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UPDATING THE EUROPEAN CODE FOR INLAND WATERWAYS (CEVNI)

Transmitted by the Government of the Russian Federation

Note: At its twenty-second session, the Working Party took note of the proposals of Ukraine concerning future work on amendment of CMNI and SIGNI and asked Governments and river commissions to comment in writing on the proposal of Ukraine to supplement CEVNI with additional provisions concerning navigation on reservoirs and lakes (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/18).

The secretariat reproduces below proposals received from the Government of the Russian Federation.

1. The Working Party has already considered the possibility of having a separate set of rules for lakes along with rules for free-flowing rivers and canals, coming to the conclusion that such work should not be undertaken in view of its scale, differences between countries as to the operation of the transport fleet, the mental, physical and financial effort involved, and above all the fact that drawing up such a code and then arranging for its acceptance and introduction would be a long and difficult process.

2. In our view, the delegation of Ukraine should prepare a draft accompanied by a detailed justification for the carrying out of such work, and submit it to the Working Party for consideration at a future session.
