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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-first session^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 June 2012

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Inland waterway infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);

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.

- (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);
 - (c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49).
- 3. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24):
 - (a) Status of amendments to CEVNI;
 - (b) Amendments to Chapters 1–8;
 - (c) Revision of Chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”.
- 4. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.
- 5. Future cooperation on the European vessel/hull database.
- 6. Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”.
- 7. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European river information services (RIS):
 - (a) Proposal on the UNECE recommendations on the Maritime Mobile Service identifiers;
 - (b) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT).
- 8. Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation.
- 9. Recreational navigation.
- 10. Other business.
- 11. 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.3/81

2. Inland waterway infrastructure

It is recalled that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), at its fifty-fifth session, was informed by the secretariat that in the process of revising the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book"), updates to the list of inland waterways and ports of international importance (Annexes I and II to the AGN Agreement) had been identified. The Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare and submit draft amendments to the AGN emanating from those updates for preliminary discussion at the SC.3/WP.3 forty-first session so that an official proposal could then be submitted to its fifty-sixth session for further consideration and adoption (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 15).

SC.3 agreed also to focus in the next biennium on maintenance of pan-European instruments, on the coordinated development of the E Waterway Network. SC.3 felt that one of the indicators of achievement for 2012–2013 would be promoting the second edition of the Blue Book and updating the AGN Agreement and, if needed, other relevant UNECE instruments based on the information received for the latest revision of the Blue Book (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 20).

(a) **European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)**

The secretariat prepared a set of amendments to the AGN Agreement, in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/11. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft amendments, modify as appropriate and transmit them to SC.3 for further consideration and adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/11

(b) **Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book")**

Given the importance of updating the Blue Book for ensuing amendments to the AGN Agreement, the Working Party will have a possibility for a last minute review of the second revised edition of the Blue Book before its submission by the secretariat for printing.

Documentation

Informal document No. 7 (2012)

(c) **Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49)**

The Working Party may wish to request the secretariat to prepare a revised list of most important bottlenecks and missing links, as set out in the annex to Resolution No. 49, based on the second revised edition of the Blue Book, and transmit it for consideration and adoption by SC.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159

3. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24)

(a) **Status of amendments to CEVNI**

The Working Party will have before it a set of proposed amendments to CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/2/Add.1) provisionally agreed upon at its fortieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/80, paras. 24 and 26 (b)) and may wish to give them its final approval before submission by the secretariat for further consideration and adoption by SC.3, in addition to those appearing in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/2.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/2 and Add.1

(b) **Amendments to Chapters 1–8**

The Working Party, at its fortieth session, considered new amendment proposals to CEVNI, prepared by the CEVNI Expert Group (CEG) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/3), provisionally approved draft amendments to articles 3.25(1), 6.10(6), 8.02(6), Annex 3 and Annex 6 of CEVNI and agreed to revert to these proposals at its forty-first session, hoping to have by then the position of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) on Article 4.07 and clarifications by the CEVNI Expert Group on articles 3.16(1) and 7.08(2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/80, paras. 26 and 27). The Working Party may wish to continue consideration of the pending items in the above-mentioned document together with additional proposals by CEG, member Governments and River Commissions that will be issued by the secretariat in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/3/Add.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/3 and Add.1

(c) **Revision of Chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”**

The Working Party, at its fortieth session, had a preliminary exchange of views on this item and felt that the general concept for revising Chapter 10 proposed by CCNR in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/4 was in principle acceptable. It was agreed, however, to come back to detailed considerations at the forty-first session after receiving information from the Danube Commission (DC) on the outcome of their Expert Group's work on Waste resulting from the Operation of the Vessel and after circulation of the Sava Commission's Protocol on Prevention of Water Pollution caused by Navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/80, para. 28).

The Working Party will be informed of the outcome of discussion within DC and may wish to consider in detail the draft revised Chapter 10 as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/4 taking into account: (a) the Sava Commission's Protocol on Prevention of Water

Pollution caused by Navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/12); (b) Resolution No. 21, revised, "Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels" (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179) and (c) any proposals by member Governments on possible rectification of the definitions appearing in the CCNR's proposal (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/13).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/4,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/13

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

It is recalled that the Working Party, at its fortieth session, agreed on setting up an International Expert Group (IEG), open to all UNECE member States, the European Commission, River Commissions and other stakeholders, such as Education in Inland Navigation (EDINNA) with a view to modernizing existing regional and pan-European instruments on boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/80, paras. 9–16). The Working Party will be informed of the views of Governments, the European Union (EU) and River Commissions regarding the possible mandate, programme of work and organizational issues related to the work of the future IEG as well as the nomination of experts. Based on this information the Working Party may wish to proceed with the organization of the first meeting of the IEG and set up its mandate. The results of consultations with member Governments, EU and River Commissions will be issued by the secretariat as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/14.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/14

5. Future cooperation on the European vessel/hull database

At its fortieth session, the Working Party was briefed by the EU delegation on progress made regarding the hull database and its possible extension to other elements of importance for promoting this mode of transport in Europe. The Working Party and agreed to keep this item on its agenda (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/80, paras. 17–23). The secretariat will inform SC.3/WP.3 on the considerations of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) taken at its seventy-fourth session (28 February – 1 March 2012).

Documentation

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

6. Resolution No. 61, "Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels"

The Working Party, at its fortieth session, approved the text of new Chapter 17 "Specific requirements applicable to floating equipment" and Chapter 18 "Specific requirements applicable to worksite craft" as well as new draft section 20B–8 of Chapter 20B "Specific requirements applicable to vessels forming pushed river-sea navigation convoys", amendments to Chapter 7 "Wheelhouse" with provisions on "Requirements concerning onboard computers", amendments to sections 3–4.1 and 15–9.1 based on the documentation prepared by the Group of Volunteers (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/80,

paras. 33–38). All the above-mentioned amendments and supplements to the annex of Resolution No. 61 will be transmitted by the secretariat to SC.3 for further consideration and adoption. The Working Party will be informed about the main outcome of the sixth meeting of the Group of Volunteers expected to be organized in the Netherlands in May 2012 and may wish to discuss any other amendment proposals of Resolution No. 61, if any.

Documentation

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

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

(a) Proposals on the UNECE recommendations on the Maritime Mobile Service Identifiers

The Working Party, at its thirty-ninth session, took note of a proposal by the Russian Federation to elaborate special recommendations on Maritime Mobile Service Identifiers and of the comments submitted by the delegations (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/16). The Working Party noted that no delegations had submitted objections to this proposal and invited the Russian Federation to submit the draft text of the recommendation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, para. 37). The proposal of the Russian Federation will be issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/15. The Working Party may wish to consider this proposal and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/15

(b) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT)

The Working Party will have before it a “Proposal for the European acceptance of Class B stations in inland navigation” transmitted by the Chair of the Expert Group on Vessel Tracking and Tracing (VTT) contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/16. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal of the VTT Expert Group and agree on relevant adaptation of the VTT Standard, as reflected in the annex to Resolution No. 63 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176

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

At its fortieth session, the Working Party noted the proposals by Ukraine and the Russian Federation concerning the text of the draft pan-European Rules on General Average contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7, approved the general concept proposed by the Russian Federation regarding the future pan-European Rules on General Average and agreed to replace in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the draft resolution, the references to the “IVR General Average Rules, 2006 edition” by “pan-European Rules on General Average”. The secretariat was requested to circulate the Ukrainian proposal in all three working languages together with detailed proposals to be transmitted by the Russian Federation on possible expansion of the scope of the Resolution based on their national legislation so that the Working Party could proceed at its forty-first session, with the first reading of the text of the pan-European Rules on General Average as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/80, para. 50).

The proposals of Ukraine are contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/17. The proposals of the Russian Federation will be issued as soon as they are available. The Working Party may wish to proceed with detailed consideration of the draft Rules as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7, with due regard to the above proposals and comments by Ukraine, the Russian Federation and possibly other Governments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/17 and Add.1

9. Recreational navigation

At its thirty-ninth session, the Working Party decided to resume the work on a schematic map of European waterways used for recreational navigation and to establish a document on the implementation of Resolution No. 40 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, para. 49). At its fifty-fifth session, SC.3 requested the Working Party to dedicate part of its forty-first session to this issue (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 47).

At its fortieth session, the Working Party reviewed a draft map of European waterways used for recreational navigation (AGNP) (also available online at: www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/sc3wp3/AGN_recreational.pdf). Delegates were invited to submit their comments and proposals on possible rectification of the map. In order to establish a document on the implementation of Resolution No. 40, member Governments were invited to transmit to the secretariat information on difficulties in implementing the said Resolution and their views with regard to possible upgrading of the status of the Resolution and ways to proceed with such upgrading (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/80, para. 54).

Information from member Governments will be circulated as soon as available under the symbol ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/18 together with the second revised edition of Resolution No. 40 as amended with latest information from Governments on its application. The Working Party may wish: (a) to consider the document on implementation of Resolution No. 40 and agree on its possible adaptation in order to make the Resolution more comprehensible not only for Governments but also for individual yachtsmen; (b) to have an exchange of views on possible upgrading of the status of the Resolution in the light of comments to be received from Governments; (c) to enable the secretariat to amend annex IV of the Resolution (containing data on its application by Governments) automatically on receipt of relevant information from Governments; and (d) to supplement Resolution No. 52 "European recreational inland navigation network" with the schematic AGNP map once rectified by Governments.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/18

10. Other business

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

11. Adoption of the report

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