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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

##### Sixty-second session

Geneva, 3-5 October 2018

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

##### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-second session\* \*\*

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3 October 2018

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) bodies of interest to the Working Party.
3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport.
4. Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”.
5. European inland waterway network:
  - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);

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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 Transport Division's website [www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3age.html](http://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).

\*\* Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=PCB9dk>. 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.htm](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm).

- (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) Map of the European Inland Waterway Network (Resolution No. 30).
6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
- (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revision 5);
  - (b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revision 2);
  - (c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
7. Smart shipping and inland navigation.
8. Workshop “Digitalization in inland water transport”.
9. Promotion of River Information Services as well as other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
- (a) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (Resolution No. 57);
  - (b) Status of and updating the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Resolutions of relevance to River Information Services.
10. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:
- (a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation;
  - (b) Application of UNECE Resolutions on inland navigation.
11. Recreational navigation:
- (a) Activities of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation;
  - (b) National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft;
  - (c) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40;
  - (d) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (Resolution No. 52, revised).
12. E-inland waterway statistics.
13. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
14. Terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
15. Tentative list of meetings for 2019.

16. Other business:
  - (a) Election of officers for the sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions of SC.3;
  - (b) Theme topic for the next SC.3 session.
17. 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 sixty-second session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/206, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2018)

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

SC.3 will be informed about relevant decisions of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) taken at its eightieth session (20-23 February 2018) of interest to the Working Party and the ongoing work on the draft of the ITC strategy.

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 Safety Committee) and of the ADN Administrative Committee.

The Working Party will be informed about the activities of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) and the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/274 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/66,  
ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/68, ECE/ADN/44, ECE/ADN/47, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/141,  
ECE/TRANS/WP.5/63, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/175

### 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, high-level events dedicated to inland water transport and recent developments within the European Union and River Commissions, based on a report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/1).

#### Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/1

#### **4. Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”**

Following the decision of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) at its fifty-third session, the Working Party may wish to consider and finalize the text of a draft resolution of ITC in support of the ministerial declaration adopted at the international ministerial conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation” (18-19 April 2018, Wrocław, Poland). SC.3 may wish to submit the draft to the eighty-first session of ITC for adoption. SC.3 may wish to propose other actions as a follow-up to the declaration.

SC.3 will be informed about progress in the number of signatories to the declaration.

##### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/2

#### **5. European inland waterway network**

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

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the amendments to AGN adopted at its sixty-first session.

SC.3 may wish to propose further amendments to AGN and exchange information on the progress reached by member States in implementing AGN.

##### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3

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

The Working Party may wish to adopt Addendum 1 to the third revised edition of the Blue Book based on the amendments approved in 2017-2018 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/3).

The Working Party may wish to consider other draft amendments to the Blue Book submitted by member States, if any.

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

##### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/3

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

The Working Party may wish to approve the draft amendments to the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network that were preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, para. 14).

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the consultations held by the secretariat with the European Commission (EC) and European coordinators of the TEN-T core network corridors on streamlining Resolution No. 49 with the list of bottlenecks of the

TEN-T core network corridors set out in Regulation (EU) No. 1316/2013 and with a view to establish a harmonized GIS<sup>1</sup> database and decide as appropriate.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/11

#### **(d) Map of the European Inland Waterway Network (Resolution No. 30)**

The Working Party may wish to take note of the updated map of the European Inland Waterway Network in accordance with Resolution No. 30, available both as a printable version and a GIS online application,<sup>2</sup> modified following the instructions of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, paras. 16-17). The Working Party may wish to provide guidance on the next steps.

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

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

The Working Party may wish to approve the draft amendments to CEVNI proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh meetings and preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/4).

SC.3 may wish to consider the report of the twenty-eighth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group held on 26 June 2018 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/5).

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the twenty-ninth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group and, in particular, the outcome of discussions on possible amendment proposals to Articles 1.07, 4.07, 7.06, 8.02, Chapter 10 and Annex 7 of CEVNI based on recent amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine and updates to the Convention on collection, deposit and reception of waste produced during navigation on the Rhine and inland waterways (CDNI).

Member States are invited to provide information on provisions regulating the prohibition of waste water discharge from vessels into inland waterways in their national legislation.

Member States and River Commissions are invited to update the information on the implementation of CEVNI on their inland waterways.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/17

#### **(b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revision 2)**

The Working Party may wish to note that SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-third session preliminarily approved the revised text of SIGNI, subject to modifications made at the session and decided to transmit it to SC.3 for final adoption (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, paras. 31-34). SC.3 may wish to adopt the European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways as its Resolution No. 90 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/6) that would replace Resolution No. 22, revision 2, and Resolution No. 59, revision 2. The text of the Appendix is reproduced in Informal documents SC.3 Nos. 2 and 3 (2018).

<sup>1</sup> Geographic Information System.

<sup>2</sup> Available online at [http://tiny.cc/agn\\_map](http://tiny.cc/agn_map).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/6,  
Informal documents SC.3 Nos. 2 and 3 (2018)

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

The Working Party may wish to adopt the following amendments to the Annex to Resolution No. 61, revised: (a) section 8 B-4, 'Requirements concerning equipment for the treatment of domestic waste water' (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8 as amended by ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/5), and (b) Chapter 19B, 'Subjects for possible reductions of the technical requirements applicable to craft on inland waterways of zones 3 and 4' (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/5).

The Working Party may wish to note that a consolidated version of the Annex to Resolution No. 61 is available as Informal document SC.3 No. 4 (2018). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to adopt the consolidated version, including newly adopted amendments, as the second revision of Resolution No. 61 as its Resolution No. 91 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/7).

The Working Party will be informed about the preparation of the Russian translation of the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2017.

SC.3 may wish to continue the discussion on aligning the Annex to Resolution No. 61 with ES-TRIN, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/8.

Member States are invited to provide information on special provisions for passenger day-trip vessels not exceeding 24 metres in length and authorized to carry up to a maximum of 150 passengers. SC.3 may wish to continue the discussion of this issue.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1-3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8,  
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/8

**7. Smart shipping and inland navigation**

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-third session to include smart shipping in the agenda of the present session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, para. 25), the Working Party is invited to continue the discussion on smart and autonomous shipping in inland navigation as a follow-up to the workshop held at the fifty-second session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/104, paras. 9-30).

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/104

**8. Workshop "Digitalization in inland water transport"**

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, para. 11), the Working Party is invited to take part in the workshop on digitalization in inland water transport with the participation of experts from national administrations, international organizations and other interested stakeholders. It will be dedicated to the application scope, main trends and recent developments of digitalization on inland waterways and related issues.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/9

## **9. Promotion of River Information Services as well as other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation**

### **(a) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (Resolution No. 57)**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress in revising the River Information Services (RIS) Guidelines of the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) (edition 2018), currently being prepared by PIANC Working Group 125 and provide the feedback. SC.3 may wish to start updating Resolution No. 57 on the basis of the revised PIANC RIS Guidelines.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 14 and 15 (2018)

### **(b) Status of and updating the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Resolutions of relevance to River Information Services**

It is recalled that SC.3 adopted as pending amendments to Resolution No. 63, the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) at its fifty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201, para. 49) and postponed the adoption of revised Resolution No. 80, International Standard for Notices to Skippers at its sixtieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203, para. 73). The Working Party may wish to continue this work based on the current progress in cooperation with the International RIS Expert Groups.

The Working Party will be informed about the current status and updates to the RIS International Standards.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and River Commissions.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/11, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/17

## **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, as well as the progress in the number of contracting parties since the Bucharest Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport of 2006 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/11). Particular attention shall be paid to CDNI and the Strasbourg Convention on the limitation of liability in inland navigation (CLNI 2012).

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.3/2018/10

(b) **Application of UNECE Resolutions on inland navigation**

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of UNECE resolutions and their application on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/12 and invite governments to accept the resolutions, if they have not yet done so.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/11

**11. Recreational navigation**

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

SC.3 will be informed about the progress reached by the group so far and the outcome of the third meeting of the group. The Working Party may wish to provide guidance on further activities of the group.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/12

(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, based on 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) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40**

The Working Party may wish to exchange information relevant to the application of Resolution No. 40, revision 4. Member States may wish to transmit their national models of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft for upload into the SC.3 database.

**Documentation**

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

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

The Working Party may wish to adopt the updated Annexes I and II to Resolution No. 52, revised, as Resolution No. 92.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/13

**12. E-inland waterway statistics**

Following the request of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-third session to prepare a detailed proposal on an E-Inland Waterway census that could be realised jointly with WP.6 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, para. 63), SC.3 may wish to consider possible cooperation with WP.6 as proposed in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/14 and decide as appropriate.



**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/14

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

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on recent developments by member States, the European Commission and the European Committee for drawing up Standards in Inland Navigation (CESNI) on this issue.

**14. Terms and definitions related to inland water transport**

The Working Party may wish to consider the terminology on benchmarking inland water transport infrastructure construction costs prepared by the Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs and finalized by the secretariat in accordance with the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, paras. 58-59) and decide as appropriate.

**Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/15-ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/5

**15. Tentative list of meetings for 2019**

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2019:

13-15 February 2019	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-fourth session);
19-21 June 2019	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-fifth session);
6-8 November 2019	Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-third session).

**16. Other business**

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

**(a) Election of officers for the sixty-third and sixty-fourth sessions of SC.3**

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

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

The Working Party may wish to select the theme at its sixty-third session among the topics proposed by SC.3/WP.3: (a) environmental impact on inland navigation and prevention of pollution; (b) education standards and professional requirements in inland navigation, and (c) integration of inland water transport in multimodal transport and logistics chains (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, para. 11) or add other topics.

## 17. Adoption of the report

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-second session on the basis of a brief summary prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat. Following the session, the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.

## III. Tentative timetable

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 3 October	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1-4
	3.00 - 6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 5-7
Thursday, 4 October	9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 8
	2.30 - 5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 9-11
Friday, 5 October	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 12-16
	3.00 - 6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 17

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