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#### **Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

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

###### **Fiftieth session**

Geneva, 15-17 February 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### **Adoption of the agenda**

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the fiftieth session\*\***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 February 2017

#### **I. Provisional agenda**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Outcome of the sixtieth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

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\* 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](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).

\*\* Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=eJP6or>. 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 2432) or by email ([SC.3@unece.org](mailto:SC.3@unece.org)). 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).

4. 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).
5. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
  - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised);
  - (b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revised);
  - (c) Workshop on the Rules and Regulations for inland navigation and river-sea vessels;
  - (d) Renovation of inland navigation vessels;
  - (e) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
6. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.
7. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation:
  - (a) Outcome of the RIS Week;
  - (b) Recommendations on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48), the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63) and the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 79);
  - (c) International Standard for Notices to Skippers (Resolution No. 80).
8. Recreational navigation:
  - (a) Activities of the Informal Group of Volunteer Experts on recreational navigation;
  - (b) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40;
  - (c) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (Resolution No. 52).
9. Inland waterways infrastructure development and the environment.
10. Other business.
11. 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 fiftieth session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/99, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2017)

### **2. Election of officers**

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions.

### **3. Outcome of the sixtieth 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 sixtieth session, which took place from 2 to 4 November 2016.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203

### **4. 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 (AGN) and the progress in its implementation. The Working Party may wish to start discussion on the draft amendments to AGN on the basis of the draft prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/1) and proposals from member States.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/1

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

The Working Party will be informed about the preparation of the printed version of the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book").

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.3

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

Following the decision of its forty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/98, para. 28), the Working Party may wish to start discussion on the revision of the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised) on the basis of the draft prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/2) and proposals from member States.

In the course of the revision of Resolution No. 49 the Working Party may wish to consider the proposal for the prioritization of bottlenecks prepared by the secretariat in consultations with the European Commission (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/3) with a view to possibly introduce this approach in Resolution No. 49.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/2,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/3

**5. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation**

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

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the implementation of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) by member States.

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 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/4).

Following the decision of the sixtieth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203, para. 54), the Working Party may decide the next meeting of the Informal CEVNI Expert Group be held in June 2017 back-to-back with its fifty-first session.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/17,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/4

**(b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revised)**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the draft proposal on the revision of the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revised) prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the instructions given by SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203, para. 63). It is recalled that SC.3 decided to combine Resolution No. 59 and SIGNI into a single document under the name of "SIGNI". SC.3/WP.3 may also give further instructions to the secretariat for the preparation of the third revision of SIGNI.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/5,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/9

**(c) Workshop on the Rules and Regulations for inland navigation and river-sea vessels**

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixtieth session, the Working Party is invited to continue the exchange of information on current developments in the national requirements for inland vessels at the workshop on the Rules and Regulations for inland navigation and river-sea vessels. Member States, River Commissions and other stakeholders are invited to exchange best practice in the construction, maintenance, operation and repair of vessels, the current developments, challenges and their views on how to promote the development of the sector.

**(d) Renovation of inland navigation vessels**

The Working Party is invited to consider the proposal on the renovation of inland navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/6). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to start discussions on this issue and include it in the agenda of its next session.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/6

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

The Working Party will be informed about the adoption by SC.3 of Resolution No. 86 introducing amendments to Resolution No. 61 which is available on the SC.3 webpage<sup>1</sup> (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203, para. 65).

Following the decision of SC.3 taken at its sixtieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203, paras. 67–68), the Working Party may wish to start the work on harmonizing the technical prescriptions for inland vessels in Resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN standard). To facilitate this work, as well as the preparation of the Russian text of ES-TRIN standard, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the comparative analysis of the two documents prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/7) and decide as appropriate.

The Working Party may also start the discussion on the harmonization of the Annex to Resolution No. 61 with Chapter 30, Special provisions applicable to craft equipped with propulsion or auxiliary systems operating on fuels with a flashpoint equal to or lower than 55° C, and Appendix 8, Supplementary provisions applicable to craft operating on fuels with a flashpoint equal to or lower than 55° C of ES-TRIN standard as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/8.

The Working Party may wish to take a decision on how to facilitate the work of the Group of Volunteer experts on Resolution No. 61.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1-4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/7,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/8

<sup>1</sup> [www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3res.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3res.html).

## **6. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress in the field of education and professional requirements in inland navigation, including recent developments of the Working Group on professional qualifications of the European Committee for drawing up Standards in Inland Navigation (CESNI) in developing standards for the practical examination for crews of inland navigation vessels, competency standards for crews, standards for simulators and standards for minimum medical requirements, progress in preparing a EU Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and related issues.

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

### **(a) Outcome of the RIS Week**

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the International Expert Groups at the RIS Week held in Hasselt (Belgium) from 21 to 25 November 2016.

### **(b) Recommendations on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48), the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63) and the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 79)**

The Working Party will be informed about the current status and possible updates to the Recommendations on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48), the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63) and the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 79) as a follow-up to the RIS Week.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/17

### **(c) International Standard for Notices to Skippers (Resolution No. 80)**

It is recalled that SC.3/WP.3 approved the revised Resolution No. 80 at its forty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96, para. 43), however, it had decided to postpone the final adoption of this document. SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the current progress with the adoption of with the respective EU Directive/Regulation.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6/Rev.1

## **8. Recreational navigation**

### **(a) Activities of the Informal Group of Volunteer Experts on recreational navigation**

It is recalled that SC.3 had decided to establish an Informal Group of Volunteer experts on recreational navigation issues. The Working Party will be informed about the progress in this field.

### **(b) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the follow-up of the workshop on recreational navigation and water tourism held at the sixtieth session of SC.3. Member States may wish to exchange the information on any new development with respect to the implementation of Resolution No. 40 as well as transmit their national models of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft to be uploaded into the SC.3 database.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amend.1

### **(c) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (Resolution No. 52, revised)**

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal on amending the map of the European recreational inland navigation network set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/9.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/164/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/9

## **9. Inland waterways infrastructure development and the environment**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made by the Group of Experts on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Transport Networks and Nodes (WP.5/GE.3).

## **10. Other business**

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

## **11. Adoption of the report**

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

### III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 15 February 2017	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Agenda items 4–5
Thursday, 16 February 2017	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 6–8
	2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 9–11
Friday, 17 February 2017	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Adoption of the report

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