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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 February 2013

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. 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/wp3doc_2013.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) UNECE online database of the E Waterway Network;
 - (c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49).
4. 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”.
5. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.
6. Future cooperation on the European vessel/hull database.
7. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61).
8. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European river information services (RIS):
 - (a) Recommendation on Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48);
 - (b) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63).
9. Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation.
10. Recreational navigation.
11. Other business.
12. 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.3/83

2. Election of officers

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation, hereafter, the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3, may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for its forty-second and forty-third sessions.

3. Inland waterway infrastructure

It is recalled that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), at its fifty-fifth session, agreed 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 Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2) and updating the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) 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)

At its fifty-sixth session SC.3, adopted a package of amendments to the AGN (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/2) and requested the secretariat to transmit them to the depositary ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, para. 14). It took note that SC.3/WP.3 had decided to revert, at its forty-second session in February 2013, to considering draft annex IV to the AGN on questions of security as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/7 and Add.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, para. 58).

The Working Party SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the draft text of annex IV to the AGN contained in the above documents (reissued by the secretariat as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/1) and decide as appropriate. It may wish, in particular, to redraft the above provisions in order to make them acceptable for SC.3.

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the conclusions by the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) on the revision of annexes I and II of the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) to bring them in line with the revised AGN. At its fifty-fifth session in November 2012, WP.24 considered document ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2012/4 comparing the layouts used in the Protocol and the AGN.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/1, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2012/4

(b) UNECE online database of the E Waterway Network

The Working Party will be informed of further developments of the UNECE database that allows the monitoring of the navigational standards and parameters of the E waterway network as set out in the second revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2).

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

The Working Party may wish to note that the revised Resolution No. 49 containing the updated list of most important bottlenecks and missing links was adopted by SC.3 at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, para. 17) and had been issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.1

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

(a) Status of amendments to CEVNI

At its fifty-sixth session, SC.3 adopted a consolidated text of pending amendments to CEVNI as agreed by SC.3/WP.3 and set out in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/5.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/5

(b) Amendments to Chapters 1–8

It is recalled that the Working Party SC.3/WP.3, at its forty-first session, agreed to consider the pending items of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/3 together with additional proposals of the CEVNI Expert Group on amendments to CEVNI contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/3/Add.1 at its forty-second session, hoping to have by then the comprehensive proposal from the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) on requirements for the installation and use of AIS equipment, and clarifications by the CEVNI Expert Group on articles 3.16(1) and 7.08(2) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/82, para. 24).

The Working Party will be invited to approve new amendment proposals to CEVNI, prepared by the CEVNI Expert Group in the course of its seventeenth and eighteenth meetings in June and October 2012, together with the pending items in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/3 and Add.1 as contained in consolidated document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/2.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/2

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

It is recalled that following the CCNR proposal to amend CEVNI Chapter 10 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/4), several Governments submitted their reactions and additional amendment proposals to Chapter 10. At its forty-first session, the Working Party requested the secretariat to draft a consolidated version of revised Chapter 10 based on the proposal of CCNR and the input from delegations for consideration by the CEVNI Expert Group (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/82, para. 29). The Working Party may wish to be informed of the guidance of the CEVNI Expert Group which considered the draft revised Chapter 10 prepared by the secretariat at its nineteenth meeting held on 12 February 2012.

It is also recalled that the Working Party requested the CEVNI Expert Group to submit a proposal on the best instrument for including the provisions of CEVNI Chapter 10 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/82, para. 29). The Working Party may wish to be informed of the feedback provided by the CEVNI Expert Group in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/3

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

The Working Party will be informed that SC.3 adopted the Terms of Reference for the International Expert Group (IEG) set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/4 and agreed that the IEG could hold its first meeting depending on further developments in this field and pending the completion of the requested administrative steps within UNECE. The secretariat will inform SC.3/WP.3 of any new developments in this area (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, para. 26).

Depending on the progress made in this field, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider holding the first meeting of IEG in conjunction with its forty-third session. The meeting could decide on organizational issues such as: (a) overview of existing UNECE provisions related to qualification and certification of crew members, minimum manning and working and rest hours of crew; (b) subjects to be addressed by IEG keeping in mind the IMO International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW); and (c) dates of next IEG meetings.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/4

6. Future cooperation on the European vessel/hull database

At its fortieth session, the Working Party was briefed by the European Union delegation on progress of the hull database and its possible extension to other elements of importance for promoting this mode of transport in Europe. The Working Party 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 of new developments in this area, if any.

Documentation

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

7. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61)

The Working Party may wish to note that a new set of amendments to Resolution No. 61 had been adopted by SC.3 as proposed by SC.3/WP.3 and issued under the symbol ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.2.

It will be informed about the results of the sixth meeting of the Group of Volunteers (The Hague, 23–25 October 2012) and may wish to consider the new amendment proposals to Resolution No. 61 emanating from that meeting as contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/4.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/4

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

(a) Recommendation on Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48)

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-sixth session, SC.3 adopted amendment proposals to Resolution No. 48 as contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, para. 39).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.2

(b) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63)

The Working Party will be informed about the work undertaken by the secretariat jointly with the Chair of the Expert Group on Vessel Tracking and Tracing (VTT) with a view to adapting the annex to Resolution No. 63 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176) with the European acceptance of Class B stations in inland navigation proposed by the Expert Group on VTT in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/9. Any amendment proposals to Resolution No. 63 emanating from the consultations with the Chair of VTT Group will be circulated as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/5.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/5

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

It is recalled that at the forty-first session of the Working Party, the delegation of Serbia was invited to formulate, in consultation with the International Association for the Rhine Ships Register (IVR), its comments on the proposals of the Russian Federation and Ukraine on the draft pan-European Rules on General Average contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7 and transmit them to SC.3/WP.3 for consideration at its forty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/82, para. 43).

The Working Party may wish to consider the comments of Serbia to those proposals and decide as appropriate (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/6).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/17 and Add.1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/6

10. Recreational navigation

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-sixth session, SC.3 adopted the revised Resolution No. 52, "European Recreational Inland Navigation Network" containing the map of European waterways used for recreational navigation (AGNP) in its annex 2. Furthermore, SC.3 agreed that the secretariat should update annex IV to Resolution No. 40, revised, "International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft" on receipt of relevant information from Governments on its application (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, para. 52).

Taking into account the responses by delegations to its questionnaire, the secretariat will draft guidelines on the application of Resolution No. 40 that will be prepared in cooperation

with the European Boating Association (EBA). The Working Party may wish to reflect its views on possibly consolidating the SC.3 resolutions concerning recreational navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/82, paras. 47 and 49). The Working Party may wish to consider the draft guidelines and the views of the secretariat as issued in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/7.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/7

11. Other business

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

12. Adoption of the report

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