SHIP-BORNE BARGES

Resolution No. 15

(adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on 27 November 1974)

The Working Party on Inland Water Transport,

Noting the desirability, in particular, of measures designed to unify the operation of ship-borne barges on European inland waterways,

1. Recommends:

That every ship-borne barge should be registered in a register, whether a maritime register or an inland shipping register, and that dual registration should be prohibited;

That the conditions for operating ship-borne barges on inland waterways should be the same as that of other barges;

That nothing should be done to inhibit the development of transport operations by ship-borne barges which include a maritime movement, and that furthermore the interchangeability of ship-borne barges should be facilitated in order to obtain their optimal use;

That the treatment of ship-borne barges with regard to fees and charges of all kinds payable for the use of harbour installations should be, the conditions being equal, the same as that accorded to any other means of water transport using such installations;

That ship-borne barges should pay the taxes and tolls of all kinds applicable on inland waterways;

2. <u>Requests</u> Governments to inform the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe whether they accept this resolution;

3. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to place the question of the application of this resolution on the agenda of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport periodically and to keep up to date, for the sessions of the Working Party, the list of countries applying the resolution.