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Inland waterway infrastructure:

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

Updates to the Blue Book

Transmitted by the Government of Belarus

A. Document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/4

1. Within the framework of the cross-border cooperation programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2007–2013, RUESP (РУЭСР) “Dnepr-Bug waterway” has presented the project “Rehabilitation of main water route E40 on the Dnepr-Visla part: from strategy to planning”.

2. Currently the project has passed the verification of the joint technical secretariat (Poland-Belarus-Ukraine), which signed a grant contract. Under this contract a feasibility study for the rehabilitation of the waterway E40 (1 December 2013 - 30 November 2015) will be designed, with the subsequent verification of the process by the UN.

B. Document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/2¹

3. We propose the following amendments to the Blue Book:

In the list of strategic bottlenecks of Belarus:

Pripyat (E 40) from Stakhovo to Pkhov - low maximum draught (~~1.35~~ **1.40** m);

Pripyat (E 40) from Pkhov to Belarus/Ukrainian border - low maximum draught (~~1.30~~ **1.50** m).

¹ See also ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2/Add.1.

In Table 1 (Navigational Characteristics of Main European Inland Waterways of International Importance) we propose to make the following modification:

Section of E Waterway	Length (km)
PRIPYAT Stakhovo – Mouth of the Mikashevichi Canal	64.9
PRIPYAT Mouth of the Mikashevichi Canal – Mozyr (Pkhov)	235.6 216.6
