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

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 22 June 2016

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation:
 - (a) Workshop “River Information Services and other information communication technologies in the pan-European format”;

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 Sustainable 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 register online at the following address: <http://tiny.cc/c1ceay>. 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 (+41 22 917 4030) or by email (SC.3@unece.org). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html.

- (b) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63);
 - (c) International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 80);
 - (d) Cooperation with the RAINWAT Committee.
3. Follow-up to the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe: A new strategy proposal.
4. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:
 - (a) The International Convention on Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels;
 - (b) Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI) and Strasbourg Convention on Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI).
5. 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).
6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised);
 - (b) Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (Resolution No. 59, revised);
 - (c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
7. Inland water transport and security.
8. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.
9. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) Promotion of recreational navigation;
 - (b) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40).
10. Inland waterways infrastructure development and the environment.
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 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 adopt the agenda of its forty-ninth session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/97, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 19 (2016)

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

(a) Workshop “River Information Services and other information communication technologies in the pan-European format”

According to the decision of its forty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96, para. 47), member States, River Commissions, the European Union (EU), Chairs of River Information Services (RIS) Expert Groups and invited organizations may wish to share best practices, recent developments and policies in this field, discuss on how to ensure better coordination and synergy in implementation and promotion of RIS and other information and communication technologies in inland navigation at a pan-European level. The participants may wish to consider the discussion paper prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/9). The Working Party will be informed about the results of RIS Week (13–17 June 2016, Prague).

The Working Party may wish to make recommendations to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) on further UNECE activities in this field following Policy Recommendation No. 3 of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/9

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

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the updates to the Vessel Tracking and Tracing (VTT) Standard by the VTT International Expert Group and the next steps. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss possible consequences for Resolution No. 63 and amendment proposals (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/17).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/ SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/17

(c) **International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 80)**

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about further progress in revising Resolution No. 80, International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation on the basis of ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6/Rev.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 11 and 15 (2016)

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

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the outcome of the meeting of the Committee of the Regional Arrangement on the Radiocommunication Service for Inland Waterways (RAINWAT) (26–27 April 2016, Trier, Germany). SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the possibility of granting observer status to UNECE. In this connection SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion about the cooperation between the RAINWAT Committee and Working Parties SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3.

3. Follow-up to the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe: A new strategy proposal

The Working Party may wish to be informed about the progress in revising the SC.3 strategy, as decided at its fifty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201, para. 16): (a) to discuss the draft of a new strategy proposal for SC.3 and the comments received so far; (b) to give guidance to the secretariat for the finalization of the proposal for the sixtieth session of SC.3; (c) to take note of the discussion held at the seventy-eighth session of the Inland Transport Committee on this matter.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/10, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 9 and 17 (2016)

4. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation

(a) **The International Convention on Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels**

The Working Party will continue discussion of reactions of Contracting Parties to the International Convention on Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels, River Commissions and other stakeholders on possible modification of Article 3 of the Convention which could cause implications for their regulatory frameworks. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to propose recommendations for further consideration by SC.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/11, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 7, 8, 10 and 18 (2016)

(b) **Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI) and Strasbourg Convention on Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI)**

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the eighth Colloquium organized by the International Association for the Rhine Ships Register (IVR) (17–18 March 2016, Bonn, Germany) dedicated to the developments in the international field of limitation of liability and the carriage of goods and passengers on inland waterways, in particular, CMNI, CLNI 2012 and other issues. The Working Party may wish to exchange opinions or give comments on this matter.

5. Inland waterways 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 European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance and the progress made on its implementation. The Working Party may also wish to discuss further cooperation with the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3

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

The Working Party may wish to consider draft amendments to the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”) as presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/12.

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the progress of the third revision of the Blue Book and the outcome of consultations with the Danube Commission on the parameters of E 80 waterway (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96, para. 20). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss and approve the second draft of the third revision of the Blue Book. Governments are invited to submit amendments to the Blue Book for discussion and approval by SC.3/WP.3.

The Working Party will be informed by the International Commission on the E 40 Waterway Restoration about the progress reached in the development of the Dnipro-Vistula section of the E 40 waterway (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/13).

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on current progress in any other inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/3,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/13,
Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 3 (2016)

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

Following the instruction of the Working Party at its forty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96, para. 24), the secretariat will inform SC.3/WP.3 about the implications of the ongoing revision of the Blue Book on the Inventory of Most Important

Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised).
The Working Party may wish to instruct the secretariat as appropriate.

Documentation

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

6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

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

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal of the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine on new articles to be added to the CEVNI on the basis of the newly introduced provisions for vessels using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as a fuel and other proposals as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/14.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the information submitted by member States and River Commissions for the CEVNI status document and the questionnaire on regional and national special requirements.

The Working Party will be further informed about the progress in preparing the text of CEVNI in German, after consultations with the Danube Commission, and availability of other language versions.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the poster on inland waterway signs and signals based on the fifth revised edition of CEVNI prepared by the Serbian Directorate for Inland Waterways (PLOVPUT) in collaboration with the secretariat in English, French and Russian.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/14

(b) Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (Resolution No. 59, revised)

The Working Party may wish to discuss the draft proposal on the revision of the Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (Resolution No. 59, revised) prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with the Danube Commission and the International Sava River Basin Commission on the basis of the fifth revised edition of CEVNI and the Instruction on the Mode of Installation of Waterway Signs and Marking on the Danube as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/15. The Working Party may further wish to hold in-depth discussions on the revision of the Annexes to Resolution No. 59, revised, and finalize the draft in order to submit it to the sixtieth session of SC.3 for adoption.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/5,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/15

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

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made on the finalization of the new Section 8B-4 (Requirements concerning equipment for the treatment of domestic waste water) and draft Appendixes 8 and 9, proposal for amending Chapter 23 and Appendix 2

and proposal for a new Chapter 24 and other relevant information submitted by the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2016)

7. Inland water transport and security

The Working Party may wish to take note of the outcome of the workshop “Safety and security in European inland navigation” held at its forty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96, annex) and give further comments as appropriate. The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the Transport Security Forum held in Geneva on 17 June 2016.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96

8. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation

The Working Party will be informed about the results of the impact assessment of the EU proposal for a Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directive 91/672/EEC and Council Directive 96/50/EC and further steps.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to decide on the dates of the next meeting of the International Expert Group on Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters’ Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation (IEG) and on its provisional agenda.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/16

9. Recreational navigation

(a) Promotion of recreational navigation

The Working Party will be informed about the proposal of the Eurasian Commission to include the topic of the development of recreational navigation of the Eurasian Economic Union to the agenda of SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 with regard to a single market of services for rent and leasing of pleasure craft without a skipper (bareboat charter). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the information on the existing practice of bareboat charter of pleasure craft as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/18.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/18

(b) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40)

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made on the development of the database of models of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft developed by the secretariat.

10. Inland waterways infrastructure development and the environment

The Working Party may wish to recall that SC.3, at its fifty-second session, had considered a draft resolution on an integrated planned approach, planning principles and criteria for river engineering emanating from the decisions taken by the 2006 Bucharest Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport on establishing procedures for a structured dialogue on environmental issues concerning inland waterway infrastructure projects (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/181, paras. 47–50). The Working Party may also wish to discuss further possible actions and instruct the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/181, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2008/17/Add.1, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 20 (2016)

11. Other business

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made on the organization of the high-level international conference on inland water transport issues to be held in 2016–2017.

Following the decision of the fifty-ninth session of SC.3 on the overview of its activities and the main achievements over the sixty years of its existence as the theme topic of its sixtieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201, para. 71), the Working Party may wish to discuss the necessary preparations and give the relevant instructions to the secretariat.

12. Adoption of the report

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

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 22 June 2016	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–2
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Agenda items 3–5
Thursday, 23 June 2016	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 6–8
	2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 9–12
Friday, 24 June 2016	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Adoption of the report