

## **Support to a National Policy Dialogue on Development Targets and Financing for the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector in Armenia.**

Minutes of the third expanded session of the steering committee

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### **Decisions**

1. Take into consideration the consultant's report on "Questionnaire to rural settlements without service of Water companies".
  - 1.1 Record that the final decision on Minimal Water Supply Standard can be taken only after discussions on issues regarding provision of water for irrigation and domestic animals needs. Recommend Mr. Jantzen (consultant) to develop conceptual approaches for addressing the above-mentioned issues.

2. Take into consideration the consultant's report on "Example of Costs of Water Supply in rural settlements under various conditions".
3. Take into consideration the consultant's report on "Minimal Water Supply Standards and Combined Minimal Water Standards and Poverty Reduction Strategy Targets".
4. Envisage twenty-day period for submission of additional proposals and comments with regard to the discussed issues.
5. Recommend Mr. Jantzen to update and summarize the report based on the comments and recommendations received during the session as well as new data available.
6. Recognize that the next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place in mid-November 2007.
7. Recommend Ms. L.Karapetyan (SC Secretary) and Mr. J.Jantzen (Project Consultant) in a twenty-day period to make a proposal on the next date of the SC meeting and submit a draft agenda of the forthcoming meeting.
8. Take into account that all documents regarding the Steering Committee meetings are posted on the following web site:  
[http://www.tme.nu/english/Arm\\_Steering\\_Committee.htm](http://www.tme.nu/english/Arm_Steering_Committee.htm)

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