbaev. To note, that the new reference of President N.A.Nazarbaeva to Heads of the states of the world is the important and duly step on attraction of attention of the world community to tragedy of Aral, to needs of population of Priaralye living in misery as a result of ecological crisis.

2. Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea. To Executive Committee of the Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems and other interstate organizations in the activity to more actively use the positive relation of the leading countries of the world and the international organizations (such, as the World Bank, UNDP and others) to tragedy of Aral Sea for attraction of financial resources on the decision of problems of ecological crisis .

It is accomplished in Almaty on February, 28, 1997 in one original copy in Russian.

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For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

N.NAZARBAEV  
A.AKAEV  
E.RAKHMONOV  
S.NIYAZOV  
I.KARIMOV



**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT REORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA STRUCTURE**

1. To accept the offer of the President of Turkmenistan S.Niyazov and the President of Republic of Kazakhstan N.Nazarbaev on radical reorganization of management structure of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

2. To approve the main management circuit of the Fund, offered by the President of Republic of Kazakhstan N.Nazarbaev.

3. To agree with the offer on election of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA President for the period of two years, and also with the statement, under the offer of the President of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, of Executive Committee Chairman to the same term.

It is accomplished in Almaty on February, 28, 1997 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in Archive of the Government of Kazakhstan which will direct, to each state that has signed the present Decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

N.NAZARBAEV  
A.AKAEV  
E.RAKHMONOV  
S.NIYAZOV  
I.KARIMOV

**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF CENTRAL ASIAN STATES  
ABOUT THE REPORT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF WORLD BANK  
JOHANNES FLYNN ABOUT REALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM  
OF ARAL SEA BASIN**

To agree with the decision of Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems, accepted on February, 27, 1997 in Almaty under the report of Deputy chairman of the World Bank on realization of the Program of Aral Sea basin.

It is accomplished in Almaty on February, 28, 1997 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in Archive of the Government of Kazakhstan which will direct to each state that has signed the present Decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

N.NAZARBAEV  
A.AKAEV  
E.RAKHMONOV  
S.NIYAZOV  
I.KARIMOV

## **ALMATY DECLARATION**

We, Presidents of the brotherly states - Republic of Kazakhstans, the KYRGYZ Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan,

- movable by aspiration to strengthening independence and the sovereignty of our countries, to increase of a standard of life of our peoples,

- Recognizing that ecological safety is one of strategic components of national safety and the major aspect of protection of interests and priorities of the Central Asian states,

- Considering, that the problem of ecological disaster in Aral Sea basin has global character and its decision does not suffer dilatory,

- Taking into account, that the extreme ecological situation in the Aral region renders negative influence on a natural inhabitancy and conditions of a life of millions inhabitants not only Aral Sea basin, but also other regions of our planet.

- Confirming the adherence to regulations of the World Program of the United Nations on an environment ("the Agenda for XXI century"), in every possible way supporting aspiration to develop and to realize uniform strategy on sustainable development of the Central Asia countries,

- Recognizing, that water resources management of transborder rivers should have ecosystematical approach, be carried out by the fair and reasonable image, is not rendering mutual damage, confirming earlier accepted obligations on full-scale cooperation on international and interstate levels,

- Expressing a common opinion of our countries which have signed the Nonproliferation treaty of the nuclear weapon, about necessity of announcing the Central Asia a zone, free from the nuclear weapon,

- Proceeding from sustainable aspiration to make common cause in the name of overcoming consequences of ecological crisis in Aral Sea basin, at a meeting taken place on February, 28, 1997 in the city of Almaty.

Have declared:

To declare 1998 - Year of Protection of an environment in region of the Central Asia under aegis of the United Nations Organization,

Invoke, before the 50th-anniversary of Semipalatinsk range, all interested countries to support idea of the announcement of the Central Asia a denuclearized zone, open for connection to other states of region.

To note efforts of the Central Asian states, which despite of serious economic difficulties, undertake significant efforts on improvement of ecological conditions in Aral Sea basin, areas of Semipalatinsk range and other zones which have appeared under influence of nuclear tests,

To recognize necessary development of the complex program of ecological safety, including problem of Aral, creation of a denuclearized zone in the Central Asia and struggle against outflow of nuclear technologies and raw material,

To call the United Nations Organization and its specialized agencies to pay steadfast attention to a developed crisis situation in Aral Sea basin and to undertake effective measures on protection of an environment in this region, paid special attention to measures on rendering assistance to living in misery population of Priaralye.

To confirm readiness to render necessary assistance to the international organizations and institutes in their activity on realization of the Program of concrete actions and other regional projects.

To finish joint, with the international organizations development of the project, of the Convention on sustainable development of Aral Sea basin.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

NAZARBAEV N. A.  
AKAEV A. A.  
RAHMONOV E. Sh.  
NIYAZOV S. A.  
KARIMOV A. A.

**CHANGES IN STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE IFAS  
AND IN MANAGEMENT OF THE ASBP, ACCEPTED  
AT THE MEETING IN ALMATY  
ON FEBRUARY, 28, 1997**

At a meeting of Presidents of the Central Asia states in Almaty on February, 28, 1997 have been considered and accepted offers of the President of Turkmenistan S.Niyazov and the President of Republic of Kazakhstan N.Nazarbaeva on radical reorganization of management structure of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA (IFAS).

It is authorized, essentially, new circuit of management by Fund which is resulted on the following page.

The President of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA for the period of two years elects I.A.Karimov - the President of Uzbekistan.

Also the decision on the statement under the offer of the President of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA of Executive Committee Chairman of the IFAS for the same term (on a constant basis) was accepted.

Since 1998 the current payments in the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA is solved to define from a profitable part of the budget of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan at a rate of 0.3 %, and the KYRGYZ Republic and Republic of Tajikistan at a rate of 0.1 % and to make transfer in the American dollars at the rate to national currencies.

The assignment is given to the governments of states - founders of Fund at definition of payments in Fund for 1997 to take into account debts on the current payments for 1995 and 1996 and to provide annual transfer of means.

Presidents have signed Almaty declaration, in which:

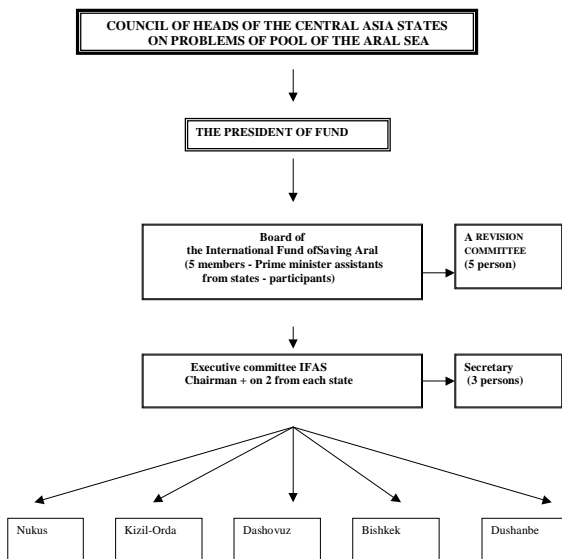
- have declared the announcement of 1998 - Year of Protection of an environment in region of the Central Asia under aegis of the United Nations Organization,
- invoke interested countries to support idea of the announcement of the Central Asia a denuclearized zone,
- have recognized necessary development of the complex program of ecological safety, including problem of Aral,
- hinvoke the United Nations and its specialized agencies to pay steadfast attention to a developed crisis situation in Aral Sea basin and to undertake effective measures on protection of an environment in this region, paid special attention to measures on rendering assistance to living in misery population of Priaralye,
- have confirmed readiness to render necessary assistance to the International organizations and institutes in their activity on realization of " Programs of concrete actions " and other regional projects, have undertaken to finish together with the international organizations development of the project of the Convention on sustainable development of Aral Sea basin.

Full text of Almaty declaration is resulted in structure of the present report.

The decision of the President of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea of the President of Republic of Uzbekistan of I.A.Karimov from March, 20, 1997 under the offer of the governments of the Central Asia states forms Board of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea (by one representative in a rank of the assistant to the prime minister from each state) and the structure of the Revision committee of Board of the IFAS (by one representative from each state) is authorized.

The decision of the President of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, the President of Republic of Uzbekistan I.A.Karimov, from March, 20, 1997, as agreed with heads of the

Central Asia states, Rim Abduloevich Giniyatulin is appointed as a chairman of new Executive Committee of the IFAS.



Other decision of President of the IFAS, from March, 20, 1997, is creation of the Executive Committee of the IFAS consisting of 10 person - by two representatives from each state of the Central Asia.

There are included in it:

From Republic of Kazakhstan:

Bayalimov D.A. Ospanov M.

From the KYRGYZ Republic:

Bozov K. Sulaymanov in M.

From Republic of Tajikistan:

Aslov S.M. Akramov F.R.

From Turkmenistan:

Ovezov A. Ballyev K.

From Republic of Uzbekistan:

Pernabekov S.T. Nadyrhanov U.

Executive committee of the IFAS is created instead of Executive Committee of the IFAS in Almaty and Executive committee of the IFAS in Tashkent and is the assignee of these bodies.

Executive committee of the IFAS has formed Secretary of Executive committee. The place of accommodation of again created Executive Committee of the IFAS, determines Tashkent city, 5-a A.Kadyri street.

It is determined that, financing of regional and national Programs in Aral Sea basin and also the maintenance of Executive Committee and branches of IFAS will be carried out due to payments of the Central Asia states, the international funds and the organizations. The World Bank and countries - donors.

All sponsor payments of donors and the organizations are free of taxes and tax collections.

Official salaries and payment in HARD CURRENCY to chairman, technical director and members of Executive Committee is provided for the account of grant help allocated by the World Bank.

It is entrusted to Executive Committee of the IFAS to work necessary actions with the purpose of inclusion of Executive Committee of the IFAS in structures of executors of UNDP Programs, and also the main directions on the organization of cooperation with representatives of the United Nations, World Bank, the international, public, regional funds and the organizations.



**THE DECISION  
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT BOARD AND THE REVISION COMMITTEE OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

In the performance of the Decision of heads of the Central Asia states on structure reorganization of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea in Almaty on February, 28, 1997.

Under the offer of the Central Asia states governments:

1. To form Board of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA of five members in the structure of:

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Prime minister assistant - Karibdzhanov Zhanibek Salimovich

**From the KYRGYZ Republic**

Vice-premier - Talgarbekov Bekbolat

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

Prime minister assistant - Eshmirzoev Ismat

**From Turkmenistan**

Deputy chairman of the Ministers Cabinet - Dodonov Alexander Dmitrievich

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

Prime minister first assistant Dzhurabekov Ismail Hakimovich

2. To ratify structure of the Revision committee of Board of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea from five members submitted by the governments of the Central Asia states:

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Chief of the State committee of financial control - Auanov Mirzaakhmet Khujaakhmetovich

**From the KYRGYZ Republic**

The first deputy minister of economy and finance - Biyalinov Alimbek Yusupovich

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

The deputy minister of finance - Saidov Qurbonali Karimovich

**From Turkmenistan**

The first deputy minister of economy and finance Atagarriev Gurbandurdi Berdievich

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

The deputy minister of finance - Abdullaev Shuhrat Juryevich

3. The first joint meeting of the Fund Board and the Revision committee to lead in April, 1997 in Tashkent.

4. To assign to a member of Fund Board - the Prime minister first assistant of Uzbekistan Dzhurabekova I.H., the organization of preparation for carrying out of session.

The President of the International  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA

The President of Uzbekistan

I.Karimov

Tashkent

Secretary of the IFAS

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On March, 20 1997.

**THE DECISION  
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT CREATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

In the performance of decisions of the Central Asia states Heads in Almaty on February, 28, 1997, approved the main circuit of management of Fund, under the offer of the governments of the Central Asia states:

1. To create Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea (further Executive Committee of the IFAS) from among 10 members - of two representatives from each state of the Central Asia in structure of:

From Republic of Kazakhstan -

1. Bayalimov D.A.
2. Ospanov M.

From the KYRGYZ Republic

1. Bozov K.D.,
2. Sulejmanov M.S.

From Republic of Tajikistan

1. Akramov F.R.
2. Aslov S.M.

From Turkmenistan

1. Ovezov A.
2. Balliev K.

From Republic of Uzbekistan

1. Parnabekov S.T.
2. Nadikhanov U.

Executive committee of IFAS is headed by the chairman of Executive Committee independently organizing work and bearing the responsibility for activity of Executive Committee before Board of Fund.

## 2. Executive Committee of IFAS:

- is created instead of Executive Committees of IFAS (Almaty) and Executive Committee of Interstate Council (Tashkent) and is the assignee of the regulations, authorized on these bodies;
- accepts from the specified bodies and their branches property, money resources on accounts, debit debts, loans, credits and other actives transferred or submitted due to means of Fund and Executive committee of Interstate Council, and is exempted from all direct taxes and tax collections;
- creates Secretary of Executive committee from three person and as agreed with the Governments of states - participants - branches of Fund in all states of the Central Asia. Number, the salary and sources of means for the maintenance of branches are defined together with corresponding to the government;
- gives Board of Fund each half-year the information on results of activity of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

## 3. To take into account, that:

- by the decision of heads of the Central Asia states about formation of means of IFAS in Almaty on February, 28, 1997 it is established, since 1998, the current payments in the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea to define from profitable part of the budget of Republic of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan at a rate of 0,3 %, Republic Kyrgyzstan and Republic of Tajikistan - at a rate of 0,1 % and transfer of means to make in the American dollars at the rate to national currencies;
- the governments of the Central Asia states provide Executive Committee of the IFAS and its branches with a room, habitation, medical, transport services, the governmental and usual communication, and also, at occurrence of necessity for performance of the international and interstate functions, - converting of national monetary units in HARD CURRENCY. A place of accommodation of again created Executive Committee of the IFAS to define Tashkent city 5 A A.Kodyri street (in former building of Minvodkhoz).

4. Financing and realization of regional, national programs in Aral Sea basin, and also the maintenance of Executive Committee, Secretary and branches of the IFAS to carry out due to payments of the CA states, the International funds and the organizations, the World Bank and countries - donors. All sponsor's payments of donors and the organizations are exempted from taxes and tax collections. Official salaries and payment in HARD CURRENCY to Chairman, technical director and members of Executive Committee is provided from the account of grant help allocated by the World Bank on strengthening of organizational structure and activity of Executive Committee in Aral Sea basin.

5. To establish, that Chairman of Executive Committee, technical director and members of Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea possess the right of diplomatic immunity according to the international norms.

6. To charge Executive Committee of the IFAS, taking into account attention and the constant help of representation of the United Nations to a planetary problem of Aral Sea basin, to work necessary actions with the purpose of inclusion of Executive Committee of IFAS in structures of executors of program of the UNDP.

7. To develop, in April of the same year, to ratify in the Executive Committee of the IFAS the main directions on the organization of cooperation with representations of the United Nations, the World Bank, international, public, regional funds and the organizations. By results of the done work in July, 1997 to present the information to Board of Fund.

The President International  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
The President of Republic of Uzbekistan

I. Karimov

**THE DECISION  
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT ASSIGNMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE  
ARAL SEA.**

As agreed with Heads of the Central Asia States:

To appoint Ginyatulin Rim Abdulovich as a Chairman of the Executive Committee of International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea- Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The President

of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea

The President of Republic of Uzbekistan

I.Karimov

**"Approved"**  
**President of the International Fund  
for Saving the Aral Sea,  
President of the Republic of Uzbekistan  
Islam A. Karimov**

May 30, 1997

**REGULATIONS  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
(EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IFAS)**

1.1 The Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (further referred to as EC-IFAS) is established by the decision of the IFAS President, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan of March 20, 1997 # 2R-EC, on the basis of the structure and the principle scheme of management of the IFAS, approved by the Heads of Central Asian States on February 28, 1997.

1.2 The EC IFAS is the successor of the regulations, property and other assets of the Executive Board of the International Fund for Rehabilitation of the Aral Sea (EC IFAS) and the Executive Committee of the Interstate Council for the Aral Sea Basin problems (EC- ICAS).

1.3 The EC- IFAS is the standing, executive and managerial working body of the IFAS, created by the founder states: the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

1.4 The Chairman of the EC IFAS in agreement with the Heads of the Central Asian States shall be appointed by the IFAS President and shall organise the work independently and have responsibility for the EC IFAS activities before the Board of IFAS and the IFAS President.

1.5 The EC IFAS activities shall be organised on the basis of the

principlescheme of management, approved by the Decision of the Heads of Central Asian States on February 28, 1997 in Almaty.

The legal address of the EC IFAS is: 5A, Abdulla Kadiri street, Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan

The official name of the EC-IFAS

in Russian      Исполнительный Комитет Международного  
Фонда Спасения Арала      ( ИК МФСА)

in English',      Executive Committee of the International Fund  
for Saving the Aral Sea (EC - IFAS)

## **2. LEGAL STATUTE**

2.1 The EC IFAS is the juridical person with the statute of corresponding immunity and privileges.

international organisation, which has

2.2 The EC IFAS in accordance with the principlescheme approved for the management of 1 PA, shall establish branches, units as well as special, social and other Funds to assist alleviation of poverty in the Central Sea states, which are covered by the present Regulations.

2.3 The EC - IFAS shall open banking accounts in national and foreign currencies for the providing of its activities and the accumulation of contribution funds from the founder states, international organisations, donor states, grant funds, as well as from charities and other donations from the juridical and physical persons with the aim of realising projects, programs and to render urgent assistance for the population living in the Aral Sea basin.

2.4 The activities, property and belongings of the EC-IFAS are exempted from the all forms of taxation and duties. The contributions of the founder states, donor states, international organisation, grant funds, donations of the juridical and physical persons, foreign countries and the Central Asian states, as well as assistance in the form of technology, equipment, materials, food-stuffs, medicines, etc., shall be exempt from taxes and duties. The EC-IFAS organisations and their staff shall be exempt from taxes and duties



while importing and exporting personal belongings, material, equipment, destined for personal and business use, as well as for the realisation of their functions.

2.5 The financing of the EC-IFAS activities shall be carried out using the contributions of the founder states, the funds provided by the World Bank, UN Programs, international organisations, donor-states, grant funds, as well as the charities contributions from juridical and physical persons, foreign countries and Central Asian states.

2.6 The EC-IFAS shall have the rights to:

- make contracts, agreements on its behalf, to acquire and alienate property and non-property rights, to appeal and take part in Economic and Arbitrary Courts;
- receive data in the established order from ministries, official departments and statistical institutions, executive authorities of the founder states, which are needed for the realisation of the duties entrusted to the EC-IFAS;
- make inspection of the documentation submitted by the branches on progress and results of their activities;
- take part jointly with interested parties, official departments of the IFAS founder states and commercial organisations, in definition to attract organisations and physical persons to implement programs and projects for solving the Aral Sea basin problems;
- contract experts, organisations, institutes and other juridical and physical persons;
- define priority spheres for channelling of the IFAS funds in the framework of realisation of the ecological, water management and social programs and projects and to launch tenders and deposit funds in banking institutions.

2.7 The Republic of Uzbekistan and other founder states shall not have responsibilities with regard to the EC-IFAS obligations, as well as the EC-IFAS shall have no responsibilities for the obligations of the founder states.

2.8 The official languages of the EC-IFAS shall be Russian and English

### 3. TASKS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 EC-IFAS shall be established with the objectives to:

- realise into practice the decisions of the Council of the Head of States of Central Asia, IFAS President and IFAS Board on the problems of the Aral Sea basin;
- implement correspondent projects and programs for the Aral Sea basin;
- co-ordinate activities of the branches allocated on the territories of the founder states of the IFAS;
- assist to the activities of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) and Sustainable Development Commission (SDC);
- enlarge the co-operation with the international organisations and donor-states, ecological and other foundations for the activation of the activities on the problems of environment and rehabilitation of the ecologically depressed areas;
- accumulate financial and other means and to guarantee their specific use,

3.2 In order to achieve the above said objectives the EC-IFAS shall:

- participate in organising the elaboration and implementation of projects and programs on the problems of the Aral Sea.
- organise the interaction of ministries, official departments, public ecological and other organisations of the CAR ensuring the representation of the IFAS in the international organisations and institutions;
- provide information to the founder states and participate in the IFAS on the issues of its activity conduct scientific-information and editorial-publishing activities organise the security of the IFAS documentation;
- prepare materials and conduct sessions for the Board of IFAS (in accordance with the decisions made before or by the proposals of the founder states of the IFAS) as well as for the conferences and meetings of Head of States of Central Asia on the problems of the Aral Sea.

#### 4. BRANCHES

4.1 The branches of the EC-IFAS shall be established in all of the Central Asian states and shall be territorial organs of the Executive Committee of IFAS. Additional departments of the branches can be established by the proposal of the founder states.

4.2 The branches are juridical persons and shall have bank accounts, including foreign currency ones.

4.3 Financing and upkeep of the branches and their departments shall be born at the expense of contributions of the founder states.

4.4 The branches shall interact with state and public organs, juridical and physical persons, entities of different form of ownership and shall promote the development of co-operation on the issues associated with the problems of the Aral Sea.

4.5 The branches shall act in accordance with the legislation of the founder states, decisions of the IFAS President, the Board of IFAS, orders, instructions of the EC-IFAS and the present of the EC-IFAS regulations.

4.6 By the proposals of the founder states, on the territory of which the branches are located, the Chairman of the EC IFAS shall nominate and dismiss directors of the branches.

4.7 The director shall be at the head of the branch and shall have a personal responsibility for the organisation of work, realisation of obligations entrusted to him and define responsibilities and activities of the departments.

4.8 List of members of staff of the branch and of its department shall be determined by the government of the founder state or by the organ authorised by it.

4.9 The financial year shall be established from January 1 until December 31 of the calendar year. Quarterly the branch shall submit report and its balance for the approval by the EC-IFAS.

4.10 Book-keeping and accounting shall be carried out on the order established by the legislation of the state, where the branch is located.

4.11 The production and financial activity of the branch shall be controlled by the EC-IFAS.

4.12 Any modification or amendments in the activity, regulations

of the branch can be introduced by the EC-IFAS

4.13 Activity of a branch of the IFAS shall be terminated by the decision of the EC-IFAS, by proposal of the government of the founder state or the occasion of a change in the structure of management.

#### THE MECHANISM OF FUNCTIONING OF THE EC-IFAS

5.1 The EC-IFAS shall be headed by the chairman nominated and dismissed in conciliation with the Heads of the Central Asian states by the IFAS President.

5.2 The chairman of the EC-IFAS shall have a personal responsibility for the implementation of tasks entrusted to the EC-IFAS; shall perform managerial functions, defined powers, obligations for all employees of the EC-IFAS,

5.3 In order to ensure the work of EC- IFAS, the governments of the founder states shall send two plenipotentiary representatives from each founder state of the IFAS. The chairman of the EC-IFAS shall be responsible for managing and guiding their activities.

**THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF  
KAZAKHSTAN, THE GOVERNMENT OF KYRGYZ REPUBLIC,  
THE GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, THE  
GOVERNMENT OF TURKMENISTAN AND THE GOVERNMENT  
OF REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA (IFAS)  
AND ITS ORGANIZATIONS**

The government of Republic of Kazakhstan, the Government of the KYRGYZ Republic, the Government of Republic of Tajikistan, the Government of Turkmenistan and the Government of the Republics Uzbekistan called further "Sides", proceeding from the purposes specified in points a) and b) of the article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations Organization, demanding the decision for people living in ecologically crisis region of Aral Sea basin;

Considering:

The agreement between Republic of Kazakhstan, the KYRGYZ Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan " About cooperation in sphere of a joint management of use and protection of water resources of interstate sources " signed in Almaty on February, 18, 1992;

The decision of Heads of the Central Asia states " About creation of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea ", accepted in Tashkent on January, 4, 1993;

The agreement of Heads of the Central Asia states " About joint actions under the decision of a problem of Aral Sea and Priaralye, to ecological improvement and maintenance of Social-Economic development of Aral Sea ", signed in the city of Kzil-Orda on March, 26, 1993;

The decision of Heads of the Central Asia states on reorganization of structure of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA, signed in Almaty on February, 28, 1997;

And admitting that fact, that the Heads of the Central Asia states of the "Nukus Declaration", signed in Nukus on September, 20, 1995, have confirmed readiness to render the all-round help and trust

to organizations of the IFAS;

Having united efforts for the further decision of crisis problems in Aral Sea basin,

The sides have agreed as follows:

## **Chapter 1. STRUCTURE of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

### **Article 1**

The International Fund for Saving Aral Sea which are hereinafter referred to as "IFAS", includes:

- Board of IFAS;
- A revision committee;
- Executive Committee of IFAS (EC IFAS);
- Branches of Executive Committee of the IFAS in the states of Central Asia;
- Interstate Coordination Water-economic Commission (ICWC), Secretary of the ICWC, Scientific - Information Centre (SIC ICWC), Basin Water-economic Organizations - BWO "Amudarya" and "Syr-Darya";
- The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), Secretary, Scientific - Information Centre at Institute of deserts of Turkmenistan (SIC CSD).

## **Chapter II. LEGAL STATUS of IFAS**

### **Article 2**

Organizations of the IFAS are legal persons, have the status of the international organizations and are competent:

to conclude contracts, to define structure and number of employees as agreed with IFAS;

To be claimants and respondents in court;

To get and dispose of property, as agreed with IFAS, to receive grants, loans and bounty for the purposes connected to problems of Aral and to carry out the activity according to charters and regulations.

## **Chapter III. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES of ORGANIZATIONS of the IFAS**

### **Article 3**

The sides take necessary measures on protection of premises and property of the IFAS against criminal encroachments and drawing of damage.

Organizations of IFAS, their property within the limits of territory of the Sides are exempted from all direct taxes. All sponsor's payments of the international donors and the organizations are exempted from taxes and tax collections.

### **Article 4**

Organizations of IFAS as agreed with IFAS can create branches and representations, to open settlement and currency accounts with the purpose of performance of functions assigned on them constituent documents and corresponding regulations. They can transfer means for accounts in establishments of bank, make transactions and other legal acts.

Organizations of IFAS can transfer means from currency accounts with the purpose of purchase of the equipment and materials, and also to carry out other functions on the financial activity which do not contradict authorized documents, to regulations and legislations of the sides.

### **Article 5**

Organizations of IFAS are exempted from the customs at import and export of the subjects intended for service using, not representing historical, cultural value and not connected with the state secret host country. However it is supposed, that the subjects imported according to such withdrawals, will not be on sale in the country into which they are imported, otherwise, as on the conditions produced with the government of this country.

### **Article 6**

Organizations of IFAS can send and receive the Correspondence on the conditions not less favorable, than what the governmental organizations of a host country use.

## **CHAPTER 4. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE PERSONNEL**

### **Article 7**

Organizations of IFAS have the right to employ local and foreign experts, advisers (experts) and to define conditions and positions of hiring of employees staff (the main and support personnel).

Works under contracts with the international organizations should be carried out, basically, forces of the local organizations and experts. Foreign experts are involved only in case of emergency. Staff and the persons employed by establishment, will be working under the direction of Chairman or Director of this establishment or their first assistants.

To workers of IFAS, leaving in official journeys:

a) Exit documents make out competent bodies in the order and the terms established by the legislation of the Sides;

b) The sides take appropriate measures for preservation of pensions and grants of the social security, got to employees before receipt for work in organization of IFAS.

### **Article 8**

Members of Board and Revision Committee of IFAS, representatives of the Sides in EC-IFAS - members of EC-IFAS, and also heads of branches and their assistants for maintenance of independent performance of the functions with them, use the following privileges and immunities;

a) immunity from personal arrest or detention and from imposing arrest on personal luggage, and also any sort of judicial - remedial immunity concerning all told, written or accomplished by them as officials;

b) inviolability of all papers and documents;

c) the right to receive papers or the correspondence by means of couriers;

d) their withdrawal and their wives from restrictions on immigration, registration of foreigners and the state service duty in the country in which they temporarily stay or through which they pass at performance of the duties;

e) the same privileges concerning currency restrictions and restrictions of an exchange of money what are given representatives of the foreign governments which are during the official journeys.

### **Article 9**

Organizations of IFAS, have the right to carry out payments to the



workers (to the main and support personnel) and to experts in the order and the sizes established by estimates of charges and authorized by the Sides;

All kinds of payments by organizations of IFAS, to the personnel and experts are conducted in the order established by the legislation of a host country.

**Article 10**

Each regional organization will define categories of officials, under the attitude which positions of present article should be applied.

Officials of the regional organizations:

- are exempted, together with wives and the relatives who are taking place on their expense, from restrictions on immigration and from registration of foreigners;
- use the same privileges concerning exchange, which are given to the officials of a corresponding rank included in diplomatic missions;
- have the right to import duty-free the furniture and property at the initial introduction into a post into the corresponding country;
- regulation of the above-stated points is not distributed to the citizens being citizens of a host country.

**Article 11**

The regional organizations officials have the right to use identification cards of the sample coordinated by the Sides.

The sides recognize and accept certificates of persons of the regional organizations, as lawful documents.

Statements for issue of visa, where those are required, from officials of the regional organizations having the identification cards of the regional organization, are considered in the urgent order when these statements are accompanied by notices that these persons follow on affairs of the regional organizations. Besides this for such persons are given the privileges for fast movement.

**Article 12**

Privileges and immunities to Members of Board, the Revision Committee and EC IFAS, (heads of branches and their assistants) are given not for personal benefit of separate persons and to provide independent performance of the functions connected to work in these establishments by them. Therefore the Sides not only have the right, but

also are obliged to refuse immunity of the representatives in each case when immunity, in their opinion, interferes with departure of justice and when refusal of him does not cause damage of that purpose for the sake of which immunity has been given.

## **CHAPTER 5. FINAL REGULATION**

### **Article 13**

All changes of the present Agreement are entered under the consent of the Sides.

### **Article 14**

All disputes and disagreements between organizations of IFAS with the Sides, arisen during realization of the present Agreement, will be resolved by negotiations and consultations.

### **Article 15**

Each of the Sides has the right to leave from the present Agreement by the notice in writing about this depositary not less than for six months.

Above-stated is certified by the authorized representatives, that put signatures under the present Agreement.

It is accomplished in Tashkent on May, 29, 1997 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in archive of Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, in Tashkent which will direct to each state-participant of the present Agreement, its certified copy.

For the Government of  
Kazakhstan Republic

Z.Karibzhanov

For the Government of  
KYRGYZ Republic

K.Abdimomunov

For the Government of  
Tajikistan Republic

I.Eshmirzoev

For the Government of  
Turkmenistan

A.Dodonov

For the Government of  
Uzbekistan Republic

I.Dzhurabekov

**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF REGULATIONS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
AND AGREEMENTS ON STATUS OF THE IFAS AND ITS  
ORGANIZATIONS**

The heads of the Central Asia states have decided:

1. To ratify Regulations about the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea with the account of changes and additions.
2. To ratify the Agreement on the status of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea and to charge the Governments of Republic of Kazakhstan, the KYRGYZ Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republics Uzbekistan to provide performance of the Agreement in territories of the Central Asia states.

It is accomplished in Ashgabad on April, 9, 1999 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in archive of the Government of Turkmenistan, which will direct to the states that have signed the present Regulation, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**CONFIRMED**  
**by the Heads of States**  
**of Central Asia**  
**Ashgabad, April,9,1999**

**THE REGULATIONS**  
**ON INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**  
**BASIN**

**1. THE FUND ORGANISATIONAL BASIS**

1.1. The International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea basin , further referred as Fund, was created in accordance with the decision of the Heads of States of Central Asia, made on January, 4, 1993 in Tashkent and is acting on the basis of the present Regulations.

The main task of the Fund is the financing and crediting of joint practical actions and long-range programmes and projects for Aral Sea saving, ecological recovery of the Aral Sea and surrounding area as a whole with the account of the interests of all the states in the region.

1.2. The founders of the Fund are the Republic of Kasakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, and also can be the other states, which support the aims of the Fund creation and take part in the financing of its projects and programmes.

The international organisations and other juridical and physical persons can be the participants of the Fund.

1.3. The permanently acting executive body of the Fund is the Executive Committee (EC).

EC is the juridical person with the status of international organisation, which has the corresponding immunity and exemptions.

EC activities are organised on the basis of the principles scheme of management approved by the decision of the Heads of States of Central Asia from February, 28, 1997 in Almaty, and on the basis of the Regulations about the Fund Executive Committee

confirmed by the President of the Fund.

1.4. The Fund includes in itself:

Management;

Board of audit;

Executive Committee with regional projects and agencies financed by the states - founders, donor countries and international organisations through Executive Committee;

Subsidiaries and subdivisions of EC in the states of Central Asia;

Interstate Coordinating Water Committee (ICWC), its Secretariat, Scientific Information Centre, Basin Water Management Alliances; BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya;

Committee on Sustainable Development, its Secretariat, Scientific Information Centre.

To be stated that sites for the location of the created regional projects and agencies financed by the states - founders, donor countries and international organisations through Executive Committee, in the established order are defined by IFAS President upon the agreement with the Heads of States - Founders of the Fund.

## **II. Fund finance formation**

2.1. The Fund is being formed for the account of the fees of the states- founders and participants. The founders and participants of the Fund, starting from 1998, define the current fees into IFAS from the budget revenues of the Republic of Kasakstan, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan in the amount of 0.3%, Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan in the amount of 0.1%, and the transfers are made in USD according the rate towards national currency..

The Fund is being formed also for the account of:

- voluntary contributions of enterprises, international and foreign social and national organisations, juridical and physical persons;
- funds aimed at the solution of particular purposive programmes;
- other transfers.

2.2. The Fund finance not used in the reporting year are being transferred to the next year, and are not subject to withdrawal. The

use of funds for the aims not envisaged by the present Regulations and not related to Aral Sea problems is not allowed.

2.3 The Fund ownership are the fixed and active assets reflected in its balance.

### **III. Fund activities main trends**

3.1. Fund main trends of activities are:

- financing and crediting of joint interstate ecological and scientific - practical programmes and projects aimed at the Aral Sea saving and the recovery of the ecological situation in the districts subject to the Aral Sea disaster, and also the solution of the general socio - ecological problems of the region;
- financing of the joint fundamental and applied researches, scientific - technical developments on the rehabilitation of ecological balance, rational natural resources use and environment protection;
- creation and maintaining of the functioning of the interstate ecological system of monitoring, database and other systems on the conditions of the Aral Sea environment;
- mobilisation of funds for joint measures on the air basin, water and land resources, flora and fauna protection;
- financing of joint scientific - technical projects and developments on transboundary water resources management;
- participation in the implementation of international programmes and projects on Aral Sea saving and Aral Sea basin ecological recovery.

### **IV. Fund rights**

4.1. In order to execute the tasks defined by the present Regulations, the Fund has the following rights:

- in the established order to create its subsidiaries and representative offices in the states - founders or other states, and in that number with the right of juridical person in all the fields related to the Fund activities and corresponding to its aims and tasks;
- to carry out credit and other operations with securities, to act as a guarantor and to allocate the funds on the deposits of banks, to buy in the established order shares, bonds and other

securities;

- to invest in the spheres related to the implementation of ecological programmes and projects;
- to enter into contracts on its behalf, to open corresponding accounts in the banks, to make settlements and other juridical acts.

## **V. Fund management**

5.1. The Fund aims its efforts for the implementation of programmes and solutions on the Aral Sea basin problems.

The states - founders form the Fund Management, and they delegate into it two their representatives, correspondingly one into Fund Management and one into the Fund Management Auditing Committee.

The Management is headed by the Fund President elected from the Heads of states - founders for the period established by the Decision of Central Asia Heads of States Council.

The President carries out the management of Fund activities, defines its external economical and international activities, makes the proposals on the amendments and changes to the Fund Regulations, considers and confirms the Fund work plan.

The Fund President creates the Executive Committee of International Fund, confirms the Executive Committee Status, and under the agreement with the Heads of States of Central Asia appoints the Executive Committee Chairman.

The Executive Committee is located in the country the Head of which is the President of the Fund.

The Fund Management has its meeting not less than two times a year. The states - founders can make their proposals on the additional meetings of the Management.

5.2. Executive Committee fulfils its activities in accordance with the EC Status, the order of Fund Management work, and it is accountable before the President and Fund Management.

The EC Chairman under the agreement with the Fund President defines the order and the amount of salaries of the staff members, the conditions of the contracts for the employment. of projects and programmes executors within the estimates confirmed by the Management.

The EC Chairman has the right without any empowerment to represent the Fund in all the state, international and other enterprises and organisations, to order the Fund ownership, to dismiss and to employ the staff.

### **VI. Fund accounts and reporting**

6.1. The fiscal year is established since January, 1 till December, 31 of calendar year. After completion of each year the Fund report and balance are being compiled, and they are submitted for the confirmation to the Fund Management.

6.2. The accounts and reporting are carried out in the order established by the legislation of the state where the Fund is located.

6.3. The Fund founders have the right for free secession from the Fund with the reimbursement of their initial and other fees to the Fund and the profit with the deduction of the funds spent for the implementation of ecological programmes and projects, after giving notice to the Fund Management within 6 months before secession.

The matters requiring changes and amendments for the text of the present Regulations are referred to the exclusive competence of the Fund Management.

The Fund activities can be ceased under the decision of the Heads of the States-Founders of the Fund.



**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT ACTIVITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING  
THE ARAL SEA IN 1997-1999  
AND MEASURES ON SUPPORT OF PRIORITY PROJECTS**

To approve activity of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea and President I.A.Karimov on the organization of the works directed on the decision of Aral Sea basin problems.

To note, that organizations of IFAS do the certain work on performance of the Decision of Heads of the Central Asia states from February, 1997 " About reorganization of structure of the IFAS ", and also the organizations and development of priority directions of the Program of concrete actions on improvement of ecological conditions in Aral Sea basin.

To charge the Governments of the states:

- to provide performance of decisions of the Heads of Central Asia states from February, 28, 1997 " About formation of means of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea " and about results annually by December, 1 to inform Heads of the Central Asia states on Aral Sea basin problems ";
- to render all-round support of realization of the project " Water resources management and an environment in Aral Sea basin " and other projects.
- to Executive Committee of the IFAS on the basis of the Program of concrete actions and priority directions to stir to activity on expansion of cooperation with countries - donors, the international organizations and funds, attraction of financial resources on the decision of Aral Sea basin problems.

It is accomplished in Ashgabad on April, 9, 1999 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in archive of the Government of Turkmenistan which will direct to each state that has signed the

present Decision, its certified copy.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The heads of the Central Asia states - founders of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea have decided:

To select the President of Turkmenistan S.A.Niyazov as the President of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea for the period of two years.

It is accomplished in Ashgabad in April, 9, 1999 in one original copy in Russian.

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For Republic Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF THE HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

To agree with the offer of the President of Turkmenistan - the President of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea S.A.Niyazov about the assignment, as Chairman of Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea of Altiev Tekebay.

It is accomplished in Ashgabad on April, 9, 1999 in one original copy in Russian.

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For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

## **THE JOINT STATEMENT**

### **OF HEADS OF THE STATES OF KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN**

On April, 8-9, 1999 in Ashgabad the Meeting of Presidents of Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan has taken place.

The head of the states have discussed questions of Aral Sea basin ecosystem restoration and work of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea spent for this direction. On results of discussion the Ashgabad Declaration is signed.

During the Meeting the Heads of the states have comprehensively analysed a condition and prospects of development of cooperation between the countries of region on the major directions of a policy, mutually advantageous economic relations, a welfare life, and also have carried out a detailed exchange of opinions on actual problems of the international relations.

On results of a taken place Meeting of the Heads of the states;

Proceeding from aspiration of the further development and strengthening of existing relations of all-round equal in rights and mutually advantageous cooperation in spirit of friendship of their people having century historical roots, a generality of culture, customs and traditions,

Emphasizing a high level of friendly, equal in rights and mutually advantageous cooperation in all spheres of the interstate relations providing safety and stability in region,

Expressing aspiration to the further strengthening independence of the states, their political and economic safety, increase of well-being of people, dynamic development of national economies on the basis of full and an effective utilization of natural resources and development of regional connections,

Confirming adherence to the principles fixed in the Charter of the

United Nations, main documents of OSCE and mutually rendering comprehensive support in questions of prevention of threat to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the countries,

Considering the major task care of new generations of the citizens, education of youth in patriotic spirit, fidelities to supreme humanistic and moral values, respect for achievements of the last generations, the responsibility for destinies of fatherland and a brotherly good-neighbourhood between peoples of region, aspirated to the new century,

Have declared as follows:

From time of independence, the relations between Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are forward develop on principles of traditional friendship and trust, sovereign equality and the mutual benefit based on long-term partnership and adequate to national interests of all five states. Before 21st-century they consider necessary to give a new pulse to development of mutually advantageous, equal in rights partnership and a deepening of cooperation in a political, economic and welfare life.

The sides have confirmed the adherence of an openness and to wide interaction in interests of maintenance of an international peace, stability and safety in regional and global scales.

The sides are ready to assist increase of efficiency of the United Nations and other international organizations in business of maintenance of a universal peace and safety, prevention of conflicts, internal and external safety of the states.

3. Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan consider assistance to process of peace settlement in Afghanistan, peace establishment, consent on this earth and transition to practical realization of revival programs of Afghanistan, as one of the major tasks of a regional policy.

The heads of the states highly have estimated last efforts of the United Nations in frameworks of Ashgabad process on transition

of the Afghani conflict in a stream of its practical sanction. The heads of the states, giving great value to consultations in frameworks " Groups of neighbours and friends to Afghanistan (6+2) ", have called the Afghani sides actively to continue process of political settlement. The sides also welcome efforts and other states in this direction. Including the initiative of Uzbekistan on convocation of special session of " Groups 6+2 ", as support to the coordinated efforts of the United Nations and good will of participants of proceeding interAfghani dialogue.

4. The sides again confirm, that creation in Central Asia the zone, free from the nuclear weapon, meets the requirements also to interests of national, regional and global safety.

5. Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan will carry out interconsistent actions on counteraction to terrorism, to any kinds of political, national, religious extremism and other attempts by unconstitutional way to change the state social order, to break territorial integrity which place under a threat a life and rest of the population, undermine moral bases of a society.

6. Realizing the special responsibility on a boundary of the third millenium for prosperity of the future generations, the Heads of the states will consolidate efforts in struggle against transborder organized crime, illegal circulation of narcotics and psychotropic substances, and also smuggling and illegal traffic of arms.

7. The head of the states again have confirmed strict adherence of Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to maintenance of the civil rights and freedom, democratic values in the standard norms of international law main principles of theUnited Nations and OSCE.

Presidents ascertained the unity in understanding of that, the democratic development of a society is difficult and multi-stage process which is taking into account historically developed among

people of Central - Asian region, tradition, customs, cultures and cultural wealth.

8. Presidents of Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan recognizing that water always was the major component in relations between neighbours in region have agreed, that development of water resources should have ecosystematical approach, be carried out by the reasonable way that is not rendering mutual damage, in view of interests of all sides and observance of principles of good neighbourhood and the mutual benefit, promoting increase of a level of manufacture agroindustrial development, corresponding to the tasks of food strategy of the United Nations for 21-st century.

Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan Countries have confirmed necessity of carrying out interconsistent actions on prevention of ecological accidents and the natural phenomena creating threat for ability to live and safety of the population.

9. Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan Countries will concentrate attention on development and further effective operation of Trans-Caucasian, Euroasian and Trans-Asiatic transport corridors, developments in their frameworks to the coordinated, corresponding world practice of a tariff politics, considering them as factors of expansion of trade and economic cooperation between the states of region with the countries of Asia and Europe.

10. The sides have noted importance of rise on a new level development and extraction of gas, oil, other natural resources in the countries, acceptances of urgent measures on realization of joint civil-engineering designs of electric mains, linings of pipelines for transportation of energy carriers into the world markets. It has been underlined, that multiple development of an export potential of the states to the full answers their strategic purposes, provides occupation by each state of a worthy place in system of the



international economic relations and strengthenings of national economies.

The sides have unanimously expressed satisfaction results of a meeting which has passed in spirit of mutual understanding and trust.

The heads of the states have noted, that taken place constructive and fruitful negotiations have brought in the essential contribution to development and strengthening of friendship between people, wide widespread cooperation.

President S.Niyazov has expressed intimate gratitude to leaders of the brotherly neighbour states for friendly support and kind wishes to Turkmen people.

Presidents N.Nazarbaev, A.Akaev, E.Rahmonov, I.Karimov have thanked people of Turkmenistan and President S.Nijazova for warm, hearty welcome and hospitality.

The President Republic of Kazakhstan	N.Nazarbaev
The President The KYRGYZ Republic	A.Akaev
The President Republic of Tajikistan	E.Rakhmonov
The President Turkmenistan	S.Niyazov
The President Republic of Uzbekistan	I.Karimov

Ashgabad, April, 9, 1999.

## **ASHGABAT DECLARATION**

On the threshold of XXI century the mankind came into collision with serious ecological problems, impeding its sustainable development. Degradation of environment- that is the result of irrational usage of nature resources.

The Aral crisis consequences had negative effect on the standard of living of population in Central Asia. The problems of social protection and provision with pure drinking water became aggravated.

The States of Central Asia give unceasing consideration for improvement of situation in the region, for attraction the world community to settle these problems. In common with international organizations and funds, under the GEF support, the "Water Resources and Environment Control" Project is implemented. This Project is directed to radical improvement of the water and other resources usage, enhancement of efficiency and culture of the nature use within the region, and normalization of ecological situation as a whole.

In the same time, the efforts, undertaken to settle the Aral Sea basin problems, are insufficient.

We are, the Presidents of fraternal States of Central Asia - Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan,

prompted by aspiration for provision our peoples with prosperity and belief in future,

realizing the necessity to elaborate joint measures on implementation of regional strategy and specific actions for rational use of water resources of the region, based on ecosystem and integral principles of water economy activity,

taking in mind, that the water resources of Aral Sea basin are to be used in the interests of all parties, observing the principles of good neighbor relations and mutual interests,

emphasizing the significance of the States - founders' efforts, undertaken for strengthening the cooperation on the problems of water resources and nature protection control, water ecosystems rehabilitation, prevention the border transit waters from pollution,

confirming the decisions have being made on joint implementation of Specific Actions Program on the problems of Aral Sea,

admitting, that the public being in the know is an important condition of concerted actions in ecological and social-economic policy within the region,

proceeding from steadfast aspiration to overcome jointly the crisis consequences, and to normalize the ecological situation within Aral Sea basin,

declaring:

admit the importance of comprehensive solution of the problems, connected with normalization of social- ecological situation in Aral Sea basin,

strengthen both in the CAS and in their representations abroad the activity to attract the attention of international community, means and abilities of donor-countries, funds and organizations for implementation the programs and projects related to the Aral Sea basin problems,

provide every kind of assistance and support for implementation of "Water resources and Environment Management in Aral Sea basin" Project, being realized under the aegis of World Bank and GEF,

give more consideration to the problems of mountain territories  
- zone of the rivers flow formation within Aral Sea basin,

realize a number of all-round measures and priority projects on  
social protection of population living in Aral Sea basin,

brisk up the works against desertification and pollution the  
border transiting water objects,

assist to international organizations and institutions in their  
activity on implementation of the programs and projects related  
to the Aral Sea basin problems,

promote (through educational and other programs) rising of  
the population being in the know about urgent problems of nature  
protection, rational nature use and improvement the social dwelling  
environment for present and future generations.

For the Republic of Kazakhstan  
For Kyrgyz Republic  
For the Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For the Republic of Uzbekistan

N. NAZARBAYEV  
A. AKAYEV  
E.RAKHMONOV  
S.NIYAZOV  
I. KARIMOV

Ashgabat, April, 9, 1999

**OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT BOARD OF THE REVISION COMMITTEE AND  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE IFAS**

According to Regulations about the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, the authorized Decision of Heads of the Central Asia states, in Ashgabad, April, 9 1999r., and the submitted offers of the Governments of the Central Asia states:

1. To form Board of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea of five members in the following structure:

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Utembaev Erjan Abdulkhayrovich, Prime minister Assistant,

**From the KYRGYZ Republic**

Silaev Boris Ivanovich, First the Vice-prime minister,

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

Eshmirzoev Ismat, Prime minister Assistant,

**From Turkmenistan**

Babayev Serdar Myatievich, Deputy chairman of the Cabinet.

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

Olimjonov Bakhtiyor Mamajanovich, Prime minister assistant.

2. To ratify structure of Revision Committee of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea Board of five members:

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Utepov Edward Karlovich, Chairman of Exchequer of the Ministry of Finance,

**From the KYRGYZ Republic**

Kanimetov Kubat Abdullaevich, Deputy Minister of finance

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

Safarov Sherali, Deputy Minister of finance,

**From Turkmenistan**

Magarriev Gurbandurdi Berdievich, The First Deputy Minister of Economy and finance,

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

Abdullaev Shukhrat Yuryevich, Deputy Minister of finance.

3. To create Executive Committee of the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA (Executive Committee of IFAS) from ten members - of two representatives from each state of the Central Asia in the following structure:

From Republic of Kazakhstan

Nurushev Almabek Nurushevich, Director of branch of the EC IFAS in Kazakhstan,

Ospanov Medet Ospanovich, director of a component A of GEF project,

From the KYRGYZ Republic

Omorov Manas Omorovich, director of KYRGYZ branch EC IFAS,

Bozov Qadirbek Dyushenalievich, director of a component B of GEF project,

From Republic of Tajikistan

Akramov Fayzullo Raufovich,

Aslov Sirojiddin Mukhrudinovich, director of component D of GEF project,

From Turkmenistan

Ovezov Amangeldi,

Balliev Kurbangeldi Begenchevich, director of a component C of GEF project,

From Republic of Uzbekistan

Mukhammadnazarov Lutfulla Khaknazarovich,

Pernabekov Serik Tungushevich, director of component E of GEF project.

The President of the  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING  
THE ARAL SEA,

the President of Turkmenistan

S.Niyazov

## **THE TASHKENT STATEMENT**

### **OF HEADS OF THE STATES OF REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN AND REPUBLICS UZBEKISTAN.**

The heads of the states of Republic of Kazakhstan, the KYRGYZ Republic, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Uzbekistan, have discussed actual problems of regional development and a world policy,

basing on traditional relations of friendship and good neighbourhood, a historical and cultural generality of people of the Central Asia,

proceeding from developed practice of political dialogue and the achieved level of regional cooperation,

mentioning the importance of mutually advantageous relations of Republic of Kazakhstan, the KYRGYZ Republic, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Uzbekistan for strengthening stability in region and international safety,

considering dynamically varying situation in region and around of it,

expressing concern in the threats proceeding from the international terrorism, political and religious extremism, narco-aggression of transborder organized crime for regional and international safety., Recognizing importance of rational and mutually advantageous use of water-power resources, transport communications and available economic potential in region.,

Attaching special significance to the further deepening of cooperation between the states of the region based on mutual understanding and mutual benefit in political, economic, humanitarian and other spheres, declare the following:

1. The heads of the states have confirmed, that mutually advantageous cooperation in political, economic, scientific and technical, cultural and other areas and as close interaction on international scene is equitable to national interests of all countries of region and plays the important role in maintenance of the world

and stability at regional and global levels.

The heads of the states mention, that the deepening of multilateral connections carried out in a vein of universal tendencies is called to promote performance of well-being of their people.

The heads of the states emphasize, that the main priority of interaction of the countries of region should become mutually advantageous economic cooperation.

2. The heads of the states, marking necessity of the further development of all-round and mutually advantageous economic relations, have charged the Governments to make active interaction at all levels with a view of:

practical realization of the unused potential of economic cooperation, and also giving of new pulses of its development;

developments of effective forms and mechanisms of realization of the achieved arrangements, and also the bilateral and multilateral documents signed in sphere of trade and economic cooperation between the states of region.

3. The heads of the states are convinced that the coordinated and agreed actions in the field of rational and mutually advantageous use of water objects, water-power resources and water-economic constructions in the Central Asia on the basis of the conventional principles and norms of international law, will form a basis for an effective utilization available agricultural and an energy potential of the states of region for the good of people of region.

The head of the states have charged the Governments to speed up work on perfection of the mechanism of state use of transborder water resources.

4. The heads of the states have noted, that interaction on creation of the common infrastructure, first of all, the incorporated transport and power systems with a view of coming to the foreign markets is one of priority directions of multilateral cooperation.

The heads of the states have noted necessity of strict performance before the achieved agreements and arrangements in the field of international automobile and rail transportation, and also have defined concrete directions of the further cooperation on increase



of efficiency of functioning of transport-communication system " Europe - Caucas-Asia ".

The heads of the states have recognized importance of carrying out of the coordinated tariff policy on all kinds of transport transportations in frameworks Trans-Caucasian, Euroasian transport network TRASEKL.

5. The heads of the states have emphasized importance of end of frontier line passage legal registration between the states on the basis of norms and principles of international law.

The heads of the states are uniform that borders between the countries of region were and will stay borders of the world, friendship and good neighbourhood.

6. The heads of the states, positively estimating the beginning of process of political settlement of the Afghani problem, have expressed in support of time administration of Afghanistan in H.Karzay's head, efforts of the United Nations and the world community, the tasks of post-war restoration of the country directed on the decision.

Considering a traditional good-neighbourhood between peoples of the Central Asia and people of Afghanistan, their historical and cultural generality, the Heads of the states express readiness to render humanitarian and other assistance to the Afghani people in construction of the updated and democratic state living in the peace and harmony with the neighbours and integrated into the international community.

7. The heads of the states with concern mark growth of intensity in relations between India and Pakistan. Sharply condemning recent act of terrorism in Parliament of India, entailed human victims, the Heads of the states call heads of India and Pakistan to show the state wisdom, to refrain from emergency measures and to settle available problems political means.

The heads of the states express hope for development and strengthening of a good-neighbourhood between India and Pakistan on a long-term basis that would be equitable to interests of maintenance of regional safety and stability.

8. The heads of the states, attaching priority significance to a

safety and stability in region, will undertake in these purposes all necessary joint efforts as within the framework of the Contract about joint actions on struggle against terrorism, political and religious extremism, the transnational organized crime and other threats of stability and safety of the Sides from April, 21, 2000, and other arrangements.

The heads of the states welcome steps of the world community on creation of universal system of counteraction to the international terrorism, extremism, narco-aggression and to other forms of the organized crime.

9. The heads of the states mention necessity of expansion and a deepening of interaction for cultural - humanitarian sphere as important factor of strengthening of cooperation and good neighbourhood of the countries and people of the Central Asia.

10. The heads of the states with a view of the further promotion and diversification of political dialogue, perfection of forms and mechanisms of regional economic integration, a deepening of mutual understanding on questions of formation of uniform space of safety, development of joint actions on maintenance of the world and stability in region, have supported activization of multiplane cooperation in the field of political, trade-economic, scientific-technical, cultural - humanitarian relations and have decided to transform Central - Asian Economic Community (CAEC) to the Organization " the Central - Asian Cooperation " (CAC).

11. The heads of the states charge to the Governments to consider all questions connected to transformation of the CAEC in CAC, including questions of the legal status of the new organization, authorized documents, inventories of agreement-legal base of CAEC for continuity of obligations of the sides following from working international legal documents of the CAEC and other aspects, and to make corresponding offers for consideration by Heads of the states.

12. The heads of the states emphasize, that constructive negotiations opennesses taken place in an atmosphere and mutual understanding, have brought in the significant contribution to the further development traditionally a good-neighbourhood and

mutually advantageous cooperation of the Central Asia states.

The heads of the states have agreed to continue meetings in a taken place format and have expressed gratitude for warm, hearty welcome rendered by the President of Republic of Uzbekistan of I.A. Karimov on the hospitable Uzbek land.

THE PRESIDENT  
OF REPUBLIC KAZAKHSTAN                      N.NAZARBAEV

THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC                      A.AKAEV

THE PRESIDENT  
OF REPUBLIC TAJIKISTAN                      E.RAKHMONOV

THE PRESIDENT  
OF REPUBLIC UZBEKISTAN                      I.KARIMOV

Tashkent, on December, 28, 2001

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The heads of the Central Asia states - founders of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea have decided:

To select the President of Republic of Tajikistan E.S.Rakhmonov as the President of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea for the period of two years

It is accomplished in Almaty on February, 28, 2002 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in archive of the Government of Republic of Kazakhstan which will direct to each state that has signed the present Decision, its certified copy

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION**

**OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT BOARD, OF THE REVISION COMMITTEE AND  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IFAS**

According to Regulations about the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, the authorized by the Decision of Heads of the Central Asia states in Ahsgabad April, 9, 1999, and the submitted offers of the Central Asia states Governments:

1. To form Board of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea of five members in the following structure:

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Esimov Akhmedjan Smagulovich, Prime minister assistant to the Minister of Agriculture;

**From the KYRGYZ republic**

Mambetov BazarbayEstebesovich, The constant representative of the KYRGYZ Republic at Euro-Asian economic Community, vice-Prime-minister;

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

Koimdodov Qozidavlat, The Prime minister assistant;

**From Turkmenistan**

Volmuradov Qurban Medetovich Minister of water management;

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

Jalalov Abdurakhim Abdurakhmanovich, the first deputy minister of rural and a water management

2. To ratify structure of the Revision Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea of five members:

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

Sutulov Fyodor Fyodorovich, Chairman of Financial Control Committee The Ministries of Finance;

**From the KYRGYZ Republic**

Moldoqulov Sadilbek Aydarkanovich, the Deputy Minister of finance;

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

Safarov Sherali, The Deputy Minister of Finance;

**From Turkmenistan**

Altiev Tekebay, the assistant minister of a water management;

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

Abdullaev Shuhrat Juryevich, The deputy minister of finance

3. To create Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (Executive Committee IFAS) in the following structure:

**From Republic of Kazakhstan**

1. Nurushev Almabek Nurushevich, Director of the Executive Committees of of the IFAS branch;

2. Ospanov Medet Ospanov, Director of the Component of the Global Environmental Foundation project

**From the KYRGYZ Republic**

1. Nogoybaev Adilbek Kudurbaevich, the assistant of the head of device Prime minister department;

2. Omorov Manas Omorovich, The Director of the Executive Committees of IFAS

**From Republic of Tajikistan**

Ibodzoda Khayrullo, The regional expert-energetic of the Global Environmental Foundation project

**From Turkmenistan**

Altiev Tekebay, The deputy minister of water management

**From Republic of Uzbekistan**

1. Pernabekov Serik Tngushevich Director of the component of the Global Environmental Foundation project;

2. Talipov Shukhrat Ganievich, The senior expert of State inspection of the Goernmental Water Ispection

The President of the

International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea,

The President of Republic of Tajikistan

E. Rakhmonov

Dushanbe Secretary EC IFAS

" " July, 2002.

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**THE DECISION  
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND RESCUE ARAL ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT OF  
CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

As agreed with Heads of the Central Asia states:

To appoint Aslov Sirojiddin Mukhridinovich as a Chairman of Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

The President of the  
International Fund of Saving the Aral Sea  
The President of Tajikistan

E.Rakhmonov

Of Dushanbe  
Secretary IFAS

**SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN N.A. NAZARBAEV**

*Dear colleagues!*

The ecological crisis in Aral Sea basin is recognized by international community as one of the biggest catastrophe of the XX century with the hardest consequences for the population of the region over 50 million in number.

In the speech in World Summit in Johannesburg I have once more attracted attention to the fact that after the collapse of USSR the states of our region are wide range of economical, political and ecological problems, including the problem with Aral Sea vanishing in our eyes.

With that I have underlined the fact that, international community, despite attention to this ecological problem of global scale, nevertheless have not rendered the help, which would help its solution.

I would like to remind, that because of a natural cataclysm and unreasonable economic activities the water area of the Aral Sea was reduced twice, the depth of water has decreased six times, Aral is no more a huge natural air-conditioner constraining cold air streams from the north and cooling air from the south; due to high density of salt and decrease of water situation with flora and fauna had exacerbated, tens of thousands of people were deprived from habitual way of living. Facts stated here are known by everybody, nevertheless, I think it is necessary to repeat again today for us, the leaders of the states of Central Asia it is important to understand that main and most vulnerable victim of the ecological misbalance is the population of the region. Statistical data is so much worrying, that it is possible to speak about threat to a genetic fund of the generation in whole of the people living here. Quality of life of the population of Priaralye area twice or much lower than in each of the states. Morbidity level grows, the level of oncology di Seases, infant and women mortality rates grow, the factor of social tension is present.



*Dear colleagues!*

The nations of our states assign to us huge responsibility in for the solution and prevention of ecological catastrophe in the region, and we should let the main thought penetrate us, that, reaching consensus and sequentially implementing mutually accepted solution, we guarantee ecological safety and economic stability not only in the region, but as well in whole Asian continent. Conduction of integration is impossible due to the essential distinctions in the legislation of our states and presence of purely national approaches in solution of problems especially affecting the region in whole. Therefore I see relevant to adopt only such national laws which will consider not only the interest of the nation but as well the interest of the bordering countries, nations of Central Asia united by common history, culture, language.

Created by the Heads of the states of Central Asia - International Intergovernmental Institute - the International Fund of Saving Aral has become the powerful tool of collective influence on ecological, Social-Economic situation in the Aral Sea basin.

Due to the activities of the heads of the states of Central Asia the Fund, headed on rotating basis has received wide recognition and support of international community. Adopted within the framework of INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA, a Kyzylorda, Nucuss, AlmaAty declaration, Tashkent and Ashgabad Declaration of the heads of the states of Central Asia, Aral Sea basin program and other documents have laid the basis for the solution of the problems on improvement of environment water use and ecological situation in Priaralye.

I would like to underline, that to our mind, the activity of IFAS under patronage of the heads of the states is still demanded. And the current Board of Fund formed out of deputy heads of the states the participants is an executive body of IFAS making decisions on the problems of mitigation of the consequences of an ecological catastrophe for the population Priaralye. In this connection we find it prematurely to reject the patronage IFAS and to transfer it at the level of the heads of the states. I think, you will support me.

Elimination of the consequences of the Aral disaster is a heavy

burden for the economies of all countries of the basin. Therefore Fund conducts activities on intensification of cooperation with donor countries and international organizations attracting their resources to implementation of the regional and national programs. Governments of the countries of the region together with World Bank, donor countries and international organizations are to implement regional project consisting of many components under aegis of Global Economic Fund " Water resources management and environment in the Aral Sea basin". Present project should be considered as a main component of regional safety system and is very important to extend this activity within the framework of the new program.

We maintain offered by the President of INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA E. Rahmonov emergency measures on overcoming the ecological catastrophe in a zone of the Aral Sea. We consider as indispensable to supplement priority areas of activity of Fund by following directions of regional cooperation:

- To developing regional and national water saving programs and reduction of water use in the branches of economy
- To develop international sanitary ecological improvement of living settlements and natural Priaralye ecosystems;
- To develop international program on rehabilitation of environmental stability and biological reproduction of valuable natural ecosystems of Aral Sea basin enrolled into the list of internationally secured objects.

One of the key components of cooperation of the states of Central Asia is still joint management and rational use of water resources of the Aral Sea basin, full solution of water use problems. Water resources is the subject of the special attention of the heads of the states and regional authorities as for distribution and rational use of water in Central Asia is always determined by the dynamic of the changes of the development of the states.

With the purposes of agreed upon water use strategy, and also with the purpose of preservations of the Aral Sea and deltas of the rivers of Amu Darya and Syr Darya it appears necessary to undertake number of concrete measures:

**First:** with the purposes of intensification of interaction between the states of the lower and upper flow of the rivers Syr Darya and Amu Darya it is important to create UN Special Panel in charge of the solution of the Aral problem and involvement of the resources of developed countries and big financial organization. There is as well as issue of establishing on the basis operating water use associations in the basin of Aral Sea "Syr Dary" and "Amu Darya" and other water use organizations of international administration on the rivers Syr Daruya and Amu Darya. The representatives of each country of the basin, donor countries, international organizations should be included into the list of actors.

**Second:** it is necessary to accelerate the adoption of the intergovernmental agreements " On institution capacity building of management, security, and development of water resources in the Aral Sea basin" and "On establishment and function of national, basin and regional databases and regional of the complex use and protection of crossborder water resources of the Aral Sea basin"

**Third:** It is necessary to create centralized financial basin from part of the money to sustain the regional structures (despite the rotation), and as well the conduction of all regional events which usually are not that much recourse consuming The considerable portion of such events can be distributed according to the projects and, however the maintenance of the structures and coordination has to delegated to the countries of the Central Asia, what will support their independent direction making

**Fourth:** there emerges necessity of the final decision on location of EC IFAS, as for constant transfer of the office will take considerable material resources, and the process of re-stationing of the staffs and setting up of the office takes much time.

**Fifth:** to give task to the Board of the Fund to start Sea preparation on consideration and association of the countries to the Convention of UN European Economic Commission on protection and use of crossborder water flows and international lakes signed on the 17th of May 1992 in Helsinki.

**Sixth:** It is necessary to develop the main document on implementation of a unified international strategy on rehabilitation

and sustainable development

of Aral Sea resources -International Convention on sustainable development the Aral Sea basin, which we can adopt in our coming meeting . The present convention must contain mutually elaborated mechanism of division of the aquatory of these rivers and interstate water balance v, providing maintenance and in multiwater years increase of the level of the Aral Sea, and also must reflect tendency of the states of the region for accord and mutual understanding in the issues of water use, protection Priaralye area ecology regarding national water strategies of the states -the founders of Fund.

Today it is clear that absence of the unified approach in a assessment of environment, economic activities influence on ecosystem, economic mechanism of the use of natural resources at large scale withholds and even slows down the effective decision making of the Aral Sea problems.

I express assuredness in the fact that new leadership of Fund under the chairmanship of respected Emomali Shariyev will concentrate all the efforts at priority directions of improvement of environment in the region and economic rise of countries of Central Asia.

*Thank you for attention!*

**SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZSTAN  
ASKAR AKAEV**

*Dear President of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea Emomali Sharipovich!*

*Dear Heads of States!*

*Dear members of delegations!*

Let me to express my gratitude to the President of Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Shari povich for the arrangement of the current meeting of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea. Taking into consideration the seriousness of the Aral problem, I hope, this meeting gives the specific impulse for the promotion of the joint efforts for stabilization of environment, perfection of interaction in terms of water resources of Central Asian countries on the basis of reasonable and rational water use.

*Dear Heads of States!*

Our present meeting once more underlines tendency of the States to mitigate consequences of the Aral crisis. Kyrgyz Republic is not an exception; we show our good will and participate in rehabilitation of the Aral Sea basin. We contribute according to our capacities to the saving of the Aral Sea.

Kyrgyzstan, being the second water resource country in Central Asia after Tajikistan, produces its considerable portion of the water resources to the neighboring countries.

Besides we bear all the expenditures on maintenance and exploitation of intercountry water facilities.

The model of cooperation on it demands new forms of interaction considering market economy and present conditions of the Social-Economic development of the region.

The principles of the old system of water resources distribution, inherited from the Soviet times can not completely satisfy the countries of upper flow, which are in unfavorable situation comparatively to the countries of the lower flow. The water we

provide no matter the volume can not restore water balance of Priaralye area.

*Dear Heads of the States!*

It is remarkable that the next meeting of the Heads of the States, take place at the edge of the years 2002 and 2003, which are declared the years of Mountains and Water respectively by initiative of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Mountains and water have indivisible relations and play great role in formation of the water balance in Central Asian region. International community supported the declaration of the year of mountains in 2002 and the year of drinking water in 2003 gives evidence of a great interest of the countries of the world and international organizations to the problems of mountains' and water ecosystems.

The development of mountainous states and regions of the world, improvement the quality of drinking water, regarding the fact that out of 70% of the territory of the planet only 3% of water could be used as a drinking water and only 1% of the land of the world is covered by pure water ecosystems, where practically half of the population of the planet lives close to these pure water ecosystems.

Using the chance, I would like to mark that according to UN data on sweet water reservoirs more than 40% of the population of the Earth suffer from the lack of water. The situation will be more aggravating more and more as for the population of the planet increases for about 80 million a year and the use of water grew faster than population rate within the recent decades.

The statistics shows the acuteness of the problem. It is evident that restoration of the Aral Sea basin according to the previous plan is not possible, but it is possible to rehabilitate the disaster zone in the Aral Sea basin and stabilize the situation with the Aral. For this purpose it is crucial to reduce the losses of water in the rivers' basins, that will demand big scale reconstruction of irrigation and drainage systems or to implement hydrotechnical measures of local character in order to regulate the basin .

Among the most actual measures we can consider the following ones:

- Preservation of the Small Sea through water influx to Big Sea;
- Preservation of the basin in a western part of the Big Sea at the level of the 31 - 31 m.;
- To restore the basins in some former bays in the South of the Sea and in the delta of Amu Darya.

Taking into consideration the aforementioned, I consider that all our efforts should be directed for the practical realization of the IFAS programs and Social-Economic developments of the Aral area. The highest appreciation of our efforts will be gratitude of the future generations.

The success in localization of the crisis in the Aral Sea basin considerably depends upon effectiveness of efforts, applied by the countries of the region and also support of the international community and cooperation with all interested countries of the world.

It is necessary to use rationally the water up to the limits of reasonable sufficiency and by this way to keep it for the future generations. According to UN experts opinion the use of water in Central Asia is extremely wasteful. According to their calculations on cultivation of the separate sorts of the agricultural products irrigated water is used 10 times more than it is required for the normal growth of the plants.

It has also been taken into account that in connection with the recovery of peace in Afghanistan water use will be increased and for this reason the flow of the riverbeds of Amu Darya and Aral can be acutely reduced. This fact as well reminds us that we have to use water in a reasonable way.

It is necessary to take into account that the main complexity of environment rehabilitation of the Aral region is that the majority of the offered projects on improvement of effectiveness and sustainability of the water systems in Central Asia require international efforts in terms of the investments into infrastructure (irrigation system, drainage, sustainable agricultural development and restoration of the forests).

Namely in order to find solutions and for these and other issues the activity of the IFAS appears to be extremely important.

*Dear colleagues!*

The heads of the countries of our region are creating the legal basis for the concrete waterflows.

flow and there are already bilateral agreements of some countries based on share participation in maintenance of the intercountry water facilities construction.

To create facilities producing products using the local agricultural materials will require additional investments into land and water resources. Resuming that the states have to come to the reasonable conclusion and will have to divert the economy development strategy, in first turn agriculture to mitigate ecological crisis in the Aral Sea basin.

Taking into consideration the negative influence of Aral on the glacier formation, Kyrgyzstan offers to draw your attention to the necessity of the protection of the river flow formation zones or glaciers, the size of which is decreasing due to the coat of sands and the global warming of the climate.

*Thank you for attention!*



**THE SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN ISLOM KARIMOV  
IN THE SUMMIT OF THE CENTRAL ASIAN LEADERS  
ON THE ARAL SEA PROBLEMS.**

*Dear heads of states, ladies and gentlemen!*

Let me on behalf of Uzbek delegation once again express gratitude to the President Emomai Sharipovich Rahmonov for hospitality and for attention given to the participants of our meeting.

As you know, in March of the coming year there will be 10 year anniversary of establishment of International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, and in threshold of a decade of creation of Fund it is possible to resume its activity.

Indisputable contribution of the Fund is that we managed to attract attention of world community, governments of many countries of the world and many international institutes to the Aral Sea problems. Today problems, which we call the Aral crisis, are of planetary scale and bears in it threat to vast regions far outside Central Asia. The solution of this most complicated problem can be elaborated solely by joint efforts of the countries of Central Asia coordinated with international community effort.

Presently under the support and participation of World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Union, Global Environmental Fundation, various international organizations and some countries of the world many projects are implemented, focused on improvement of environment in the region.

Even, though these projects are mainly to mitigate the repercussions of the Aral crisis and unfortunately do not give desirable result in elimination of natural reasons of the crisis.

In this connection it appears to be expedient to take joint steps on developing and implementation of bigger scale projects including means of elimination of the natural reasons of this ecological catastrophe.

*Dear friends!*

I would like put special emphasis on the fact that the nature of the Aral crisis remains yet not comprehended, though thousands of conferences, workshops, round tables and other forums have been conducted.

The solution of the Priaralye tragedy depends on our mutual activities in terms of rational water use. The shortage of a water in region is caused not only by limited availability of water resources, but as well by unreasonable use and absence of concrete measures of water saving.

The calculations made by experts prove that specific costs of a water per one hectare of irrigated land, per capita, per unit of production in our region considerably exceed level of similar water expenditures in other countries.

We have vast reserves and to use them do not require large-scale investments it is an effective control of water resources, decrease of non-productive losses, improvement of irrigation and other issues.

The questions of big importance in our region are the questions of provision of quality and evidence based prognoses Seasonal fluctuations in mountain water creation sources, that will allow to prevent probable such natural disasters as high waters, mudslides, landslides etc.

In this connection, apparently, it is expedient to make a decision on provision hydrometeorological information, to all the states and system of data exchange on observations made in the regions through national hydrometeorological services.

Considering, the fact that limited water resources is one of reasons of the Aral crisis, it will be expedient to consider possibility of delegation of special status to Intergovernmental Coordination Water use Commission with powers on water resources and simultaneously initiate the transformation of IFAS into UN structure.

*Dear friends!*

Concluding my speech I would like to express my assuredness in the fact that IFAS is able and will considerably contribute to the solution vital matters for our nations on improvement of

environment in the Aral Sea basin.

Using the chance I would like to wish the President of Fund Emomali Sharipovich Rahmonov success in His activities.

*Thank you for attention!*

**SPEECH OF PRESIDENT  
OF REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN E. S. RAKHMONOV  
AT THE SUMMIT OF IFAS**

*Dear Heads of the States, dear guests,  
Ladies and gentlemen,*

Our meeting takes place in the Varzob valley one of the beautiful corners of the country, where we can enjoy fresh air, fantastic mountain view and pure water.

I hope, that the ambient wonderful environment will inspire us in our activity.

*Dear friends!*

We face difficult problems solution of which influences many things in our region, and not only in the region, as the Aral crisis since has already stepped over all the borders and has affected the territory far outside Central Asia. Now it is considered to be a problem of a planetary scale along with a warming of climate and destruction of ozone layer of the atmosphere.

Recently finished Summit on sustainable development held in SAR pinpointed the interest to this problem in correlation with the human rights for healthy life in harmony with the nature.

It is not a secret, that recently climate had essentially changed in terms of global warming Though Tajikistan is situated in the high lands and more than fifty five percents of a drain of the rivers of the the Aral Sea basin are formed in our territory, however, the results of the monitoring shows that the glaciers of the Pamirs melt with disastrous speed.

All of us are the eyewitnesses of alternation of the draught with the heavy sediment years, which replace one another with the speed confusing the experts, and not only them. The scientists see correlation of all processes with a fading of the Aral Sea.

Annually the phenomenon affects our country, and causes enormous damage, and sometimes the human casualties.

The origin of the Aral crisis in many respects is connected

with the unreasonable and inefficient water use it is technogenic, that is the impact of human factor, if it is possible to express in this way, has become a main reason of this disaster.

Discovering of new lands seemed so attractive, increasing industrial and agricultural growth and intensifying the exploitation of natural resources; people have overlooked the natural laws of development. Nature does not forgive insane and wasteful exploitation. We do not think, that the Aral crisis is solely environmental problem, and we consider it as a complex of Social-Economic problems induced by destruction of a habitat, or sphere of human activity.

So that it is easy to imagine the scale of the work we have to perform.

For the recent period of activity of Fund the liaisons with international financial organizations and donor countries were adjusted, which were they were involved in implementation of the projects and programs and have rendered considerable support to bodies and institutes of the Fund. Using this chance, we address them with call to grow support in the future and to help in solution of the problems, faced by the Fund. Which is the matter of concern for all the international community.

We see our mission in development of these achievements, creation of new contacts and further perfecting of the forms and methods of our cooperation.

With these purposes we introduce a number of the concrete proposals related to directions of activity program, which will be reasonable to adopt in this meeting.

I would like to state say words of gratitude to address the colleagues, who have understood the importance of the problem and have rendered number of valuable remarks. I express assuredness that the priority directions will become a reference point for activity within the frame of Fund's activity and we will manage by mutual efforts to achieve their implementation.

The problem of working out of a new Activity Program till the year 2010 stands as a prior task of the Executive Committee and under our consideration the project with the relevant solution is

submitted, being based on it, the Executive Committee together with governments of our countries will develop the Program.

I would like to set up our vision of main directions, on which according to our opinion the prime attention should be paid.

During the years of lack of water, as well as heavy and sustainable rains of this year with all acuteness have showed the role of dams in regulation of water flow.

Now the problem of aging of main assets is becoming more and more acute.

According to statistics many units are worn out for 50% and equipment is more worn out. This problem concerns all types of dams, both power and irrigation type ones, together with other hydro engineering facilities. Even one of highest in the world dam, the Nurek hydro-electric power station, constructed in regards of waterpower plants on the river Vakhsh, in view of not completed construction of Rogun station is subjected to severe impacts and intensive silting.

Besides it is impossible to overlook natural dams. First of all, it concerns Sarez Lake, which is considerable threat for the region. Therefore dams safety control programs become the most important.

In spite of the fact that the considerable amount of time the issues of joint monitoring is discussed a problem on organization of joint monitoring of environment and the necessity of the solution of this problem by is comprehended, however practical steps in this direction are insufficient.

And costly measures can not be afforded by solely our efforts.

I offer to concentrate our efforts on the main moments of a problem of the monitoring, both in higher levels and in lower levels of the rivers of the Aral Sea basin.

Other directions of our activity are in social sphere. The Aral crisis had induced a set of social problems, such as unemployment, protection of health and so on, which are true for all our countries without exception. Therefore this problem should be considered among main activities of the Fund.

It is also necessary to create strong legal bases for rational use of water resources.

This clause of the proposal of Nursultan Abishevich has to be paid more attention in terms of involving UN and other IOs experts.

One more important point of our meeting is that we offer to change the scheme of financing of Executive Committee of Fund.

The existing practice- accumulation of the membership payment of the States in the branch offices of the Executive Committee has resulted in donors' financing stoppage and the activity of the Fund was based in regards of donor support.

Centralization of a part of the installments will animate the activity of the body and will increase its efficiency and responsibility for the solution of the problems.

*Dear friends!*

As you know, the next year by the Resolution of UN General Assembly by the initiative of Tajikistan in the co-authorship with one hundred forty nine countries of the world, including these states, is declared the International year of fresh water, which is symbolized by the water manufactured in the US.

I think, that our countries should contribute to the effective realization of this event and in this connection we offer to conduct in Dushanbe in September of the next year an international forum, which should demonstrate our determination to achieve improvement of ecological situation in the region.

In conclusion I want to wish to all of us fruitful work, the outcomes of are anticipated with the interest not only by our nations, but also by the international community.

*Thank you for attention!*

**DECISION  
MADE BY THE HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIAN  
COUNTRIES ON "MAIN DIRECTIONS OF THE ACTION PLAN  
FOR IMPROVING THE ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC  
SITUATION IN THE ARAL SEA BASIN  
FOR THE PERIOD OF 2003-2010"**

1. Approve "Main directions of special action plan for improving the ecological and social-economic situation in the Aral Sea Basin for the period of 2003-2010".

2. The Executive Committee jointly with the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination and Interstate Committee on Sustainable Development upon the agreement with the governments of the countries develop "Special Action Program for improving the Ecological and Social-Economic situation of the Aral Sea Basin for the period of 2003-2010" (ASBP -2) by March 1, 2003 and present it for IFAS Board approval and find potential donors for financing the Program.

3. The Governments of the IFAS countries-founders , Executive Committee, Interstate Commission for Water Coordination and Interstate Committee on Sustainable Development provide assistance to finish the works commenced on Water and Environment Management Project.

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FOR KYRGYZ REPUBLIC  
FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN



**Attachment to “Main directions of special action program for improving the Ecological and socio-economic situation in the Aral Sea Basin for the period of 2003-2010” based on the decisions made by the Presidents of the Central Asian countries.**

**Main directions of special action program for improving the Ecological and social-economic situation in the Aral Sea Basin for the period of 2003-2010**

№	Priorities	Objectives
1	Development of mechanisms on water resource management in the Aral Sea Basin	Package of agreements on Syr Darya River Basin Package of agreements on Amu Darya River Basin
2.	Rehabilitation of water supply facilities and improvement of water and land resource use	Rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage infrastructure in the Central Asian countries  Providing dam and water reservoir safety  Improve the effectiveness of land resources use and increase of productivity
3	Improvement of environment monitoring systems	Development of the regional data base on water resources for forecasting water inflow  Development of transboundary water monitoring system  Improvement of monitoring system for snow-glacier resources of the region  Development of the regional model for climate change and the impact on the status of water resources in the Aral Sea Basin
4	Program on natural disasters' control	Development of water and wind erosion prevention project  Data base protective measures  Maintaining and restoring of forest fund in the runoff area and in Priaralye  Flood control, regulation and other activities related with monitoring and liquidation of natural disasters implications

5	Regional program on social assistance	<p>Promotion in the implementation of health care programs in the Central Asian countries</p> <p>Promotion in implementation of programs on improving the life standards of the population and creation of new places of job</p> <p>Assistance in the implementation of programs on providing the population with drinking water</p> <p>Development of ecological educational programs for sustainable development of the region</p> <p>Cooperation between non-governmental organizations in the Central Asian Republics (NGO- CAR) and public active participation in resolving the problems of the Aral Sea</p>
6	Strengthening of the material-technical bases of interstate agencies	Strengthening of the material-technical and legislative bases of interstate agencies (EC-IFAS, ICWC, ICSD, BVO "Syr Darya" and BVO "Amu Darya")
7	Development and implementation of the regional and national programs on nature protection in the runoff areas	Development and implementation of the regional and national programs of nature protection in the runoff areas
8	Development and implementation of the regional and national programs on rational water consumption in the CA countries	Rehabilitation of irrigation, drainage systems and improvement of irrigated lands productivity in the Central Asia
9	Development and implementation of international program on sanitary-ecological rehabilitation of settlements and natural ecosystems of Priaralye	Promotion in the implementation of projects on sanitation of natural ecosystems of Priaralye.
10	Development of international program on restoration of ecological sustainability and biological productivity	Promotion in implementation of projects on restoration of ecological sustainability and biological productivity of natural ecosystems in the Aral Sea area
11	Development of the concept on sustainable development in the Aral Sea Basin	Development and approval of the principal program documents for implementing common policy on rehabilitation and sustainable development of the Aral Sea Basin
12	Regional program on desertification monitoring	Desertification monitoring and development of alternative methods of management
		Desertification monitoring
13	Development of wetlands in downstream reaches of Amu Darya and Syr Darya Rivers	Conservation of wetlands in downstream reaches of the rivers
14	Improvement the system of saline water drainage	Measures for improving the quality of drainage water

**DECISION  
MADE BY THE HEADS OF CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES ON  
SUPPORTING THE EC-IFAS ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

1. It is necessary to support the EC-IFAS activities at the expense of the countries-founders that allocate their contributions to the Fund.

2. Entrust the governments of the IFAS countries-founders to agree and make a decision on providing the Executive Committee of the IFAS with organizational and financial support during one month period

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FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN  
FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**DECISION  
MADE BY THE HEADS OF CENTRAL ASIAN STATES  
ON THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE IFAS PRESIDENT**

**2. SET THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE IFAS PRESIDENT  
FOR THREE YEARS**

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FOR TURKMENISTAN  
FOR THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

## **DUSHANBE DECLARATION**

The Central Asian States and the International Organisations pay their earnest attention and make all the efforts to overcome the ecological and socio-economic crisis in the Aral Sea Basin and improve the ecological situation in the region.

The Presidents of the Central Asian states - Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan,

- expressing the concern for aggravation of the ecological crisis in the Aral Sea Basin;
- aiming to fulfil the decisions made by implementing the Action Plan on the Aral Sea problems and development the concept of sustainable development for the countries around the Aral Sea Basin;
- affirming earlier approved decisions on effective use and protection of water resources of the Aral Sea Basin by taking into account the interests of all countries of the region and by observing the principles of good-neighbourhood and mutual respect;
- noting that the regional institutional agencies have potential capacities to initiate the projects related with the interstate problems such as protection and rational use of natural resources as well as mitigation of the Aral Sea crisis;
- taking into account the Resolution of the UN General Assembly #55/196 on announcing the 2003 year as the International Year of Fresh Water and stating that this year coincides with the 10-th anniversary of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea;
- expressing sustainable aspiration for joint and combined efforts to overcome the consequences of the crisis and provide ecological stability in the region;
- considering that natural disasters are occurring more frequently in the last years;
- assuming the responsibility before the future generations, considering that for the radical change of the situation, related

with this planetary crisis there would be needed additional measures directed for the improvement of the ecological situation in the Aral Sea Basin and solving the problems related with the crisis;

Declare to :

- define the main directions for solving the problems related with the Aral Sea crisis, enhancement of socio-ecological conditions in the region and improve the life conditions of the population of the Aral Sea Basin;
- consider the provision of drinking water supply for the Aral Sea Basin as priority measures in improving socio-ecological conditions;
- conduct International Forum on Pure Water and Rational Water Use in Dushanbe in September, 2003 with direct participation of the countries of the region;
- strengthen the role of the Executive Committee of the IFAS for coordinating donors activities and attracting funds for the implementation of projects and programs and the role of Interstate Water Commission for Water Coordination in management and regulation of transboundary water use;
- consider the criticism of the UNDP in regard to the EC IFAS activities true and deserving careful consideration in its future activities;
- consider the question of locating the EC IFAS in one of the cities of the countries-founders on permanent basis and present the draft decision during regular meeting of the Heads of IFAS countries-founders ;
- make arrangements on the event dedicated to the 10-th anniversary of IFAS with participation of all countries of the region and international organisations, with the demonstration of plans, programs and scientific and technical achievements in rational nature resources use and improvement of social life of the population of the countries of the region;
- speed up the development of practical measures on increasing the volumes of drainage water use;
- provide possible assistance to the countries being exposed to

- natural disasters;
- speed up the actions on combating desertification and transboundary water pollution;
- create necessary conditions for international organizations and institutions in their activities on attracting funds for implementing projects and programs in the Aral Sea Basin;
- state the need for establishing a special UN commission being responsible for coordination of international organisations and countries-donors activities in resolving the Aral Sea Basin problems;
- improve monitoring and exchange of information systems between the countries on water and other natural resources situation with the purpose of making timely and correct decisions on their rational use;
- utilise the outcomes of the projects on water and energy resources management for effective and mutually beneficial cooperation.

For the Republic of Kazakhstan:

For the Kyrgyz Republic:

For the Republic of Tajikistan:

For Turkmenistan:

For the Republic of Uzbekistan:

Dushanbe city, October 6, 2002

**"Approved"**  
**President of the International**  
**Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.**  
**President of the Republic of Tajikistan**  
**E. SH. Rahmonov**

"2" July 2002

**REGULATION**  
**OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL**  
**FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA (EC- IFAS)**

1.1 The Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (further EC-IFAS) is the standing, executive and managerial working body of the IFAS and was established by the states-founders: Republic of Kazakstan, Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

1.2 The EC-IFAS is the successor of the regulations, property and other assets of the preceding EC- IFAS created by the President of IFAS- President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on March 20 1997 and President of IFAS - President of Turkmenistan on October 18 1999.

The President of IFAS in agreement with the Presidents of the Central Asian States appoints the Chairman of the EC-IFAS and will organize the activities independently and carries out responsibilities for the EC-IFAS activities .

1.3 The legal address of the EC-IFAS is:  
40 Rudaki avenue. Dushanbe city, Republic of Tajikistan  
The official name of Executive Committee is:

In Russian: Исполнительный Комитет Международного Фонда  
Спасения  
Арала (ИК-МФСА)

In English: Executive Committee of the International Fund for



## Saving the Aral Sea (EC-IFAS)

### **2. Legal status**

2.1 The EC-IFAS is a juridical person with the status of international organization which has corresponding immunities and privileges.

2.2 In accordance with the approved principal management scheme of IFAS and with the recommendation of the States-Founders the EC-IFAS shall establish its branches, units as well as social and other Funds for improving the socio- ecological conditions in the the Aral Sea basin.

2.3 The EC-IFAS opens current and settlement accounts in national and foreign currencies to finance its activities. The EC-IFAS will accumulate contributions of the States-Founders, international organizations, donors, grants, charitable and other donations from the juridical and physical persons with the purpose to implement projects, programs and provide urgent assistance to the population of the Aral Sea basin.

2.4 The EC-IFAS activities, property and belongings are exempted from all kinds of taxes and duties. The contributions of the States-Founders, states-donors, international organizations, grants and donations of the juridical and physical persons, foreign countries and countries of the Central Asia as well as technical, equipment, materials, food, medicines and other kinds of assistance are not subject to taxation. The IFAS organizations and their personnel are released from the customs payments while they are importing or exporting their personal belongings, things, materials, equipment that needed for personal and business use as well as for performing their functions.

2.5. The activities of the EC-IFAS is financed at the expense of contributions of the States-Founders, World Bank resources, UN programs, international organizations, donors, grants as well charitable donations of physical and juridical persons, foreign countries and the countries of Central Asia.

2.6. The EC-IFAS has rights to:

- make contracts, agreements, obtain and alienate property and

non-property rights, appeal and participate in Economic and Arbitrary Courts;

- receive from the ministries, agencies and statistical institutions, executive bodies of the states- founders necessary data for fulfilling assigned to EC-IFAS tasks according to the procedures.
- evaluate the documentation submitted by the IFAS branches about their activity progress and outcomes.
- together with the interested ministries and agencies of the states-fonder and commercial companies develop procedures on how to attract organizations and physical persons to implement programs and projects that could resolve the Aral Sea basin problems.
- attract experts, make contracts with the organizations, institutions, and other physical and juridical persons;
- define priority spheres for channeling IFAS funds within the framework of ecological, water management and social programs and projects implementation; announce bids, deposit funds in banking institutions.

2.7. The states-founders shall not carry out responsibilities for the EC-IFAS obligations as well as the EC-IFAS for the states-founders obligations.

2.8. The official language of the EC-IFAS is Russian and English

### **3. Goals and objectives**

3.1. The Executive Committee is established with the purpose of:

- ensure the practical implementation of decisions made by the Council of the Heads of the Central Asian countries, President of the Fund and Board of IFAS on the the Aral Sea basin problemsBasin;
- implement projects and programs related to the Aral Sea basin.
- coordinate the activities of the IFAS branches located in the territories of the IFAS states-founders;
- promote in the work of the Interstate Water Management Coordinating Commission (ICWC) and the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD); expand the collaboration between the international organizations, donor countries,

ecological and other funds for activating the activities on the problems of environment and rehabilitation of ecologically depressed areas;

- use financial and other resources and ensure their earmarked use.

To achieve the above outlined goals the EC-IFAS will:

- participate in preparation, development and implementation of and programs of the Aral Sea Basin;
- coordinate and supervise the activities of regional projects of the Aral Sea Basin;
- organize the interactions between the ministries, agencies, public ecological and other organizations of the Central Asian countries, provides the representation of the IFAS in international organizations and institutions;
- examine the conception, programs and projects on the the Aral Sea basin problems and make corresponding decisions;
- provide the States-Founders and the Funds members with the information regarding its activities;
- carry out scientific-informative and editorial-publishing activities;
- secure the IFAS documentation;
- prepare materials for conducting Board of IFAS meetings (based on preceding decisions or with the proposals of the States-Founders of the Fund), as well as conferences and summit of the Heads of the Central Asian countries on the the Aral Sea basin problems.

#### **4. Branches and regional projects related with the the Aral Sea basin problems Basin**

4.1 The branches of the EC-IFAS are established in all the Central Asian countries and will be the territorial bodies of the EC-IFAS. In addition, there can be established additional EC-IFAS branch units with the proposal of the States- founders.

4.2 The EC-IFAS branches are juridical persons and have their accounts including hard currency accounts.

4.3 The Branches and their units are financed at the expense of the contributions of the states-founders in the territories of their

location.

4.4 The Branches interact with the state, public ecological and other organizations, juridical and physical persons as well as with the structures of different forms of ownership and promote in expanding the collaboration related with the Aral Sea Basin issues.

4.5 The Branches will act in conformity with the legislation of the states, by the decision of the President of IFAS, Board of Fund, Orders, EC instructions and this Regulation.

4.6 The Chairman of EC-IFAS appoints and dismisses directors of branches located in the territories of the states on the proposal of the EC-IFAS.

4.7 The director manages the branch and carries out personal responsibilities for the organization of work, accomplishment of assigned tasks, defines the authorization and activities of the unit.

4.8 The staff number of branches and their units are determined by the governments of the states-founders or authorized organs and presented to the EC Chairman for approval.

4.9 The financial year is established from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year. The Branches submit quarterly reports and their financial balance to the EC-IFAS for approval.

4.10 Book-keeping and accounting are carried out according to the procedures established by the legislation of the country where those branches are located.

4.11 The control over the production and financial operations of the branches implemented by the EC-IFAS.

4.12 Making modifications and amendments to the activities, working hours of branches is in the competence of the EC-IFAS.

4.13 The activity of Branches is terminated by the decision of the EC-IFAS based on the proposal of the states or due to the structural management changes.

## **5. EC-IFAS functioning mechanism**

5.1 The EC is headed by the Chairman who is appointed and dismissed by the President of IFAS with the consent of the Presidents of the Central Asian countries.

5.2 The Chairman of the EC-IFAS carries out personal responsibilities for the implementation of task assigned to the EC-IFAS, performs managerial functions, defines authorizations and duties of the EC employees.

5.3 In order to ensure the efficiency of work of the EC-IFAS the Governments of states-founders will nominate two authorized representatives from each states-founders of the IFAS. The chairman of the EC-IFAS will supervise and manage their activities.

5.4 The Chairman of the EC-IFAS will promote the activities. According to the decisions of the Council of the Heads of the Central Asia, President of IFAS and Board of Fund will coordinate all the, activities of the Commission on Sustainable Development (SDC), Interstate Water Management Coordinating Commission (ICWC) that related to the the Aral Sea basin problemsBasin.

5.5 The Chairman of the EC-IFAS issues orders, instructions and makes decisions within his competency and on the base of the President of IFAS, Board of IFAS gives directions that are obligatory for all the branches, assistance Funds and all other units and subdivisions of IFAS.

5.6 The Chairman approves the staff numbers, the regulation for the structural units and other normative documents that determine the rights and functions of officials..

5.7 The Chairman of EC-IFAS approves the financial estimate and progam documents of the regional projects and their managers.

5.8 The maintenance o1 the EC-IFAS apparatus is supported at the expense contributions of the states-founders, grants of. donors, World Bank and other international organizations according to the staff list that is approved by the Chairman of the EC-IFAS.

5.9 The chairman of the EC-IFAS shall act on behalf of the IFAS without a power of attorney, represent its interests, manage the resources and property, sign agreements, hire and dismiss the EC-IFAS employees and leaders of the structural subdivisions. The Chairman will submit to the President of IFAS. Governments esponsible for arranging nieetings a about the level of competency and qualification of authorized representatives ndspecialists who were assigned to work for the EC-IFAS.

5.10 The Chairman of the EC-IFAS will submit to the Board of Fund a final report on the EC-IFAS activities at the end of the financial year.

## **6. Auditing the EC-IFAS activities**

6.1 The first financial year of the EC-IFAS shall be the period from the date of the EC-IFAS Regulation approval until the end of the relevant calendar year. Further, t appointments with the Govern on January 1 and finish on December 31 of each year.

6.2 By the results of each subsequent financial year the EC-IFAS shall provide an independent auditing of its financial transactions and submit final report to the Audit Commission of the IFAS.

## **7. Liquidation and reorganization of EC-IFAS**

7.1 Liquidation, reorganization or moving the EC-IFAS to different country is executed on the base of the decision of the Heads of the Central Asian countries.

7.2 In case of making decision on the EC-IFAS liquidation the Chairman of EC- IFAS shall forin the liquidation commission by his order and provide its execution in accordance with the existing legislation of the country where the EC-IFAS and its offices and units were located.

7.3 The property, belongings, resources left after the liquidation or reorganization shall be given at the disposal of the governments of the states- founders depending on their share contributions.

7.4 The EC-IFAS shall lose the legal right of the juridical person and does not longer exist from the date when the decision on approving the results of work of the Liquidation Commission was made.

Dz.tshanhe city  
Secretariat of EC-IFAS  
June 28 2002

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE  
ARAL SEA  
THE INFORMATION ON PERFORMANCE  
OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES HEADS DECISIONS  
FROM FEBRUARY, 28, 1997 IN ALMATY**

May, 29 1997

Tashkent

1.1 To take into account and to a management of the IFAS President decision №№ 1P-IK, 2P-IK, 3P-IK from March, 20 1997, and to charge Executive committee of the IFAS to provide them strict performance.

1.2. To members of the IFAS Board, to speed up creation of Fund branches in their states and to provide transfer of payments in branches in view of debts on the current payments for I 995 and 1996.

For Kazakhstan

Z.Karibzhanov

For KYRGYZ

K.Abdimomunov

For Tajikistan

I.Eshmirzoev

For Turkmenistan

A.Dodonov

For Uzbekistan

I.Dzhurabekov

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT MODIFICATION IN REGULATION ABOUT THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

2.1. To Executive Committee, in a month to prepare full edition of Regulation about the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea in view of stated amendments, remarks and to present on the coordination with members of Board.

2.2. To ask the Heads of the Central Asia states to ratify modified Regulation about the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea in the polling way.

For Kazakhstan

For KYRGYZ

For Tajikistan

For Turkmenistan

For Uzbekistan

Z.Karibzhanov

K.Abdimomunov

I.Eshmirzoev

A.Dodonov

I.Dzhurabekov



**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND  
FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
THE STATEMENT OF THE RULES (ORDER) OF WORK  
ORGANIZATION OF THE FUND BOARD AND REVISION  
COMMITTEE**

On May, 29, 1997.

Tashkent

3.1. To ratify the rules (order) of the organization of work of Fund Board and

Revision committee in view of remarks.

3.2. To charge Executive Committee of the IFAS to carry out the functions in conformity the accepted rules.

For Kazakhstan

Z.Karibzhanov

For KYRGYZ

K.Abdimomunov

For Tajikistan

I.Eshmirzoev

For Turkmenistan

A.Dodonov

For Uzbekistan

I.Dzhurabekov

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT CONSIDERATION AND THE FUND BOARD SESSIONS  
PLAN STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF 05.1997-05.1998.**

May,29,1997

Tashkent

4.1. To ratify the plan of board meetings of Fund for the specified period.

4.2. To chairman of Executive Committee of the IFAS, R.A. Giniyatulin according to the terms, determined by the plan of carrying out of Fund Board meetings, to provide preparation of necessary materials and for one month prior to the beginning of sessions represent to their members of Fund Board.

For Kazakhstan

Z.Karibzhanov

For KYRGYZ

K.Abdimomunov

For Tajikistan

I.Eshmirzoev

For Turkmenistan

A.Dodonov

For Uzbekistan

I.Dzhurabekov

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
DEFINITION OF THE MOST ACTUAL PRIORITIES ON  
REALIZATION OF ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS PROJECTS**

On May, 29 1997

Tashkent

5.1. To approve the priorities, specified in the letter of the Fund President to World Bank from April, 8, 1997 for \* 1-694, and to consider them as one of the major directions alongside with " the Program of concrete actions ", accepted by Heads of the states in January, 1994 in Nukus.

5.2. According to offers of the governments of the CA states, to Executive Committee of the IFAS to generalize the submitted materials (T3 and the FEASIBILITY REPORT) and to issue in view of requirements of the World Bank to session of countries - donors.

5.3. To Fund Board member - to the First assistant to the Prime minister of Uzbekistan Jurabekov I.Kh., to Chairman of Executive committee of IFAS Giniyatullinu R.A. together with Representations of the United Nations and the World bank to start preparation of materials for session of countries - donors.

5.4. To ask the World bank to determine the date of carrying out of the countries-donors meeting in 1997 in Tashkent.

For Kazakhstan

Z.Karibzhanov

For KYRGYZ

K.Abdimomunov

For Tajikistan

I.Eshmirzoev

For Turkmenistan

A.Dodonov

For Uzbekistan

I.Dzhurabekov

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT REALIZATION BY THE STATES OF REGION THE  
PROGRAMS OF CONCRETE ACTIONS IN 1994-1996, ACCEPTED  
BY THE HEADS OF THE CA STATES  
ON JANUARY, 11, 1994 NUKUS.  
THE PLAN OF THE CONCRETE ACTIONS PROGRAM  
REALIZATION FOR 1997.**

On May, 29, 1997.

Tashkent

6.1. To take into account the information of Fund Board members on realization of the Program of concrete actions in 1994-1996 and the plan for 1997.

6.2. To Executive Committee of the IFAS, by the submitted materials, to prepare the generalized report and to direct it to the Governments of the CA states, international and public organizations.

For Kazakhstan

Z.Karibzhanov

For KYRGYZ

K.Abdimomunov

For Tajikistan

I.Eshmirzoev

For Turkmenistan

A.Dodonov

For Uzbekistan

I.Dzhurabekov

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA AND ITS ORGANIZATIONS**

May, 29, 1997.

Tashkent

1. To approve the Agreement between the Governments of Kazakhstan, KYRGYZSTAN, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan about the status of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea and its organizations.

2. To ask the Heads of the CA states to ratify the Agreement in the polling way.

For Kazakhstan

Z.Karibzhanov

For KYRGYZ

K.Abdimomunov

For Tajikistan

I.Eshmirzoev

For Turkmenistan

A.Dodonov

For Uzbekistan

I.Dzhurabekov

**THE DECISION  
OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES  
ABOUT ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

The heads of the Central Asia states - founders of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea have decided:

To select the President of Turkmenistan S.A.Niyazov as the President of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea for the period of two years.

It is accomplished in Ashgabad in April, 9, 1999 in one original copy in Russian.

The original copy is kept in archive of the Government of Turkmenistan which will direct to each state that has signed the present Decision, its certified copy.

For Kazakhstan

Z.Karibzhanov

For KYRGYZ

K.Abdimomunov

For Tajikistan

I.Eshmirzoev

For Turkmenistan

A.Dodonov

For Uzbekistan

I.Dzhurabekov

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**3. ABOUT A CONDITION OF ECOLOGICAL AND  
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN ARAL SEA BASIN AND A  
COURSE OF REALIZATION OF REGIONAL AND NATIONAL  
PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS ON MAINTENANCE OF THE  
POPULATION WITH POTABLE WATER**

September, 11 1997

Tashkent

3.1. The information " About a condition of ecological and epidemiological conditions in Aral Sea basin and a course of realization of regional and national programs and projects on maintenance of the population with potable water " to take into account.

3.2. To charge Executive committee to a technical meeting of the countries - with donors to prepare the message about ecological, sanitary-and-epidemiologic and epizootic conditions in Aral Sea basin with the purpose of attraction of attention and rendering assistance on creation of regional bank - fund chemical drugs and means for urgent measures on improvement and liquidation of an epidemiological situation.

3.3. To ask members of Board to charge bodies of public health services, sanitary and veterinary science of the states of the Central Asia, to local authorities together with Executive committee of IFAS to workout regional actions on performance of point 2. of the present decision.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**2. A COURSE OF REALIZATION OF PROGRAMS, THE  
PROJECTS CONNECTED TO THE DECISION OF PROBLEMS IN  
ARAL SEA BASIN DUE TO ALL SOURCES OF FINANCING**

September, 11 1997

Tashkent

2.1. The information, about course of realization of programs in Aral Sea basin, to take into account.

2.2. To charge Executive committee of the IFAS, together with the World Bank, UNDP both the interested organizations and departments in the states of the Central Asia, to speed up work on attraction of means of countries - donors, local sources and payments of states - founders on financing of Aral Sea basin programs(ASBP).

2.3. To charge corresponding ministries and departments and local authorities to assist in re Search of sources of financing and in realization of projects and programs in Aral Sea basin in territories of the corresponding states. Especially to pay attention to problems of maintenance of the population pure water.

2.4. To support offers and to address with the request to the World Bank, UNDP and to the countries - donors about additional inclusion in the program 5 " Pure water ", projects " Pure water in the KYRGYZ Republic ", and " Pure water in Republic of Tajikistan ".

For Republic of Kazakhstan

For the KYRGYZ Republic

For Republic of Tajikistan

For Turkmenistan

For Republic of Uzbekistan



**OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
1. ABOUT FORMATION OF MEANS OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA DUE TO PAYMENTS OF  
STATES - FOUNDERS, THE COUNTRIES-DONORS AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

September, 11, 1997

Tashkent

1.1. To take into account, that branches of the IFAS in all states of the Central Asia are formed, at the same time high-grade practical activities could not start in yet according to not fully decided questions of entering of constituent and current payments of states - founders.

1.2. To charge financial bodies to provide, in the project of budgets of 1998 of countries - founders entering of the obligatory payments stipulated by the decision of heads of the Central Asia states, February, 29 1997 Almaty.

1.3. To Executive Committee of the IFAS, together with local authorities, to speed up creation of funds of assistance on struggle against poverty and to organize work on attraction of grants, the charitable help in the Central Asia states, the countries - donors of the international organizations.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE PROJECT  
THE DECISION**

**OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND  
FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**1. ABOUT ACTIVITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY, 1997 AND FUNCTIONING  
OF BRANCHES**

March, 12, 1998

Tashkent

1.1 To take into account the information about activity of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea for the period from May, 1997 and about functioning of branches.

1.2 To charge Executive committee of the IFAS (Giniyatulin):

Together with heads of branches of Executive committee to speed up work on attraction of financial assets, the charitable help of countries - donors, the international organizations, various funds and local organizations - sponsors in the International Fund with the purpose of the decision of questions of financing projects in Aral Sea basin and creation in the states of region, necessarily, Agencies - funds of social assistance to the population;

continue work with the World Bank, UNDP and EU on acceptance to realization of projects GEF, " Development of potential of Aral Sea basin " and WARMAP-II.

For Republic of Kazakhstan

For the KYRGYZ Republic

For Republic of Tajikistan

For Turkmenistan

For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE PROJECT  
THE DECISION**

**OF BOARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND  
FOR SAVING THE ARAL**

**2. ABOUT REALIZATION OF THE PROGRAM OF CONCRETE  
ACTIONS IN 1997 DUE TO MEANS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA  
STATES AND THE FORECAST FOR 1998 WITH A PRIORITY ON  
MAINTENANCE OF THE POPULATION WITH PURE WATER**

March, 12, 1998

Tashkent

To take into account the information on realization of the Program of concrete actions in 1997 due to means of the Central Asia states and the forecast for 1998 with a priority on maintenance of the population with pure water .

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE PROJECT  
THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**3. ABOUT MAINTENANCE OF ENTERING OF PAYMENTS OF  
STATES - PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA AND MEASURES OF INVOLVEMENT  
OF AGENCIES - FUNDS OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE  
POPULATION**

March, 12, 1998

Tashkent

3.1 To note, that after February, 28, 1997 was strengthened attention to questions of repayment of debts and entering of the current payments by countries - founders of the IFAS, and is carried out the work on attraction of help of the various international organizations and funds for improvement of an ecological and social-economic condition of Aral Sea basin.

3.2 For 1998 by the budget of Republic of Kazakhstan it is stipulated for the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea 574,875 milli.Tenge, the budget of Republic of Tajikistan-108,75 milli.Tajik Roubles, the budget of Turkmenistan - 3600 milli.Manat and the budget of Republic of Uzbekistan - 1192 milli.Sum.

3.3 To financial bodies of countries - founders to provide performance of the Fund board Decision from September, 11, 1997 in Tashkent on repayment of debts of payments for 1995-1997, and according to the Decision of heads of the Central Asia states from February, 28, 1997, transfer of the current payments in IFAS from 1998 to make in the American dollars at the rate to national currencies.

3.4 To note, that formed in all Central Asia states branches of the IFAS, have not started high-grade practical activities, for 1995-1997 the current payments on the account of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea have not been brought by the KYRGYZ Republic.

3.5 To Executive Committee of the IFAS branches to fulfil the mechanism of an involvement of Agencies - funds of social

assistance to the population, to strengthen work on attraction of grants, the charitable help in the states of the Central Asia, countries - donors and the international organizations for financing priority projects.

For Republic of Kazakhstan

For the KYRGYZ Republic

For Republic of Tajikistan

For Turkmenistan

For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE PROJECT  
THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**4. ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA BOARD WORK PLAN  
FOR 1998-1999**

On March, 12, 1998

Tashkent

4.1 To ratify the plan of board meetings of Fund for the specified period.

4.2 To Chairman of Executive Committee of the IFAS R.Giniyatullinu according to terms determined by the plan of carrying out of board meetings of Fund to provide preparation of necessary materials and for date of carrying out of session represent to the members of Fund Board.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE PROJECT  
THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND  
OF SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**ABOUT RENDERING ASSISTANCE OF THE REGIONAL  
COMMISSION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN  
ASHGABAD, FOR ACTIVIZATION OF ITS ACTIVITY**

March, 12 1998

Tashkent

To accept the offer of Turkmenistan on financing Scientific - information centre of the Commission of sustainable development (SIC CSD) in Ashgabad (8 person due to payments of Turkmenistan) and branches in the states of the Central Asia, (of 3 persons in each) due to payments of the states - founders transferred on the accounts of branches of Executive committee of the IFAS.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan

**THE PROJECT  
THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND  
FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF THE HEAD ON MAINTENANCE OF  
MANAGEMENT WITH REALIZATION OF THE PROJECT " WATER  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND AN ENVIRONMENT  
IN ARAL SEA BASIN " (PROJECT GEF)**

March, 12, 1998

Tashkent

1. To ratify Giniyatullin R.A. as the head on maintenance of management of realization (MMR) of the project " Water resources and environment management in Aral Sea basin " (project GEF) and to charge him to finish development of the project and to sign the Agreement with the World bank on its realization.

2. To establish, that the head of RMM of project GEF can receive payment for maintenance of this activity from the date of powers term expiry and dismissal from the post of Chairman of Executive committee of the IFAS.

For Republic of Kazakhstan  
For the KYRGYZ Republic  
For Republic of Tajikistan  
For Turkmenistan  
For Republic of Uzbekistan



**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
1. ABOUT A COURSE OF PERFORMANCE OF CENTRAL ASIA  
STATES HEADS DECISIONS ON PROBLEMS  
OF ARAL SEA BASIN  
FROM APRIL, 9, 1999 (ASHKHABAD)**

February, 4 2000r.

Ashkhabad

1.1 About formation of means of IFAS:

- To take into account the information of Executive committee of IFAS on a condition of entering of payments and uses of own means of IFAS in 1999;
- To note the deficiency of decisions maintenance of the states Heads, February, 28, 1997, regarding entering payments;
- To ask the Government of states - founders of the IFAS to arrange on maintenance of entering of payments in full.

1.2. About rendering of all-round support of GEF realization.

About the GEF project Agency Regulation project of Executive Committee of IFAS:

- To take into account the information of Executive committee of IFAS on actions spent by the states of the Central Asia on rendering support of realization of the project " Water resources managements and an environment in Aral Sea basin" in territories of the states;
- To recognize necessity of acceptance Regulation about Agency of GEF project of Executive Committee of IFAS on board of the IFAS. To ask the Governments of states - founders to coordinate in a month submitted by EC IFAS the project of Regulation about the Executive Committee of IFAS project Agency. To the Executive Committee of IFAS to submit for approval of Board members, the Regulation about GEF project Agency of the Executive Committee of IFAS in the polling way;
- To the Executive Committee of IFAS to strengthen the responsibility of executors of project GEF and the control over their activity

for maintenance of the project realization according to " the Agreement of the grant of Global Environmental Fundation trust fund" between EC IFAS and the World Bank from June, 21, 1998

- To the Executive Committee of IFAS to study ways and opportunities of closer interaction of project GEF by the United Nations SPEKA Program " Effective and rational use of power resources of the Central Asia states" and other international projects, programs, carried out in region.

1.3 About activization of the Executive Committee of IFAS activity on expansion of cooperation with the countries, the international organizations, funds and attraction of financial resources on the decision of Aral Sea basin problems:

- To take into account the information of Executive Committee of IFAS about work on expansion of cooperation with the countries donors, the international organizations, funds and attraction of financial assets;
- To the Executive Committee of IFAS and its Branches in states - founders to continue activity on attraction of financial assets for the decision of Aral Sea basin problems.

1.4. About status Agreement performance maintenance, by the states - founders, of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea in territories of the Central Asia states:

- To take into account the information of Executive Committee of the IFAS on spent work by states - founders of the IFAS on legal Agreement performance maintenance about the status of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea in territories of the Central Asia states.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
The KYRGYZ Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Republic of Uzbekistan

E.Utembaev  
B.Silaev  
M.Nazriev  
S.Babaev  
B.Alimdzhanov

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

**2. ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF CONTROLS WORK  
OF THE IFAS**

February, 4, 2000

Ashkhabad

2.1 About modification in " the Rules of work of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea Board and the Revision committee "

- To ratify " the Rules of work of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea Board and the Revision committee " with brought changes;
- To the Executive Committee of IFAS to organize work of Board of Fund and the Revision Committee according to authorized Rules.

2.2. About the statement of the Plan of board meetings of the IFAS for 2000-2001:

- To ratify the Plan of board meetings of the IFAS for 2000-2001;
- To the Executive Committee of IFAS, branches of Executive Committee and other structural divisions of Fund to organize activity according to the Plan of board meetings of the IFAS and to provide preparation of materials and dispatch to members of Fund Board, 30 days prior to board meeting;
- To members of Fund Board to represent their remarks and offers on materials of board meeting to the Executive Committee of IFAS, not less than 10 days prior to the beginning of session.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
The KYRGYZ Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Republic of Uzbekistan

E.Utembaev  
B.Silaev  
M.Nazriev  
S.Babaev  
B.Alimdzhанov

**THE DECISION****OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

February, 4, 2000

Ashkhabad

3. Use of collector-drainage waters for cultivation of agricultural crops in Central Asia countries:

- To approve the offer of the Interstate coordination water-economic commission on use of collector-drainage waters for cultivation of agricultural crops in Central Asia countries;
- To Executive Committee of the IFAS to develop the necessary documentation under the given project and to provide their coordination with members of the IFAS Board and the International organizations when due hereunder;
- To prepare necessary materials for definition of sources of financing.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
The KYRGYZ Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Republic of Uzbekistan

E.Utembaev  
B.Silaev  
M.Nazriev  
S.Babae  
B.Alimdzhанov

**THE DECISION**  
**OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL**  
**FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA**

On February, 4, 2000

Ashkhabad

4. About creation of the population health rehabilitation Center in Aral Sea basin.

- To Executive Committee to consider the issue of creations of the population health rehabilitation Center of Central Asia on the basis of a boarding house in lake Issyk-Kul of KYRGYZ Republic.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
The KYRGYZ Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Republic of Uzbekistan

E.Utembaev  
B.Silaev  
M.Nazriev  
S.Babae  
B.Alimdzhanov

## **THE RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA AND THE REVISION COMMITTEE BOARD WORK**

1. The Board and the Revision Commission are created and organize activity on the basis of structure and the main circuit of the International Fund for Saving Aral Sea management , approved by Heads of Central Asia states, February, 28, 1997 in Almaty.

2. Into the Board of Fund enters one representative from each states - founders of Fund under offers of the governments: Republic of Kazakhstan, the KYRGYZ Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan. The structure of Fund Board affirms the decision of President of the IFAS.

3. Fund Board meetings are carried out not less often 2 times one year. The place and date of carrying out are defined by the President of Fund. Extraordinary board meeting of Fund can be carried out under the initiative of the President of Fund, members of Board of Fund. The decision on carrying out of an emergency meeting of Fund Board is accepted by the President of Fund.

4. The primary goals of Board of Fund:

- The organization and coordination of realization of all regional projects and the programs connected to problems of sustainable development in the countries of Aral Sea basin;
- Rendering assistance and the governmental support in territories of states - founders of the IFAS to countries - donors, the international organizations, the legal and physical person who have expressed desire to participate in the decision of problems of Aral Sea;
- Definition and consideration of short-term and long-term priority tasks on improvement of ecological and epidemiological conditions in the countries of the Central Asia and the urgent help to population of Priaralye.

5. Members of Fund Board:

- To carry out the control over entering of annual obligatory payments in to IFAS states - founders in the performance of the decisions accepted by heads of the states of the Central Asia, February, 28, 1997 in Almaty;

- Approve regional programs, estimational-financial documents, heads of programs and projects.
- Consider and make necessary decisions, in common and with Executive committee, on current questions which are not demanding special decision of the IFAS.

6. The constant working body of Fund is the Executive Committee of IFAS. The representatives that directed for work to Executive Committee of the IFAS, are proxy experts from states - founders on questions of preparation of materials to board meetings, except for cases when attraction of experts of other speciality, which Materials should be recommended by the governments, go to the Executive committee of the IFAS is required to members of Board, 30 days before the board meeting.

7. Fund Board meetings are made out by the decision or the report, that are obligatory to performance by Executive Committee of the IFAS branches, all structures and the bodies that participating in the decision of Aral Sea basin problems in territories of all states - founders.

8. Into the Revision committee of Fund enter one representative of states - founders of Fund under the offer of the governments: Republic of Kazakhstan, the KYRGYZ Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan. The structure of the Revision committee of Fund affirms the decision of President of the IFAS.

9. The Revision Commissions of Fund, not less often than an once in one year or under the decision of the President of Fund with attraction of experts and independent auditors, considers financial activity of the IFAS and represents the results to the Fund board.

10. Office-works of board meetings of Fund and the Revision committee of Fund, is conducted in Russian. If necessary, identical translation of documents into state languages of the IFAS countries - founders and the English language is provided on behalf of the governments of states - founders.

11. Change of "the Rules of the IFAS Board work and the Revision Committee " is carried out by the decision of Fund Board.

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
AUGUST, 23, 2002 DUSHANBE  
QUESTION 1. ABOUT A COURSE OF REALIZATION OF  
PROGRAMS AND THE PROJECTS CONNECTED TO THE  
DECISION OF PROBLEMS OF ARAL SEA DUE TO ALL  
SOURCES OF FINANCING**

1. To take into account the information of the Executive Committee of IFAS " About a course of realization of programs and the projects connected to the decision of problems of Aral Sea due to all sources of financing ".

2. To executive committee of the IFAS to strengthen work on involving means of donors on realization of projects and programs.

3. To executive committee of the IFAS and Agency of project GEF to take all measures on end of the subcomponent A1 in target dates.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
The KYRGYZ Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Republic of Uzbekistan

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T.Altyev  
A.Dzhalalov



**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
AUGUST, 23, 2002 DUSHANBE  
QUESTION 2. ABOUT FORMATION OF MEANS OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA DUE TO  
PAYMENTS OF STATES - FOUNDERS, COUNTRIES - DONORS  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

1. To take into account the information of the Executive Committee of IFAS " About formation of means of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea due to payments of states - founders, countries - donors and the international organizations ".

2. To ask the World Bank, UNDP and other donors to support the beginning of the Executive Committee of IFAS activity.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
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Republic of Tajikistan  
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Republic of Uzbekistan

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A.Dzhalalov

**THE DECISION  
OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
AUGUST, 23, 2002 DUSHANBE  
QUESTION 3. ABOUT THE MAIN DIRECTIONS OF THE  
PROGRAM OF ARAL SEA BASIN FOR THE PERIOD  
OF 2002-2010.**

1. To charge the Executive Committee of IFAS to analyse together with the governments of countries - founders a course of performance of ASBP and to make offers on the main directions of the Program of concrete actions in Aral Sea basin for the period of 2002 - 2010 in view of the accepted priorities.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
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T.Altyev  
A.Dzhalalov

**THE DECISION  
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SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
AUGUST, 23, 2002 DUSHANBE  
QUESTION 4. ABOUT CARRYING OUT OF MEETING WITH  
DONORS ON ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS**

1. To the Executive Committee of IFAS together with the governments of the Central Asia states to organize a meeting with potential donors on Aral Sea basin problems at the end of November of the current year.

To ask the World Bank to support and assist in the organization of a meeting with donors.

2. To Executive Committee of the IFAS, together with the ICSD and the ICWC, prepare necessary prospectuses and technical offers proceeding from priority directions.

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The KYRGYZ Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Republic of Uzbekistan

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K.Koimdodov  
T.Altiev  
A.Dzhalalov

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OF BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
AUGUST, 23, 2002 DUSHANBE  
QUESTION 5. ABOUT THE AGENDA PROJECT OF THE NEXT  
MEETING OF HEADS OF THE CENTRAL ASIA STATES ON  
PROBLEMS OF ARAL SEA.**

1. To submit for consideration, the next meeting of Heads of the Central Asia states on Aral Sea basin problems, the following questions:

- The statement of the main directions of the program of Aral Sea basin for the period 2002 - 2010 (as agreed with the Governments of the countries);
- About maintenance of organizational activity of Executive committee of the IFAS;
- Acceptance of Dushanbe Declaration of Heads of the Central Asia States on Aral Sea basin problems.

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T.Altyev  
A.Dzhalalov

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SAVING THE ARAL SEA  
AUGUST, 23, 2002 DUSHANBE  
QUESTION 6. ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF THE IFAS BOARD  
WORK PLAN FOR 2002-2003.**

1. To ratify the Plan of IFAS Board meetings for 2002-2003.
2. To Executive Committee of the IFAS, other structural divisions of Fund to organize activity according to the Plan of the IFAS board meetings, to provide qualitative preparation of materials and dispatch to members of Fund Board.

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The KYRGYZ Republic  
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**7. ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL HYDROLOGY  
CENTER UNDER AEGIS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
IFAS.**

1. To form the Regional Hydrology Center under aegis of the Executive Committee of IFAS.

2. To the Executive Committee of IFAS Chairman, after the coordination with the governments of the CA countries, to ratify RHC Regulation.

Republic of Kazakhstan  
The KYRGYZ Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Republic of Uzbekistan

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T.Altyev  
A.Dzhalalov

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**8. ABOUT ACTIVITY OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION OF  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

1. To take into account the information of Chairman of the Interstate Commission of sustainable development.

2. To ask the governments of the CA countries to consider an opportunity of structure financing of the ICSD.

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The KYRGYZ Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
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Republic of Uzbekistan

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T.Altiev  
A.Dzhalalov

**DECISION  
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**1. ON THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF THE DECISIONS  
MADE BY THE HEADS OF CA STATES ON OCTOBER 6 2002**

1. Take into account the EC-IFAS information on accomplished works with regard to the decisions of the Heads of States as of October 6 2002

2. Take into consideration the fact that the deadline for ASBP-2 approval was prolonged till July 1 2003. The EC-IFAS jointly with ICWC and ISDC ensure the development, coordination and submission of the ASBP-2 for approval in due time.

3. The EC-IFAS, ICWC, ISDC and working groups have to pay a special attention to the activities that are more practical while developing the ASBP-2.

4. In order to accelerate the implementation of the decision of the Heads of States on " Providing the organizational activities of the EC-IFAS" and stirring up the EC-IFAS activities the Board requests the Governments of the states-founders to resolve the financial issue.

On behalf of:

Republic of Kazakhstan

Kyrgyz Republic

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T.Altiev

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**2. THE IFAS 10-TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES**

1. Take into consideration the EC-IFAS information on the implementation of activities related with the IFAS 10-th anniversary

2. The EC-IFAS and its branches, ICWC and ISDC take measures on timely implementation of the program approved by the IFAS President E.Rahmonov " Program of organizational activities on preparation and conduction of the IFAS 10-th anniversary". Request the Governments of the states-founders to accelerate their efforts in realization of this Program.

3. EC-IFAS, ICWC and ISDC continue their cooperation with the international donor organizations to raise funds for the implementation of anniversary events.

4. Establish an Organizational Committee for the preparation and conduction of anniversary events on the occasion of the IFAS 10-th anniversary and Dushanbe International Forum on Fresh water.

Entrust the Organizational Committee undertake measures for the implementation of the "Program on organizational activities for the preparation and conduction of the IFAS 10-the anniversary" in fixed time and at a high level as well provide the participation of the CA countries in the organization and conduction of Dushanbe International Forum on Fresh Water from August 29 to 31 2003.

On behalf of:

Republic of Kazakhstan  
Kyrgyz Republic  
Republic of Tajikistan  
Turkmenistan  
Republic of Uzbekistan

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M. Niyazov  
K.Koimdodov  
T.Altiev  
Sh. Talipov

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**3 . THE EC-IFAS ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH  
2002 TO MARCH 2003**

1. Approve the EC-IFAS activities and its local branches for the period of March 2002 to March 2003

2. Entrust the EC-IFAS to continue its activities on the implementation of the decision that was made by the Heads of CA states as well objectives in accordance with the plan of the IFAS Board.

On behalf of:

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Turkmenistan

Republic of Uzbekistan

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T.Altiev

Sh. Talipov

**DECISION  
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**4. ON REALIZATION OF THE STATEMENT OF THE HEADS OF  
THE CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO DUSHANBE  
DECLARATION REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UN  
SPECIAL COMMISSION THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS AND DONOR-COUNTRIES AIMED AT  
RESOLVING THE ARAL SEA BASIN PROBLEMS.**

1. Take into consideration the report of the Chairman of EC-IFAS on the question of establishing UN Commission that is responsible for the coordination of activities of the international organizations and donor-countries aimed at resolving the Aral Sea basin problems. For the EC-IFAS continue future activities with interested organizations on the issue of commission establishment.

2. Regarding the letter of UN University for Peace to the President of IFAS, President of the Republic of Tajikistan E.SH. Rahmonov as of 23.02.03, the EC-IFAS organizes and conducts a Regional Forum jointly with the UN University for Peace to evaluate the proposals on giving the status of UN system organization to those structures, which are involved in the Aral Sea basin problems.

3. In order to conduct the Regional Forum each Government of the Central Asian countries is requested to nominate four representatives, including Directors of the EC-IFAS branches located in the territory of IFAS states-founders to participate in working group activities.

4. Review the final version of all the material on Regional Forum during the next IFAS Board meeting at the end of year 2003

On behalf of:

Republic of Kazakhstan

A. Kurishbaev

Kyrgyz Republic

M. Niyazov

Republic of Tajikistan

K.Koimdodov

Turkmenistan

T.Altiev

Republic of Uzbekistan

Sh. Taliyov

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**5. ON EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROJECT ON  
"STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF BASIN WATER  
ORGANIZATIONS FOR IMPROVED RESOURCE PLANNING"  
HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED. ON THIS ISSUE THE IFAS  
BOARD HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING DECISION.**

1. Take into consideration the EC-IFAS information on European Commission project "Strengthening the Capacity of Basin Water Organizations (BWO's) for improved resource planning"

2. EC-IFAS continue activities with the European Commission on this project and provide its successful implementation in the territory of the IFAS states-founders according to the project Terms of References taking into account that the project beneficiaries will be Water management institutions from each country of the Aral Sea basin.

On behalf of:

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Turkmenistan

Republic of Uzbekistan

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T.Altiev

Sh. Talipov

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**2. ON ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL HYDROLOGY CENTER  
(RHC) UNDER AUSPICES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IFAS**

1. Approve the initiative of Kazhydromet, Kyrgyzhydromet and Glavtajikhydromet on establishing RHC under the umbrella of the EC-IFAS.

2. Forward the materials on RHC establishment to Turkmenhydromet and Uzbekistan Glavhydromet for their consideration.

3. Entrust the EC-IFAS with the participation of state hydromets to develop the RHC Regulations and submit it for IFAS Board's approval.

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Kyrgyz Republic

Republic of Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Republic of Uzbekistan

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T.Altiev

Sh. Talipov

**The List**  
**Figures and experts of the CA states before occupying posts of**  
**The president of Fund, Chairman of Executive committee, Members of Board, Revision commissi**  
**members of Executive committee of the IFAS, heads of IFAS**  
**and members of its divisions**

<b>REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN</b>		
President of the IFAS	The President of Republic of Kazakhstan Nazarbaev Nursultan Abishevich	from 1993 till 1997
Members of Board:	Kulagin C.	1993
	Karibjanov J.	From 1997 till 1999
	Utambaev E.	From 1999 till 2002
	Esimov A.	From 2002 till present time
Members of a revision committee:		
	Auanov M.H.	From 1997 till 1999
	Utepov E.K.	From 1999 till 2002
	Sutulov F.F.	From 2002 till present time
Members of Executive Committee of the IFAS:	Kenshimov A.K.	From 1996 till 1997
	Bajalimov D.A.	From 1997 till 1999
	Ospanov M.	From 1997 till present time
	Nurushev A.	From 1999 till present time
Chairman of the ICAS:	Karibjanov J.	From 1996 till 1997
Executive directors of EC IFAS:	Karamanov U.K.	From 1994 till 1995
	Nurushev A.	From 1996 till present time
<b>REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN</b>		
<b>PRESIDENT OF THE IFAS FROM 1997 TILL 1999</b>		
The president of Republic of Uzbekistan	Karimov Islam Abdulganievich	
Members of Board IFAS:	Jurabekov I.	From 1993 till 1997
	Olimjanov B.	1999
	Jalalov A.	From 2002 till present time
Member of revision committee:	Abdullaev S.J.	From 1997 till present time
Members of Executive committee IFAS:	Pernabekov S.	From 1996 till present time
	Buranov U.K.	From 1996 till 1997
	Nadirkhanov U.	From 1997 till 1999
	Mukhammadnazarov A.	From 1999 till 2002
	Talipov Sh.	From 2002 till present time
Chairman of EC IFAS	Giniyatullin R.A.	From 1997 till 1999
Director of Nukus branch of EC IFAS:	Ashirbekov U.A.	From 1993 till present time

<b>TURKMENISTAN</b>		
<b>PRESIDENT OF THE IFSA FROM 1999 TILL 2002.</b>		
The president of Turkmenistan	Niyazov Saparmurat Ataevich	
Members of Board IFAS	Boboquliev D.	1993
	Dodonov A.	From 1997 till 1999
	Babayev C.	From 1999 till 2002
	Volmuradov K.	From 2002 till present time
Members of revision committee:	Attagaryev G.B.	From 1997 till 2002.
	Altyev T.A.	from 2002 on present time
Members of Executive committee IFAS:	Ovezov A.	From 1997 till 2002.
	Balliev K	From 1997 till 2002.
	Aliiev T.	From 2002 till present time
Chairman EC IFAS:	Ilamanov A.	1994
	Rajapov M.	1995
	Altiev T.	From 1999 till 2002.
Director of Turkmen branch of EC IFAS	Meleev S.M.	From 1997 till present time
<b>REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN</b>		
<b>PRESIDENT OF THE IFSA.</b>		
The president of Republic of Tajikistan	Rakhmonov Emomali Sharipovich	From 2002 till present time
Members of Board IFAS	Akilov A.G.	From 1994 till 1996
	Eshmirzoev I.	From 1997 till 1999
	Qoimdodov K.	From 1999 till present time
Members of revision committee:	Saidov K.K.	From 1977 till 2002
	Safarov Sh.	From 1977 till present time
Members of Executive committee IFAS:	Aslov S.	From 1996 till 2002
	Akramov F.	From 1996 till 2002
	Ibodzoda H.	From 2002 till present time
	Kazakov M.	From 2002 till present time
Chairman of EC IFAS:	Aslov S.M.	From 2002 till present time
Director of Tadjik branch of EC IFAS:	Achilov H.	From 1997 till 1998
	Mazhirovo S.N.	From 1998 till present time
<b>THE KIRGHIZ REPUBLIC</b>		
Members of Board of IFAS:	Zulpuiev M.	1993
	Abdimomunov K.	From 1997 till 1999
	Silaev B.	From 1999 till 2001
	Mambetov B.	From 2001 till present time
Members of a revision committee:	Biyalinov A.U.	From 1997 till 1999
	Kanimetov K.A.	From 1999 till 2002
	Moldakulov S.A.	From 2002 till present time
Members of Executive Committee of the IFAS:	Kidibaev Mustafu	From 1996 till 1997
	Bozov K.	From 1997 till 2002
	Suleymanov M.	From 1996 till 1999
	Omorov M.	From 1999 till present time
	Nogoybaev A.	From 2002 till present time
Director of Kirghiz branch of EC IFAS:	Kidibaef Mustafu	From 1997 till 1998
	Omorov M.O.	from 1998 till present time

<b>MEMBERS OF THE ICWC</b>		
<b>REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN</b>		
	Kipshakbae N.K.	From 1992 till 1996
	Sarsembekov T.T.	From 1996 till 1999
	Ramazanov A.M.	From 2000 till 2002
	Ryabtsev A.D.	From 2002 till Present time
<b>THE KIRGHIZ REPUBLIC</b>		
	Zulpuev M.Z.	From 1992 till 1996
	Polotov A.P.	
	Bekbolotov Z.B.	From 1996 till 1997
	Kastjuk A.B.	From 1997 till 2000
	Koshmatov B.T.	From 2000 till 2002
	Bekbolotov Z.B.	From 2003 till Present time
<b>REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN</b>		
	Nurov A.N.	1992
	Shafоеv V.S.	From 1993 till 1994
	Eshmirzoev I.E.	From 1995 till 1996
	Ashurov I.A.	From 1996 till 1998
	Mahsudov D.M.	From 1998 till 2000
	Nazirov A.A.	From 2002 till present time
<b>TURKMENISTAN</b>		
	Ilamanov A.I.	From 1992 till 1994
	Altyev T.A.	1995 r.
	Odeev P.O.	1996 r.
	Dadonov A.D.	1996 r.
	Kurbanov C.	1997 r.
	Altyev T.A.	From 1997 till 2000
	Velmuradov K.M.	From 2002 till present time
<b>REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN</b>		
	Giniyatullin R.A.	From 1992 till 1996
	Kamalov S.	1997
	Dzhalalov A.A.	From 1998 till present time
<b>CHIEF OF BWO "SYR-DARYA"</b>		
	Hamidov M.H.	From 1987 till present time
<b>CHIEF BWO "AMUDARYA"</b>		
	Lonarev O.V.	From 1987 till 1993
	Kalendarov I.K.	From 1994 till 1999
	Hudoyberganov J.H.	From 2000 till present time
<b>DIRECTOR OF SIC ICWC</b>		
	Dukhovniy V.A.	From 1993 till present time
<b>THE CHIEF OF SECRETARY OF ICWC</b>		
	Negmatov G.A.	From 1993 till present time
<b>MEMBERS OF ICSD</b>		
Republic of Kazakhstan	Daukeev S.Z.	From 2000 till 2002
	Samakova A.B.	From 2002 till present time
	Androschenko A. N.	From 2000 till 2002
	Ramazanov A.I.	From 2000 till 2002



<b>Chairman OF ICSD</b>	Daukeev S.Z.	From 2000 till 2003
The Kirghiz Republic	Alykulov T.M.	From 2000 till 2002.
	Chyrmashev S.C.	From 2002 till present time
	Kulov K.M.	From 2000 till 2002
	Sulaymanov M.	From 2000 till 2002
<b>REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN</b>		
	Shokirov U.S.	From 2000 till present time
	Inoyatov H.I.	From 2000 till 2002
	Boltov V.V.	From 2000 till present time
<b>Chairman OF ICSD</b>	Shokirov U.S.	From 2002 till present time
<b>TURKMENISTAN</b>		
	Kurbanov P.K.	From 2000 till 2002
	Razhapov M.R.	From 2002 till present time
	Vasov O.K.	From 2000 till 2002
	Atagarryev G.B.	From 2000 till 2002
<b>REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN</b>		
	Habibullaev A.S.	From 1998 till 2000
	Bekturdiyev B.B.	From 2000 till 2002
	Rafikov A.	From 2000 till 2002
	Sherimbekov H.S.	From 2000 till present time
<b>Chairman ICSD</b>	Habibullaev A.S.	From 1998 till 2000
<b>DIRECTORS OF SIC ICSD</b>		
	Atamuradov H.I.	
	Esenov P.E.	



**THE ABBREVIATION**

ACS	The Automated Control System
ACSB	The Automated Control Systems of Basin
BWO	Basin Water-economic Organizations
WARMAP	Water and Agricultural Resources Management in Aral Sea basin Project
WB	The World Bank
WOPHS	The World Organization of Public Health Services
GEF	Global Environmental Fundation
EU	The European Union
EC IFAS	Executive Committee of the IFAS
IC PASP	Interstate Council on Aral Sea basin problems
ICWC	Interstate Coordination Water-economic Commission
ICSD	The Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development
IFAS	The INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR SAVING THE ARAL SEA
SIC ICSD	Scientific Infomation Center of the ICSD
SIC ICWC	Scientific Infomation Center of the ICWC
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NGO CAR	Not-governmental organization of the Central - Asian Republics
OSCE	The Organization on Safety and assistance in Europe
UN	The United Nations Organization
ASBP	Aral Sea basin Program
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
RHC	The Regional Center of Hydrometeorology
REC	The Regional Ecological Center
HC	The Hard Currency
TP	The Technical Project
FR	The Feasibility Report
CA	The Central Asia
CAR	The Central - Asian Republics

CAC	The Central - Asian Cooperation
CAEC	The Central - Asian Economic Community
UNESCO	The United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization
UNEP	The United Nations Environment Program
UNICEF	The United Nations Children's fund