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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

###### Fifty-first session

Geneva, 14-16 June 2017

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-first session<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>

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

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. 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).
3. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:

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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 [http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc\\_2017.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2017.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=\\_hQ\\_sV](https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=_hQ_sV). 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).

- (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revision 5);
  - (b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revised);
  - (c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised);
  - (d) Modernization and renovation of inland navigation vessels;
  - (e) Provisions for berthed floating establishments (floating hotels, floating restaurants and similar structures).
4. Workshop on inland navigation ports of international importance.
5. Outcome of the High-Level Conference on Inland Water Transport (22 February 2017, Geneva) and the first meeting of ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport:
  - (a) Outcome of the High-Level Conference on Inland Water Transport (22 February 2017, Geneva);
  - (b) First meeting of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport.
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 (8-11 May 2017, Belgrade);
  - (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);
  - (d) Cooperation with the GIS Forum Danube.
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, revised).

9. Other business:
  - (a) Draft strategy of the Inland Transport Committee and road maps for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;
  - (b) Inland waterways infrastructure development and the environment.
10. 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 SC.3/WP.3, may wish to adopt the agenda of its fifty-first session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/101, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 5 (2017)

### 2. Inland waterways infrastructure

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

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about current status of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) and the progress in its implementation. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on the draft amendments to AGN.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/1,  
Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 6 (2017)

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

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the release of the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”) and the status of the Blue Book database. Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure 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 fiftieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/100, para. 14), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the proposal on mainstreaming Resolution No. 49 with Regulation (EU) No. 1315/2013 of the European Commission on the basis of the document prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/9). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to exchange opinions on possible harmonization of the definition of bottlenecks used in European documents as it was decided at its fiftieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/100, para. 15) on the basis of responses to the questionnaire circulated by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/10).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/9,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/10

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

#### **(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revision 5)**

Member States are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about the implementation of the fifth revised edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI).

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.3/2017/11) and provide guidance to the secretariat and the CEVNI Expert Group as appropriate.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about ongoing activities of the CEVNI Expert Group.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/17, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/11

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

Following the decisions on the revision of the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) taken at its fiftieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/100, paras. 19-22), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss the proposal for a new Chapter 12 of SIGNI “Monitoring of signs and marking by Automatic Identification System (AIS) Aids to Navigation” as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/12.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish also to consider and approve the draft questionnaire for a new Chapter 13 of SIGNI “Regional and national special requirements” as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/13.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the progress reached in preparing the draft of the third revision of SIGNI and give necessary instructions to the secretariat.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/13

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

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the proposals for 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) as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/14-ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/16 and provide guidance to the secretariat and the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 as appropriate.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the progress in the preparation of the Russian language text of the European Standard laying down technical requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss the follow-up of the workshop on the Rules and Regulations for inland navigation and river-sea vessels held at its fiftieth session.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1-4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/16, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2017)

**(d) Modernization and renovation of inland navigation vessels**

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on the modernization and renovation of inland navigation vessels and the progress in preparing an information paper for SC.3 about this issue by the secretariat.

**Documentation**

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

**(e) Provisions for berthed floating establishments (floating hotels, floating restaurants and similar structures)**

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to exchange information about provisions applied by member States for berthed floating establishments (floating hotels, floating restaurants and similar structures).

**4. Workshop on inland navigation ports of international importance**

Following the decision taken by SC.3/WP.3 at its fiftieth session, the workshop dedicated to inland navigation ports of international importance will be held aimed at highlighting the role of inland waterways as an element of intermodal supply chains, updating the information in Annex II of AGN and addressing challenges for inland water transport arising from the development of intermodality and possible actions for SC.3/WP.3 and the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/17

**5. Outcome of the High-Level Conference on Inland Water Transport (22 February 2017, Geneva) and the first meeting of ad hoc group of experts for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport**

**(a) Outcome of the High-Level Conference on Inland Water Transport (22 February 2017, Geneva)**

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the outcome of the High-Level Conference on Inland Water Transport held on 22 February 2017 on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and may wish to take a decision on the follow-up actions.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/18

**(b) First meeting of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport**

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the outcome of the Preparatory Meeting of Experts for the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport held on 22 February 2017, in the afternoon, and the establishment of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to hold the first meeting of the ad hoc group at the present session and possibly provide its recommendations.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/19

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

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed 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 (8-11 May 2017, Belgrade)**

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the main decisions taken by the International Expert Groups at the RIS Week held in Belgrade from 8 to 11 May 2017.

**(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)**

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the current status and 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)**

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the progress reached by the International Notices to Skippers (NtS) Expert Group in updating the international NtS standard, the outcome of consultation with the European Commission in this regard and decide on its next steps for the revision of Resolution No. 80.

**Documentation**

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

(d) **Cooperation with the GIS Forum Danube**

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider possibilities for the cooperation with the Geographic Information System (GIS) Forum Danube on the subject of the Danube Information Service Conference (DISC) and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/20

## **8. Recreational navigation**

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

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the activities of the Informal Group of Volunteer Experts on recreational navigation and the progress reached in this field.

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

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider and approve the proposal for updating the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/21) and transmit it to SC.3 for final adoption.

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, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/21

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

Member States are invited to submit proposals for amending the map of the European recreational inland navigation network (Resolution No. 52, revised).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/164/Rev.1

## **9. Other business**

(a) **Draft strategy of the Inland Transport Committee and road maps for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals**

Following the decision of ITC taken at its seventy-ninth session (Informal document ITC (2017) No. 11, para. 6), SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 are invited to consider preparing contributions to the draft strategy of ITC planned for the discussion at its session in 2018 and, if necessary, also road maps for the implementation of the Sustainable Development

Goals. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider possible contribution relevant to its scope of activities and provide recommendations for the sixty-first session of SC.3.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1

#### **(b) Inland waterways infrastructure development and the environment**

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the Conference “Navigating a changing climate” held in Brussels on 27 and 28 March 2017.

### **10. Adoption of the report**

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its fifty-first session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

### **III. Tentative timetable**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 14 June 2017	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Agenda items 1-3
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Agenda item 4
Thursday, 15 June 2017	9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 5-7
	2.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 8-9
Friday, 16 June 2017	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Adoption of the report