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###### River-Sea Transport in Europe

## Questionnaire for Collecting Information on River-Sea Transport in Europe

### Note by the secretariat

#### I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the proposed Programme Budget for 2024, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe, Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/78/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.5).
2. At its sixty-fourth session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) discussed the draft questionnaire for collect information on river-sea transport in Europe. SC.3/WP.3 made modifications to the draft and invited countries to transmit further comments, if any, to the secretariat for the preparation of the revised draft for its sixty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/128, paragraphs 57–60).
3. The revised draft questionnaire contained in this document is prepared based on the comments of SC.3/WP.3 made at its sixty-fourth session and some editorial improvements. The secretariat has not received any other comments from countries after the session.
4. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to finalize the draft and provide further guidance to the secretariat.

#### II. Revised Draft Questionnaire

5. Section I, General information
  - (a) Do transport operations in your country engage transportation partly by inland waterways and partly by sea, in estuaries and lakes without transshipment (river-sea transport)?

- (b) Do they include:
    - Domestic voyages
    - Coastal voyages between ports of two or more countries
    - Other types of voyages?
  - (c) What types of goods are carried by river-sea transport?
  - (d) What is the average volume of goods transported by river-sea transport in last five years?
  - (e) What is the modal share of river-sea shipping in transport by water in your country:
    - Seagoing ships
    - Inland navigation vessels
    - River-sea vessels?
  - (f) What ports are engaged in river-sea transport?
6. Section II, Fleet
- (g) In your country, what vessel types can perform river-sea transport operations:
    - Seagoing ships
    - Inland navigation vessels
    - River-sea vessels?
  - (h) How many vessels engaged in river-sea transport are registered in your country:
    - Seagoing ships
    - Inland navigation vessels
    - River-sea vessels?
  - (i) What is the average age of this fleet?
  - (j) Are there any passenger river-sea vessels that operate in your country?
7. Section III, Navigation
- (k) Are there any limitations for operation of vessels engaged in river-sea transport depending on the navigation conditions:
    - For inland waterways
    - For sea
    - For estuaries and lakes
    - Seasonal conditions
    - Other conditions?
  - (l) Does your country apply classification of maritime navigation zones for river-sea shipping? If yes, what classification principles are applied?
8. Section IV, Regulatory framework
- (m) What legislative framework is applied in your country for river-sea vessels (i) for domestic voyages and (ii) for international voyages:
    - IMO regulations
    - Legislation of the European Union
    - Regulations of River Commissions
    - National legislation

- Regulations of classification societies?

(n) Do you apply the following terms and definitions in the legislation in relation to maritime operating zones of river-sea vessels:

- Protected waters
- Sheltered waters
- Waters closely adjacent to sheltered waters?

If so, please provide definitions of the terms used.

(o) What regulations are applied for river-sea vessels (i) for domestic voyages and (ii) for international voyages:

- IMO regulations
- Regulations for inland navigation vessels
- Regulations for inland navigation vessels and additional provisions
- Special regulations for river-sea vessels.

(p) Does the legal framework allow certain derogations for vessels operating in restricted maritime navigation zones?

#### 9. Section V, Documents on-board

(q) What additional documents must be present on-board of an inland navigation vessel engaged in river-sea transport or a river-sea vessel:

- Inland vessel certificate or river-sea vessel certificate allowing operation in estuaries and sea areas with certain restrictions
- Documents in accordance with IMO regulations:
  - International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS)
  - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL)
  - International Convention on Load Lines, 1966
  - International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, if applicable
  - International Life-Saving Appliance Code
  - International Code for Fire Safety Systems
  - Other documents (please indicate).

(r) What additional documents must be present on-board of a sea-going ship engaged in river-sea transport and entering inland waterways:

- Inland navigation vessel certificate
- Measurement certificate
- Certificates and attestations for on-board equipment of inland vessels
- Documents according to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways, if applicable,
- Used oil log
- Unloading certificate
- Other documents (please indicate).

#### 10. Section VI, Professional qualifications and crew certificates

(s) What provisions for professional qualifications of the crew are applied for the crew members on-board river-sea vessels:

- International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW Convention)
- Provisions applied for sheltered waters and waters closely adjacent to sheltered waters for the specific purposes of STCW Convention
- Inland navigation regulations
- Both maritime and inland navigation regulations
- Special provisions for river-sea shipping?

(t) For the crews of seagoing ships engaged in river-sea transport, what certificates additional to the maritime regulations are required when entering inland waterways?

(u) For the crews of inland and river-sea vessels what certificates additional to the inland navigation regulations are required when operating in estuaries and at sea?

11. Section VII, Recognition of documents

(v) Does your country have bilateral or multilateral agreements which allow for the recognition of certificates of river-sea vessels? Do they allow certain derogations to the construction and equipment?

(w) Does your country have bilateral or multilateral agreements which allow for the recognition of certificates of crews of river-sea vessels?

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