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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

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

###### Forty-fifth session

Geneva, 25–27 June 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session<sup>1, 2</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 25 June 2014

#### I. Provisional agenda

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website [www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by e-mail ([sc.3@unece.org](mailto: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. 72478). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website [www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

- (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, revised).
3. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation: First meeting of the International Expert Group.
4. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised):
  - (a) Results of the twenty-fourth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group;
  - (b) Amendments proposals from the fourth to the fifth revised edition of CEVNI;
  - (c) Website on CEVNI and regional and national special requirements.
5. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
6. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European River Information Services (RIS):
  - (a) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) (Resolution No. 57);
  - (b) International standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in inland Navigation (Resolution No. 60).
7. Recreational navigation.
8. Other business:
  - (a) Theme topic for the next SC.3 session;
  - (b) High-level international conference on inland navigation.
9. 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.3/89

### **2. Inland waterway infrastructure**

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

The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (hereafter the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) will be informed by the secretariat about the current status of the amendments to AGN and the progress on preparing a third revised edition of the Agreement.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/120/Rev.2

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

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about new amendment proposals to the Blue Book, as well as of the progress on further expanding the UNECE online database of the E Waterway Network, based on the Blue Book.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2 and Add.1

**(c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised)**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress in eliminating bottlenecks and completing missing links based on information submitted by Governments. The Working Party may wish to consider revising the list of most important bottlenecks and missing links, as set out in the annex of Resolution No. 49, revised, on the basis of available information.

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the international conference on restoration of the E40 waterway connection between the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea that took place in Brest (Belarus). This conference took place on 27-28 March 2014 and was hosted by the Brest regional executive committee.

**Documentation**

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

**3. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation: First meeting of the International Expert Group**

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-seventh session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) agreed to devote a half-day of the forty-fifth session of SC.3/WP.3 in June 2014 to the first meeting of the International Expert Group on Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters’ Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation.

The provisional agenda for this first meeting together with the annotations thereto, as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/3, lists the following items:

1. Revision of the Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster’s Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (Resolution No. 31, revised).
2. Draft amendment proposals to chapter 23 of the DC Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels, “Crews and personnel”.
3. Comments of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia and Ukraine on the Standards of Training and Certification in Inland Navigation (STCIN) tables to be annexed to the new EU legal instrument under preparation.

4. Local knowledge requirements in Belarus, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia and Ukraine.
5. Work plan.
6. Other business.
7. Next meeting.

The Group of Experts may wish to conduct its discussions on the basis of this agenda.

At the outset of its first meeting, the Expert Group will be informed about the results of a study, undertaken by the International Labour Office (ILO), on the working and living conditions on board inland navigation vessels in the ECE region ([www.ilo.org/sector/Resources/publications/WCMS\\_234892/lang--en/index.htm](http://www.ilo.org/sector/Resources/publications/WCMS_234892/lang--en/index.htm)).

The terms of reference of the International Expert Group as well as a summary of the current work are presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/4 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/5.

The International Expert Group may also wish to discuss the proposals for revising Chapter 23 “Crews” of the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61), based on the work done by the Danube Commission in that area (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/12).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2009/7; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/5; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2012/4; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/3; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/12;

## **4. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised)**

### **(a) Results of the twenty-fourth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group**

The Working Party may wish to note that the CEVNI Expert Group held its twenty-fourth meeting on 26 and 27 March 2014 in Geneva and finalized the review of amendments to the fourth revised edition of CEVNI (CEVNI 4), based on proposals received from Governments, River Commissions and the secretariat. The secretariat will inform the Working Party on the results of the meeting.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/16

### **(b) Amendments proposals from the fourth to the fifth revised edition of CEVNI**

In line with the work plan for the preparation of the fifth revised edition of CEVNI, four sets of amendment have been preliminarily adopted by SC.3 (consolidated in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/1) since the adoption of CEVNI 4 by SC.3 on 6 November 2009 and its corrigendum of 13 October 2010. It is also recalled that at its forty-fourth session, the Working Party approved another set of amendments as contained in documents ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/5. All amendments will be consolidated by the secretariat into a single amendment package for final adoption by SC.3 as the fifth revised edition of CEVNI (CEVNI 5).

Following the decisions of the CEVNI Expert Group at its twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings (February and March 2014), the Working Party will be invited to approve

additional amendment proposals, prepared by the secretariat in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/17.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/17

(c) **Website on CEVNI and regional and national special requirements**

In a follow-up to the decision taken at the fifty-seventh session of SC.3 to also publish the next revised edition of CEVNI in electronic format, the secretariat will inform the Working Party about the latest developments in the online version of the Code, including information on the existing regional and national special requirements (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/5).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/5

**5. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised)**

It is recalled that SC.3 adopted at its fifty-seventh session a third series of amendments to Resolution No. 61, as revised, and that the secretariat would include those amendments, as consolidated in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/6, into the next package of amendments to the Resolution.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the results of the eighth session of the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61 (26 to 28 February 2014, Geneva), as presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/18.

The Working Party will be invited to consider amendments proposals to chapter 15, prepared by the Group of volunteer experts and presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/19.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1 and 2; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/18; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/19

**6. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European River Information Services (RIS)**

(a) **Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) (Resolution No. 57)**

Following the decision to consider the revision of Resolution No. 57 in 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 43), the Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal by the Russian Federation to include in Resolution No. 57 a new annex “RIS related terminology and definitions”, based on the relevant document of the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC). The discussion will be supported by information submitted by Governments and River Commissions in response to the questionnaire for this session.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1; informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 17 (2013); informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2014)

**(b) International standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in inland Navigation (Resolution No. 60)**

Following the decision of SC.3 at its fifty-seventh session to separate Resolution No. 60 into two resolutions, since within the EU, the Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation were maintained by two different international expert groups, the Working Party may wish to consider the draft versions of these resolutions prepared by the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to use this opportunity to discuss any further amendments to these standards, which could be introduced in the new resolutions.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/175; informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 11 (2014)

**7. Recreational navigation**

It is recalled that at its fifty-seventh session, SC.3 adopted the third revised edition of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40). In doing so, SC.3 reaffirmed that the International Certificate (international card) for Pleasure Craft of Resolution No. 14 had been superseded by Resolution No. 40.

In this context, the Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the results of the exchange with the member States on the application of Resolution No. 14, as well as on any new development with respect to the implementation of Resolution No. 40.

The Working Party will also be informed by the secretariat about the status of the map of the European recreational inland navigation network and, in particular, of the requests for corrections, if any, submitted by the Governments.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.3 and Corr.1; informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 12 (2014)

**8. Other business**

**(a) Theme topic for the next SC.3 session**

Following the decision of the fifty-seventh session of SC.3 to introduce general policy topics for SC.3 sessions and the selection of the theme “Making jobs of crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive” for the fifty-eighth session, the Working Party may wish to discuss the modalities for preparing the discussion, based on the information provided by the secretariat.

**(b) High-level international conference on inland navigation**

In light of the decision by SC.3 to start the preparatory work on a high-level international conference for countries with an interest in inland navigation, the Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about past international key events on inland waterways. The Working Party may wish to make suggestions for key topics and about the scope of the conference.

## 9. Adoption of the report

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

## III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 25 June 2014	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 4
Thursday, 26 June 2014	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 5–6
	2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 7–8
Friday, 27 June 2014	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Adoption of the report