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

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Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation

Note by the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Serbia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Setup and mandate of the International Expert Group (IEG)

Czech Republic

The Czech boatmasters' certificates have been recognized by the CCNR as equivalent to those issued under the Rhine regulations. All Czech certificates are issued in accordance with EU Directive 96/50/EC. The Czech Republic believes the establishment of an International Expert Group (IEG) on this issue would duplicate the efforts of CCNR.

Lithuania

Lithuania supports the establishment of an International Expert Group (IEG) on this issue and strongly recommends that all member Governments are represented therein. Lithuania has nominated an expert to take part in the work of the IEG.

Serbia

Serbia strongly supports the establishment of an IEG on boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation open to interested parties as stated in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/80, para. 14(a). Serbia is expecting to discuss this issue with member Governments within the Danube Commission and the Sava Commission shortly. Serbia will nominate an expert to take part in the work of the IEG in due course.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency's Training and Certification Branch will consider this issue carefully and provide its comments in due course.
