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**STUDY OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND TRENDS IN INLAND
WATER TRANSPORT IN MEMBER COUNTRIES**

Addendum 1

The secretariat reproduces below the text of Additional Protocol No. 7 to the Revised Convention for Rhine Navigation (Mannheim Convention, TRANS/SC.3/R.158/Add.4), signed in Strasbourg on 27 November 2002.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL No. 7

to the

Revised Convention for Rhine Navigation

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION,

Considering that, with a view to encouraging the harmonization of technical requirements Europe-wide and simplifying the obligations of professionals as regards vessel certificates and boatmasters' certificates, the recognition of the equivalence of other documents should be permitted, in particular, of Community documents with documents issued under the revised Convention for Rhine Navigation of 17 October 1868,

Esteeming that the conditions for such recognition should ensure the maintenance of the level of safety attained on the Rhine and should not constitute an obstacle to or a curb on its constant adaptation,

Have agreed on the following:

ARTICLE I

In article 22 of the revised Convention for Rhine Navigation of 17 October 1868, in the wording of 20 November 1963, "riparian States" in the second paragraph shall be replaced by "Contracting States" and "riparian State" in the fifth paragraph shall be replaced by "Contracting State".

ARTICLE II

In article 23 of the above Convention, as amended by Additional Protocol No. 3 of 17 October 1979, a second paragraph shall be inserted to read:

"Notwithstanding article 22, paragraph 2 and article 1 of the Convention of 14 December 1922 regarding Rhine boatmasters' certificates, the Central Commission may recognize other vessel certificates and other boatmasters' certificates when their issue is based on conditions equivalent to those it establishes in implementation of this Convention and procedures ensuring effective compliance with it. Such recognition may be withdrawn if the Central Commission observes that the conditions established are no longer satisfied. The details shall be set out in the relevant regulations for implementation."

ARTICLE III

This Additional Protocol shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatory States.

Ratification, acceptance or approval shall be effected by the formal deposit of an instrument with the Secretary-General of the Central Commission. A record of the deposit of such instrument shall be made by the Secretary-General who shall transmit to each of the signatory States a certified true copy of each of the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval and of the record of deposit.

ARTICLE IV

This Additional Protocol shall come into force on the first day of the month following the deposit of the fifth instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Secretariat of the Central Commission. The Secretary-General shall inform the Contracting States thereof.

ARTICLE V

This Additional Protocol, drawn up in a single original in German, in French and in Dutch, each text being equally authentic, shall remain deposited in the archives of the Central Commission.

A copy certified as true by the Secretary-General shall be transmitted to each of the Contracting States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned having deposited their full powers, have signed this Additional Protocol.

Done at Strasbourg, on 27 November 2002

For the Federal Republic of Germany:

For the Kingdom of Belgium:

For the French Republic:

For the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

For the Swiss Confederation:
