



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
23 March 2011

Original: English

Economic Commission for Europe

Inland Transport Committee

Working Party on Inland Water Transport

Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

Thirty-ninth session

Geneva, 15–17 June 2011

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 June 2011

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI):
 - (a) Draft roadmap for future work on CEVNI;
 - (b) Amendments to CEVNI for submission to the fifty-fifth session of SC.3;

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3age.html. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html. It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (sc.3@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22-917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 74030). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

- (c) New amendment proposals to CEVNI.
3. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates.
4. Future cooperation on the European vessel/hull database.
5. Strategic development of inland waterway infrastructure.
6. Resolution No. 59, "Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings".
7. Resolution No. 61, "Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels":
 - (a) Amendments to Chapter 1–2, "Definitions";
 - (b) Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels;
 - (c) Minimum technical requirements for computers installed on vessels;
 - (d) Other amendments to Resolution No. 61.
8. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European river information services (RIS):
 - (a) Resolution No. 57, "Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services";
 - (b) Resolution No. 48, "Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS)";
 - (c) Proposal on the UNECE recommendations on the Maritime Mobile Service identifiers.
9. Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation.
10. Recreational navigation.
11. Cooperation with the European Union, River Commissions and other international organizations concerned with inland navigation matters:
 - (a) European Commission;
 - (b) River Commissions;
 - (c) Other organizations.
12. Other business.
13. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/77

2. European Code for Inland Waterways

(a) Draft roadmap for future work on CEVNI

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party endorsed the presentation prepared by the secretariat, in cooperation with the CEVNI Expert Group on the ongoing and future work related to CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4) and its Chapter 9, in particular. SC.3/WP.3 asked the secretariat to prepare a draft note, based on this presentation, to be submitted to the SC.3 fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 28).

The Working Party will be invited to consider and approve the draft note, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/9.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/9

(b) Amendments to CEVNI for submission to the fifty-fifth session of SC.3

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party considered and commented on further amendments to CEVNI, presented by the CEVNI Expert Group in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/5 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 31).

The revised proposal on these amendments, taking into account the SC.3/WP.3 comments and additional proposals from the delegations, will be presented for consideration and approval by SC.3/WP.3 in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/5/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/5/Rev.1

(c) New amendment proposals to CEVNI

The Working Party will be invited to consider new amendment proposals to CEVNI, finalized by the CEVNI Expert Group at its thirteenth meeting on 15 February 2011 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/10).

In doing so, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the relevant provisions of the 1996 Convention on Collection, Retention and Disposal of Waste Generated during Navigation on the Rhine and Other Inland Waterways, which could be used as a departure point for the revision of Chapter 10 of CEVNI on "Prevention of Pollution of Water and Disposal of Waste Occurring on Board Vessels". The relevant provisions of the Convention are published by the secretariat in the addendum to ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/10, in accordance with the request of the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 31).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/10 and Add.1

3. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party agreed to keep the item of mutual recognition of boatmaster' certificates on the agenda of its next session and invited the delegation of the European Union (EU) to report on the revision of the EU Directive 96/50/EC on harmonizing the conditions for obtaining national boatmaster's certificates for the carriage of goods and passengers by inland waterway in the Community. SC.3/WP.3 also supported the proposal of River Commissions to hold a special meeting on boatmaster certificates during its session to discuss a proposal of River Commissions which could become a basis for a UNECE contribution to the revision of the Directive (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 25).

In this context, the Working Party will be invited to take note of the information to be provided by the EU delegation on the revision of Directive 96/50/EC. Furthermore, SC.3/WP.3 will be invited to discuss the possible input by UNECE to this revision process, based on the relevant SC.3 resolutions, such as the revised Resolution No. 31 on Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster's Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184) and the proposal of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/11).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/11

4. Future cooperation on the European vessel/hull database

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party discussed in details the possible UNECE role in the operation of the future European database of inland vessels, currently being developed by the Platform for the implementation of the EU NAIADES programme (PLATINA). SC.3/WP.3 requested the secretariat to prepare, for its thirty-ninth session, a first concept note addressing the issue in detail that, following further consideration and fine tuning, could then be transmitted to SC.3 at its October 2011 session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 23).

The Working Party will be invited to consider and approve the draft note, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/12.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/12

5. Strategic development of inland waterway infrastructure

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party welcomed the secretariat's proposal to organize, back-to-back with its next session, an expert meeting on inland waterway infrastructure development, in line with Policy Recommendation No. 1 of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe and in the light of the ongoing revision of the UNECE Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book") (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.1) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 18).

In accordance with this decision, on the second day of the session, the secretariat will organize a half-day expert discussion on an optimal approach towards further development of inland water transport (IWT) infrastructure in the ECE region and elaborate the proposals on concrete joint actions by the institutions involved in IWT promotion and development.

The Working Party will be invited to endorse the conclusions of the experts and submit them as a proposal to SC.3 with respect to the future role of SC.3 in IWT infrastructure development. At this occasion, the Working Party will also be informed about the progress in preparing the second revision of the Blue Book and, if needed, issue additional instructions to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.1

6. Resolution No. 59, “Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings”

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party considered the amendment proposal to Resolution No. 59 (TRANS/SC.3/169), prepared by the International Sava River Basin Commission (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/6), and endorsed, in principle, the concept of the proposed modifications. SC.3/WP.3 invited the delegations to submit their comments on the draft in time for its next session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 18). The revised amendment proposal, taking into account the comments received from the delegations, will be presented for the consideration by SC.3/WP.3 as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/6/Rev.1.

Documentation

TRANS/SC.3/169, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/6/Rev.1

7. Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”

The Working Party will be informed about the publication of a first revised edition of Resolution No. 61 following the instructions of the fifty-fourth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/187, para. 30) and may wish to comment on the publication appearing as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1.

Following the request of the fifty-third session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 18), and in accordance with the decisions of the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, paras.35–44), the Working Party will consider further amendments to Resolution No. 61 with due regard to the latest amendments to the EU Directive 2006/87/EC laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels (hereafter, Directive 2006/87/EC) and the work carried out by the Group of Volunteer experts on Resolution No. 61.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1

(a) Amendments to Chapter 1–2, “Definitions”

At its thirty-seventh session the Working Party asked the Group of Volunteers experts on Resolution No. 61 (hereafter, the Group of Volunteers) to study the proposal of Austria on amendments to Chapter 1–2 “Definitions” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/3) in light of the

comments received from Governments (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/16 and Add.1) and to prepare the advanced proposal for the consideration by SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/74, para. 23).

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party endorsed the recommendation by the Group of Volunteers in favour of a systematic approach towards revising the definitions in Chapter 1–2, in parallel with the revision of the relevant chapters of the Resolution, such as Chapter 6, “Steering gear”. SC.3/WP.3 decided to keep this item on its agenda and invited the Group of Volunteers to submit their proposal to the secretariat, as soon as it was available (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 39).

The Working Party will be invited to discuss the results of the work of the Group of Volunteers and their proposal, if available, on this amendment.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/16 and Add.1

(b) Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels

At its thirty-sixth session, the Working Party took note of the second draft of Chapter 20B “Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels”, prepared by the Group of volunteers (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/6/Add.1) and asked the Group of Volunteers to continue their work on completing this Chapter (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/72, paras. 35–36).

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party was informed that the Group of Volunteers had reviewed the draft Chapter 20B “Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels”, at its last meeting in December 2011 and was planning to finalize the draft at its fourth meeting in March 2011.

The Working Party will be invited to discuss the results of the work of the Group of Volunteers and the draft provisions, if available.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/6/Add.1

(c) Minimum technical requirements for computers installed on vessels

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party was informed that, in accordance with the decision of its thirty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/72, para. 38) the Group of Volunteers elaborated a draft proposal on minimum technical requirements for computers installed on vessels. The text of the proposal was presented in the annex to the Informal document No. 6 and SC.3/WP.3 invited the delegations to submit their comments on the proposal by 15 March 2011 so that the secretariat could prepare an official amendment proposal for the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 41).

The Working Party will be invited to consider the draft minimum technical requirements for computers installed on vessels and the comments from the delegations, if any, published as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/13.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/13

(d) Other amendments to Resolution No. 61

The Working Party will consider other amendment proposals, if any, to the Resolution.

8. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European river information services (RIS)

At its fifty-first session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport recognized that international expert groups continued their work on further developing technical standards for the river information services and that the adoption of the SC.3 resolutions Nos. 48, 57, 60 and 63 was only a first step towards the creation of a harmonized framework for the river information services. To ensure proper maintenance of these recommendations, the Working Party requested countries to report on the main developments in the work of relevant international expert groups during the SC.3/WP.3 spring and summer sessions and asked SC.3/WP.3 to notify the Working Party of any developments that would make it necessary to amend its Resolutions in question (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para. 27).

In this context, SC.3/WP.3 will be informed by the secretariat of the relevant submissions by international expert groups which may call for the revision of the SC.3 RIS related Resolutions.

(a) Resolution No. 57, “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services”

The Working Party will be informed about the results of the revision of the Guidelines on River Information Services (RIS) by the International Association for Navigation (PIANC), carried out in 2009–2011. The previous (2004) version of the PIANC RIS Guidelines had constituted the basis for the SC.3 Resolution No. 57 on Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (TRANS/SC.3/165).

The Working Party, therefore, will be invited to consider revising Resolution No. 57, based on the updated PIANC Guidelines (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/14). In doing so, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to pay special attention to its cooperation with the delegation of the EU and River Commissions in this area in order to ensure consistency between the revised resolution and the relevant EU and River Commission instruments, also largely based on the PIANC Guidelines.

Documentation

TRANS/SC.3/165, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/14

(b) Resolution No. 48, “Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS)”

Continuing its discussions on the revision of the RIS related Resolutions of SC.3, the Working Party will be informed by the Chair of the Inland ECDIS Expert Group on the latest development of the Inland ECDIS standard, soon to be at its 2.3 edition (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/15). The Chair will inform SC.3/WP.3 about the modifications to the first revised edition of Resolution No. 48 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.1) that this evolution would entail.

Based on this information, the Working Party will be invited to consider revising Resolution No. 48. Once again, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to pay special attention to its cooperation with the delegation of the EU and River Commissions in this area.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/15

(c) **Proposals on the UNECE recommendations on the Maritime Mobile Service identifiers**

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party took note of the proposal by the Russian Federation to elaborate recommendations on the Maritime Mobile Service Identifiers, issued as Informal document No. 4, and invited the delegations to consider the proposed approach and submit their preliminary position in time for the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 53). The comments from the delegations, if any, will be published by the secretariat together with the original proposal by the Russian Federation as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/16.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/16

9. Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party welcomed the proposal by Serbia to establish pan-European rules on General Average by means of a special SC.3 resolution on this issue (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7). SC.3/WP.3 asked the delegations to carry out consultations with relevant authorities in their countries on both the substance of the proposed rules and the possible form of a SC.3 instrument in this respect, and submit their position in time for its thirty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 48).

The updated proposal and the summary positions of the delegations will be presented for the consideration by SC.3/WP.3 in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7/Rev.1

10. Recreational navigation

As a continuation of its work on promoting safe recreational navigation in the ECE region, the Working Party will be presented with a joint note by the secretariat and the European Boating Association on the possible future actions of SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 in this area (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/17). This note will also include the preliminary results of the survey on the national legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft on national waterways of the UNECE member States, carried out by the secretariat in accordance with the decision of the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/74, para. 11).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/17

11. Cooperation with the European Union, River Commissions and other international organizations concerned with inland navigation matters

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party once again emphasized the importance of an appropriate consultation mechanism between the UNECE and the European Commission (EC) to ensure that the UNECE member States are timely informed about the ongoing legislative initiatives and reforms in the EU and to organize coordinated work on the elaboration of relevant pan-European instruments aimed at promoting inland navigation. SC.3/WP.3, therefore, asked the secretariat to prepare for the thirty-ninth session a draft

statement in which the Working Party on Inland Water Transport invites the EC to regularly present its work on the forthcoming EU legislation in the area of inland navigation at the SC.3/WP.3 and SC.3 sessions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 16). The Working Party may wish to take this opportunity to also reinforce its cooperation with River Commissions and other organizations concerned with inland navigation matters.

(a) European Commission

In accordance with the above-mentioned decision of its thirty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 16), the Working Party may wish to consider the draft statement in which the Working Party on Inland Water Transport invites the EC to regularly present its work on the forthcoming EU legislation at the SC.3/WP.3 and SC.3 sessions and to establish a closer cooperation between the EU and UNECE in this field, similar to the ongoing EU/UNECE cooperation on vehicle construction and the transport of dangerous goods. The draft statement will be presented by the secretariat as Informal document No. 10.

Documentation

Informal document No. 10

(b) River Commissions

The Working Party may wish to evaluate its cooperation with River Commissions and existing cooperation mechanisms, such as the CEVNI Expert Group, and consider other areas where this cooperation can be established or reinforced (joint publications, studies and meetings, etc.).

(c) Other organizations

The Working Party may wish to evaluate its cooperation with other organizations concerned with inland navigation matters and consider areas where this cooperation can be established or reinforced.

12. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

13. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its thirty-ninth session on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.
