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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixtieth session^{1,2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 2 November 2016

I. Provisional agenda

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3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport.
4. Overview of activities of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport and its subsidiary bodies over the sixty years of its functioning.
5. Follow-up to the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe: A new strategy and the Terms of Reference of SC.3.

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 Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3age.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: https://www2.unece.org/uncdb/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=Kunc_C. 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.htm.

6. European inland waterway network:
 - (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);
 - (d) Good Navigation Status of European inland waterways.
7. 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) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revised);
 - (d) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
8. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.
9. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation.
 - (a) Follow-up of the workshop;
 - (b) Current status and further updates to UNECE Resolutions No. 48, 57, 58, 63, 79 and 80.
10. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:
 - (a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation;
 - (b) The International Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels;
 - (c) Application of UNECE Resolutions on inland navigation issues.
11. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) Workshop “Recreational navigation and water tourism: Prospects and challenges”;
 - (b) National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft;
 - (c) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision).
12. Inland water transport and climate change.
13. Tentative list of meetings for 2017.
14. Other business:
 - (a) Election of officers for sixty-first and sixty-second sessions of SC.3;
 - (b) Thematic side event on inland water transport during the seventy-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee;

- (c) Theme topic for the next SC.3 session.
15. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, hereafter, the Working Party or SC.3, may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixtieth session on the basis of the provisional agenda which will be supplemented by informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2016).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/202, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2016)

2. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) bodies of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party will be informed about relevant decisions of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) taken at its seventy-eighth session (23 to 26 February 2016).

SC.3 will be informed about the activities and work results of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) and of the ADN Administrative Committee.

SC.3 will be further informed about the outcome of the Transport Security Forum held in Geneva on 17 June 2016.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/254, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/58, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/60, ECE/ADN/35 and ECE/ADN/38

3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on the current situation and trends in inland navigation in the ECE region, including recent developments within the European Union and River Commissions, based on a succinct biannual report prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the information transmitted by member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/1

4. Overview of activities of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport and its subsidiary bodies over the sixty years of its functioning

Following the decision taken at its fifty-ninth session to recall the main achievements of SC.3 over the sixty years of its existence as the theme topic of its sixtieth session, the Working Party may wish to consider the overview of its activities to be reported by the

secretariat. In this connection SC.3 may wish to discuss the most important activities and their added value for member States since the year of its creation, its main strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges, as well as the relevance of its activities to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

5. Follow-up to the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe: A new strategy and the Terms of Reference of SC.3

The Working Party may wish to comment on the revised version of a new strategy and Terms of Reference for SC.3 initiated at its fifty-ninth session and developed and revised by the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions. The proposal was updated by the secretariat on the basis of the interventions of member States at the forty-ninth session of SC.3/WP.3 and comments received by the end of July. The Working Party may wish to discuss this version and propose any final amendments with the aim of finalising and adopting it at the session. SC.3 may also wish to ask the secretariat to transmit the document to the Inland Transport Committee for approval at its seventy-ninth session in February 2017.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/10, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 9, 17 and 31 (2016)

6. European inland waterway network

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

The Working Party may wish to share information about progress in the realization of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

Following its decision to continue collecting Government's amendment proposals for 2–3 years before proceeding with a new amendment to AGN, the Working Party may wish to start discussion on the next package of amendments based on the third revision of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book").

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/9

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

The Working Party may wish to approve amendments to the Blue Book approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions and further updates submitted by member States for the draft third revision of the Blue Book (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/12 and Corr.1, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 2 and 24 (2016)). The secretariat will present the draft third revision of the Blue Book. The Working Party will be invited to adopt the third revision the revised Blue Book and give instructions to the secretariat, if any, on the format of the final publication.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2, Add.1 and Add.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/12 and Corr.1, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 24 and 30 (2016)

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

The Working Party may wish to note that the secretariat was asked by SC.3/WP.3 to prepare draft amendments to Resolution No. 49 for its fiftieth session in February 2017 on the basis of the third revision of the Blue Book. SC.3 may also wish to request that SC.3/WP.3 consider possible differentiations of bottlenecks with the aim of prioritising them appropriately.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/3

(d) Good Navigation Status of European inland waterways

The Working Party will be informed about a study on "Good Navigation Status", funded by the European Commission (EU) in the framework of the EU Regulation on the trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) which requires all waterways of the TEN-T network to feature a "Good Navigation Status" in 2030 at the latest. SC.3 is invited to take part in the discussion of the Good Navigation Status concept, possible aligning of the concept with UNECE instruments and applicability of this concept to the E Waterway network.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/6

7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

The Working Party may wish to note that SC.3/WP.3 held two sessions in 2016: the forty-eighth session on 17–19 February 2016 and the forty-ninth session on 22–24 June 2016 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/98). The Working Party may wish to endorse the activities carried out by SC.3/WP.3 in 2016 and provide guidance as appropriate.

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

The Working Party may wish to take note of amendment proposals to the fifth edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) prepared by the secretariat on the basis of consultations with member States, River Commissions and decisions of SC.3/WP.3. SC.3 may wish to decide on the next meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on the updating of the CEVNI status document and the questionnaire on regional and national special requirements. SC.3 may also wish to note that translations of CEVNI in languages other than UNECE working languages are available on SC.3 home webpage. The Working Party will be informed on the release of the CEVNI poster.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/19, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/14, Informal document SC.3 No. 2 (2015), Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 21 and 29 (2016)

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

The secretariat will present the draft second revision of the Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking finalized by the secretariat based on decisions of the forty-ninth session of SC.3/WP.3. The Working Party will be invited to approve the draft and give instructions, if any, to the secretariat on the format of the final publication.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/98

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

The Working Party may wish to take note of the current status of the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) and may wish to give instructions to SC.3/WP.3 to update it on the basis of the fifth edition of CEVNI and the second revision of the Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking and to prepare the draft amendments for its sixty-first session.

Documentation

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

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

The Working Party may wish to take note that the third package of amendments to Resolution No. 61 has been issued as Amendment No. 3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.3), following the request by SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session, and is available on the UNECE website.

The Working Party may wish to consider a new amendment proposal to Resolution No. 61 submitted by the Russian Federation, as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/10.

SC.3 may wish to continue discussion on the amendments proposed by the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61: proposal for the new Section 8B-4 (Requirements concerning equipment for the treatment of domestic waste water) and draft Appendixes 8 and 9 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8), proposal for amending Chapter 23 and Appendix 2 and proposal for a new Chapter 24 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9). In this connection SC.3 may wish to decide on the further work and the next meeting of the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61.

The Working Party may also wish to consider the preparation of the consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 on the basis of the adopted amendments, as recommended by SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-ninth session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/10, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2016)

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

The Working Party may wish to take note of 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 as well as further steps reflected in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/16. SC.3 may wish to exchange information on this subject and potential 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. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation

(a) Follow-up of the workshop

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the workshop "River Information Services and other information communication technologies in the pan-European format" held during the forty-ninth session of SC.3/WP.3 and the decisions taken (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/98). SC.3 may wish to exchange information on the implementation of RIS at a national level and to determine issues for further consideration emanating from the outcome of the workshop. SC.3 may also wish to discuss how to enhance the coordination of work and cooperation between UNECE and other relevant organizations towards harmonizing technical standards.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/98

(b) Current status and further updates to UNECE Resolutions No. 48, 57, 58, 63, 79 and 80

The Working Party will be informed about the current status and further updates to UNECE Resolutions No. 48, 57, 58, 63, 79 and 80. Given that SC.3/WP.3 decided to wait for the adoption of relevant EU instruments with a view to ensure the coherent application of RIS standards at the pan-European level and to create equal and transparent conditions for all involved, SC.3 may wish to decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/17, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 6, 11, 15 (2016)

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

(a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation

The Working Party may wish to take note of information on the current status of legal instruments relevant to inland navigation, adopted both within and outside UNECE, as well as the progress in a number of Contracting Parties since the Bucharest Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport of 2006 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/11). The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further modifications or additions to the document.

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/11

(b) The International Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion of the proposal on possible modification of Article 3 of the Convention to the International Convention on Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels on the basis of the reactions received by the secretariat and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/12, 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)

(c) Application of UNECE Resolutions on inland navigation issues

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of UNECE resolutions and their application on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/13 and invite Governments to accept the resolutions if they have not yet done so. It may wish to note that Resolution No. 14 has been superseded by Resolution No. 40. However, several member States have indicated that they apply both Resolutions. The Working Party may wish to encourage them to apply only Resolution No. 40.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/13

11. Recreational navigation

(a) Workshop “Recreational navigation and water tourism: Prospects and challenges”

SC.3/WP.3 proposed to organize a workshop in conjunction with the sixtieth session of SC.3 dedicated to recreational navigation and water tourism. The following topics will be discussed at the workshop:

- recreational navigation and water tourism: best practices, prospects and challenges;
- pleasure craft chartering and routes for recreational navigation;
- the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC): skills and training, issuance, application and recognition.

Following the workshop, delegates may wish to discuss the next steps for the Working Party in this area.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/14

(b) National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft

The Working Party may wish to update information on national legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft on national waterways and on where these acts can be found. The most recent information is available in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/16. SC.3 may wish to invite Governments to submit this information to the secretariat if they have not yet done so.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/16

(c) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision)

The Working Party may wish to approve amendments to Annex IV to Resolution No. 40, fourth revision, based on the updated information from ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/8/Rev.1, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 23 and 28 (2016).

The Working Party may also wish to discuss any further amendments to this Resolution and to exchange information on implementation of the fourth revision of Resolution No. 40.

Governments are invited to transmit ICC models issued by national authorities in accordance with Resolution No. 40 to the secretariat for entry into the ICC database.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/8/Rev.1, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 23 and 28 (2016)

12. Inland water transport and climate change

SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-ninth session took note of the information on activities of other UNECE bodies related to inland water transport and environmental issues including climate changes. The secretariat was requested to continue discussions with these bodies and seek areas of common work and synergy. The Working Party may wish to consider a proposal on this issue and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/15, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 20 (2016)

13. Tentative list of meetings for 2017

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2017:

15–17 February 2017	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fiftieth session);
14–16 June 2017	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-first session);
4–6 October 2017	Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-first session).

14. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were 3 issues under this item:

(a) **Election of officers for sixty-first and sixty-second sessions of SC.3**

SC.3 may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for its sixty-first and sixty-second sessions.

(b) **Thematic side event on inland water transport during the seventy-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee**

The Working Party may wish to discuss the thematic side event on inland water transport to take place on 22 February 2017 during the seventy-ninth session of the Inland Transport Committee.

(c) **Theme topic for the next SC.3 session**

The Working Party may wish to select the theme for discussion at its sixty-first session.

15. Adoption of the report

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

III. Tentative timetable

Wednesday, 2 November	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Items 1–5
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Items 6–10
Thursday, 3 November	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.	Item 11
	2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Items 11–14
Friday, 4 November	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Item 15