

Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3)
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Decisions submitted to silence procedure following the formal session of SC.3 with remote participation

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1	6	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-212e.pdf	The Working Party adopted the provisional agenda subject to modifications made at the session. It was supplemented with Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2020) so as to take into account informal documents SC.3 Nos. 2 to 7.
	7		In accordance with established practice, it was agreed that only the main decisions should appear in the draft prepared by the secretariat for reading at the end of the session. A full report would be prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat and circulated after the session.
3	12	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-112e.pdf www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-inf_25e.pdf	SC.3 endorsed the report of the fifty-sixth session of SC.3/WP.3 and the decisions and the draft report of the fifty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3.
		Draft report of the fifty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3 (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 27 (2020)/Rev.1) ²	
4(a)	15	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-02e.pdf	SC.3 approved the proposal on the actions to be undertaken under the framework of UNECE in response to COVID-19 outbreak recommended by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-seventh session. SC.3 found it desirable to make an assessment of the conventions and agreements under the UNECE purview in the field of inland water transport and UNECE resolutions in terms of preparedness for similar situations as well as propose modifications as proposed in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/2

¹ Numbers correspond to the paragraphs in the draft report of the sixty-fourth session of SC.3 as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/R.1 and Add. 1–4, revision 1, with a restricted distribution which are not publicly available, as modified at the session during the adoption of the report.

² Not publicly available.

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		www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-2020-inf_07e.pdf	and invited Governments to complement this list if necessary. The secretariat was asked to begin this work in consultation with member States and river commissions.
		www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-inf_13er.pdf	
5	20	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-20e.pdf	SC.3 decided to include this item [<i>circular economy – note by the secretariat</i>] in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session and asked the secretariat to prepare for its sixty-fifth session a working document on various aspects of circular economy that could be applied on inland water transport in cooperation with the Chair and interested parties.
6(a)	22		SC.3 encouraged countries to accede to AGN or ratify it, if they have not yet done so.
6(b)	24	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-14e.pdf	SC.3 approved the amendment to the Blue Book as contained in annex I to ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/14, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-seventh session, and asked the secretariat to issue this as amendment No. 3 to the Blue Book.
6(c)	26	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-14e.pdf	SC.3 approved the amendment to the Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links as contained in annex II to ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/14, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-seventh session, and asked the secretariat to add this to the list of already approved amendments to resolution No. 49.
7(a)	27	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-03e.pdf	The Working Party approved the draft amendments to the fifth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) which were preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 in 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/3) as Amendment 4 to CEVNI 5, subject to the following modification: Article 1.08, a new paragraph 5, <i>delete</i> the text in the square brackets.
	28	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-04e.pdf	SC.3 took note of the report of the thirty-third meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group held virtually on 23 June 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/4). SC.3 invited member States to provide the information about the application of the following signals and signs to the secretariat for the fifty-eighth session of SC.3/WP.3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the distress signals mentioned in article 3.30, paragraph 1 (c) to (g); • the prohibition signs in sketches 66 and 67 of annex 3 to CEVNI.

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	31		SC.3 invited member States and river commissions to update the information on the implementation of CEVNI on their inland waterways.
7(b)	33	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2019-18e.pdf	SC.3 continued discussion on technical provisions for passenger daily trip vessels not exceeding 24 metres in length and authorized to carry up to a maximum of 150 passengers. Romania, Ukraine, CCNR and DC took part. SC.3 emphasized the importance of this issue, decided to keep this item in its agenda and asked the secretariat to keep it informed about the recent developments in this field made by the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation (CESNI).
7(c)	34	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-08e.pdf	The Working Party adopted the amendments to the annex of resolution No. 61 as its resolution No. 98.
	35	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-7e.pdf	The Working Party continued discussion on the draft proposal for a new chapter XX, “Special provisions applicable to electric vessel propulsion”, based on the amendment proposal by the Danube Commission (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/7). Romania, CCNR and DC took part. SC.3 noted that the proposal should be transmitted to CESNI for discussion and possible improvement of the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN). SC.3 agreed in principle with the proposal and asked the secretariat to finalize this in coordination with CESNI with a view to approve it in 2021. DC informed SC.3 that it would transmit the respective proposal to CESNI in accordance with the established procedure.
7(d)	36	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-09e_.pdf www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-10e.pdf www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-11e.pdf www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-11e-Corr.1.pdf www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3wp3/ECE	The Working Party adopted the updated list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels as an appendix to the annex to resolution No. 21, revision 2, as resolution No. 99.

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		www.unece.org/fileadmin/DA/M/trans/doc/2020/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-28e.pdf	
	37	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DA/M/trans/doc/2020/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-29e_corr_clean.pdf	The Working Party invited member States, the secretariat of the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI), river commissions and other key stakeholders to provide their comments on the categorization of waste generated on board inland navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29).
8	41		SC.3 took note of the information by the secretariat on the ongoing work on the revision of the Road Map on ITS adopted in 2012 and asked the secretariat in cooperation with the Chair to provide an update for inland water transport by 10 November 2020. Member States were invited to provide their comments by the end of October 2020.
9	43	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DA/M/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-WP3-2020-14e.pdf	SC.3 invited countries, who have not joined the correspondence group for the finalization of the glossary, to do so and inform the secretariat accordingly.
		www.unece.org/fileadmin/DA/M/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-15e.pdf	
		www.unece.org/fileadmin/DA/M/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-16e.pdf	
10(a)	45	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DA/M/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-17e.pdf	SC.3 adopted the revised standard [<i>International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 63, revised)</i>] – <i>note by the secretariat</i>] as resolution No. 100 and thanked Mr. S. Bober [<i>the Chair of the VTT Expert Group – note by the secretariat</i>] for the excellent work.
		www.unece.org/fileadmin/DA/M/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-2020-inf_02e.pdf	

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	46	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-2020-inf_04e.pdf	SC.3 approved the amendment to the annex of resolution No. 80, revised [<i>International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation - note by the secretariat</i>], as set out in Informal document SC.3 No. 4 (2020).
10(b)	49	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2020-18e.pdf www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2020/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-2020-inf_03e.pdf	SC.3 adopted the revised standard [<i>International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (annex to resolution No. 79 – note by the secretariat)</i>] as resolution No. 101 and thanked Mr. Vrijaldenhoven [<i>the Chair of the ERI Expert Group – note by the secretariat</i>] for the excellent work.
10(c)	50	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/finaldocs/sc3/TRANS-SC3-166e.pdf	The Working Party asked the secretariat to begin the revision of resolution No. 57 in 2021 in cooperation with the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) and to prepare a working document for the consideration by SC.3/WP.3 in 2021.
11	53	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2009/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-184e.pdf	SC.3 supported the proposal of the Russian Federation to start updating resolution No. 31 and its harmonization with ES-QIN [<i>the European Standard for Qualifications in Inland Navigation - note by the secretariat</i>] and asked the secretariat in cooperation with Belgium and the Russian Federation to begin this work.
12(a)	57	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2015/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-147r4e.pdf www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2017/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-147r4-Amend1e.pdf	The Working Party agreed to introduce to annex 4 of resolution No. 40 the amendment made by Norway: in annex 4, table “Implementation of Resolution No. 40”, column 4, entry for Norway, replace Norwegian Maritime Authority with Norsk Test AS. The secretariat was asked to add this modification in the consolidated text.
	58		SC.3 was informed by the secretariat about inquiries from recreational boaters on the cases when the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC) was not accepted by the competent authorities of the country where the holder was a citizen/resident, in cases where the ICC has been issued in another country. SC.3 asked the secretariat to collect information from member States about the recognition of ICC in such cases for inland waterways and coastal waters and the legislation that regulated this issue and transmit this for the consideration of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.
	59		SC.3 encouraged member States that were still applying resolution No. 14, to apply only resolution No. 40.

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13	63	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2019-19e.pdf	The Working Party encouraged Governments to accede to United Nations conventions and agreements of relevance to inland navigation, if they have not yet done so.
13	64	www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2019-20e.pdf www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2019/sc3/ECE-TRANS-SC.3-2019-20c1e.pdf	The Working Party took note of the information by the secretariat that no updates on the current status of UNECE resolutions and their application were available since its sixty-third session and invited governments to accept the resolutions, if they had not yet done so.
14	65		The Working Party approved the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17–19 February 2021: Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-eighth session); • 23–25 June 2021: Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-ninth session); • 3–5 November 2021: Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-fifth session).
	66		The Working Party regretted that its current meeting suffered from a considerable reduction in allocation of the conference service by the United Nations Office in Geneva versus the previously accepted service level. SC.3 emphasized that any such reduction in the future will undermine the timely implementation of its Terms of reference. It requested the Chair and the secretariat to share this concern with its parent bodies.
	67		The Working Party stressed the importance that official intergovernmental deliberations in three languages ensure the success of the intergovernmental processes. To this end, SC.3 denounced the cuts to services supporting these intergovernmental deliberations.
15	68		SC.3 confirmed the decision of SC.3/WP.3 that the theme topic for its sixty-fifth session will be cybersecurity in inland water transport.
16(a)	69		Following the proposal of Bulgaria supported by Germany, Mr. S. Turf (Belgium) was re-elected as the Chair for the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions of the Working Party.
	70		Following the proposal of Belgium, Ms. L. Deraković-Rakas (Croatia) was elected as the Vice-Chair for the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions of the Working Party.

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16(b)	72		SC.3 asked the secretariat to send the proposal [<i>for an E waterway census – note by the secretariat</i>] to member States and invited countries to transmit their comments to the secretariat.
16(c)	74		SC.3 decided to explore possibilities to collaborate with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) on the development of a data set for electronic document (consignment note, bill of lading) accompanying goods transported by inland waterways to provide for electronic data exchange among modes of transport aligned with UN/CEFACT standards and reference data models.
	75		SC.3 invited countries to transmit models of transport documents for international transport of goods by inland waterways to the secretariat by 15 November 2020.
16(d)	77		SC.3 asked member States who have not yet submitted the completed questionnaires for construction costs of inland waterways and ports, to the secretariat by the end of 2020.
17	78		In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), the Working Party adopted the decisions taken at its sixty-fourth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat.