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#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

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

###### Forty-eighth session

Geneva, 17–19 February 2016

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

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

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 February 2016

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Outcome of the fifty-ninth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
4. Workshop on inland water transport security.

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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 register online at the following address: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=VH3fFd>. 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.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

5. Follow-up to the UNECE White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe: Discussion of a new strategy proposal.
6. Inland waterways infrastructure:
  - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);
  - (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);
  - (d) Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (Resolution No. 59, revised).
7. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation: Sixth meeting of the International Expert Group.
8. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
  - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised);
  - (b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
9. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation:
  - (a) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (Resolution No. 57);
  - (b) Recommendation on Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48);
  - (c) International Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolutions Nos. 79 and 80);
  - (d) Cooperation with the RAINWAT Committee;
  - (e) AIS Aid to Navigation (AtoN) in inland waterways.
10. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation: The International Convention on Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels.
11. Recreational navigation.
12. Other business.
13. 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.3/95

## **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-eighth and forty-ninth sessions.

## **3. Outcome of the fifty-ninth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its fifty-ninth session, which took place from 9 to 11 November 2015.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201

## **4. Workshop on inland water transport security**

The Working Party will be informed that SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session agreed to organize an inland navigation security workshop in conjunction with the forty-eighth session of SC.3/WP.3 according to the proposal of the Sustainable Transport Division and asked the secretariat to make the necessary preparations. This future event will provide an overview of how inland navigation safety and security issues are addressed in member States and also look into: what security-related competences and skills are currently required by national regulators and how crews are trained; and national experiences in organizing safety and security management systems for ports, ships and freight, etc.

The Working Party is invited to share best practices in this field and to take part in discussions on major safety and security (and their interrelationship) issues in inland navigation.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/1

## **5. Follow-up to the UNECE White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe: Discussion of a new strategy proposal**

The Working Party will be informed about the revision of the strategy of SC.3 as decided at its fifty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201, para.16). The Working Party may wish to consider the comments, submitted to the secretariat, on the first draft of a new strategy proposal for SC.3 and to discuss <sup>the</sup> second proposal which was drafted on the basis of the first.

The Working Party may also wish to discuss a progress report on the revision of the strategy prepared by the secretariat for the seventy-eighth session of the Inland Transport Committee (hereafter ITC) which will be held on 23–25 February 2016.

### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/2

## **6. Inland waterway infrastructure**

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

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the current status of the AGN. The Working Party will be further informed about the decision taken by the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) at its fifty-eighth session on the proposal related to the alignment of the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement with the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss further actions aimed at aligning these two documents as well as further cooperation with WP.24.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/120/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/3-ECE/TRANS/WP.24/2015/12, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/137

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

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the preparation of the third revised edition of the Blue Book. Governments may wish to submit further amendments to the Blue Book for discussion and approval by SC.3/WP.3.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/3

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

The Working Party may wish to discuss further progress in infrastructure projects aimed at elimination of bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network in the light of a revision of the Blue Book. 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.

#### **Documentation**

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

### **(d) Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (Resolution No. 59, revised)**

SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session had asked the secretariat to prepare a proposal on the basis of the “Instruction on the Mode of Installation of Waterway Signs and Marking on the Danube” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/5) submitted by the Danube Commission and the fifth edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI). The Working Party may wish to consider the document prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/3).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/4

## 7. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation: Sixth meeting of the International Expert Group

The Working Party may wish to note that SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session agreed to devote a half-day of the forty-eighth session of SC.3/WP.3 to the sixth meeting of the International Expert Group on Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation (IEG). The Working Party may wish to also note that SC.3 had suggested that the provisional agenda of the third IEG meeting be the same as the agenda of the fifth meeting:

1. Exchange of information on boatmasters' certificates in inland navigation and professional requirements in inland navigation in the UNECE region.

IEG may wish to continue the exchange of information on this matter on the basis of ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/2, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 14 and 15 (2015).

2. Proposal on means and measures to make the professions of boatmaster and other crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive and to bring these professions into line with modern requirements.

IEG may wish to exchange information on education and professional knowledge requirements of crew members of vessels using liquefied natural gas (LNG) for propulsion, on navigation training simulators and local knowledge requirements. This information may become an update to the annex of Resolution No. 31.

3. Analysis of existing national, regional and international instruments relating to the mutual recognition and modernization of professional qualifications in inland navigation.

IEG is invited to continue discussion on a new document prepared by the secretariat on the basis of ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/2 and the proposal of the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61 for revising Chapter 23 of Resolution No. 61 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/6).

4. Local knowledge requirements: drawing up criteria to help determine the conditions where local knowledge requirements could be necessary.

IEG may wish to continue discussion on updating the list of local knowledge requirements existing in the ECE region (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2010/12 and Corr.1).

5. Discussion on establishing the procedures of expert training and examination within the ECE region, on the basis of the synthesis of the information submitted by UNECE member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/15) (Standards of Training and Certification for personnel in Inland Navigation (STCIN)) and consolidated by PLATINA (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/16 and Corr.1).

IEG may wish to discuss comments from the member States on STCIN as consolidated by PLATINA (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/16 and Corr.1), if any.

6. Other business.

7. Next meeting.

### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2010/12 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/16 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90, annex, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/1,

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/2, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 14 and 15, IEG/2015/1

## **8. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation**

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

The Working Party will be informed about the proposals for further amendments of CEVNI submitted so far (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/5). The Working Party may wish to discuss the dates of the next meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group, depending on the number of amendment proposals, as decided by SC.3 at its fifty-eighth session.

The Working Party may also wish to begin discussion on the update of the CEVNI Status document and on information submitted to the questionnaire on regional and national special requirements, as approved by SC.3 at its fifty-eighth session.

The Working Party will be informed about the current situation with the translation of CEVNI into German and the availability of the text of CEVNI in other languages of member States as discussed at the fifty-ninth session of SC.3.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/7,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/5

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

The Working Party will be informed that a package of amendments to Resolution No. 61 adopted by SC.3 has been issued as Amendment No. 3 to Resolution No. 61 following the request by SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session and is available on the UNECE website.

The Working Party may wish to start discussion on the amendments proposed by the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61: proposal for the new Section 8B-4 (Requirements concerning equipment for the treatment of domestic waste water) and draft Appendixes 8 and 9 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8), proposal for amending Chapter 23 and Appendix 2 and proposal for a new Chapter 24 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9).

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9

## **9. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation**

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

The Working Party will be informed that the amendment to Resolution No. 57 adopted by SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session has been issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1/Amend.1 and is available on the UNECE website.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1/Amend.1

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

The Working Party will be informed that revision of Resolution No. 48 has been issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3 and is available on the UNECE website. The updated Technical Appendices to Resolution No. 48 which were approved by SC.3 are also available on the UNECE website in the English language.

The Working Party will be further informed about the outcome of the meeting of the Inland ECDIS Expert Group held 24 November 2015 in Lille, France.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3, Annexes and Appendices

**(c) International Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolutions Nos. 79 and 80)**

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the meeting of the Expert Groups on Notices to Skippers and Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation held in Lille, France on 26–27 November 2015. The Working Party will be further informed about the proposed amendments to the relevant standards and respective amendment proposals to Resolutions No. 79 and No. 80.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6

**(d) Cooperation with the RAINWAT Committee**

The Working Party will be informed about possible directions of cooperation between the RAINWAT Committee and Working Parties SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3, and the current activities of the RAINWAT Committee.

**(e) AIS Aid to Navigation (AtoN) in inland waterways**

The Working Party will be invited to continue the exchange of opinions on using AIS Aid to Navigation (AtoN) in inland waterways, on further investigation of a technical solution for Inland AIS AtoN and its potential use in inland navigation in accordance with the decision of SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session, who decided to keep this item in the agenda.

**10. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation: The International Convention on Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels**

The Working Party will be invited to continue discussion on possible updating of the International Convention on Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels and how to facilitate its efficiency on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/15. The secretariat will inform the Working Party about reactions received from Contracting Parties to the Convention and comments of River Commissions on possible modification of Article 3 of the Convention which could cause implications for their regulatory frameworks.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/7

## 11. Recreational navigation

The Working Party may wish to update compiled information on national legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft on national waterways and on where these acts can be found. The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to submit this information to the secretariat if they have not yet done so.

The secretariat will inform the Working Party on development of a database of models of ICC issued by national authorities in accordance with Resolution No. 40 according to the decision of SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session.

### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/16

## 12. Other business

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

## 13. Adoption of the report

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

## III. Tentative timetable

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 17 February 2016	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–4
	3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 5–6
Thursday, 18 February 2016	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 7–9
	2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 10–12
Friday, 19 February 2016	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Adoption of the report

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