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Working Party on Inland Water Transport

Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and
Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

(8-10 June 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION *

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 June 2004

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for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) | TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2
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TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52 |
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| (c) | Chapter 4 | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14 and Add.1 |
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| 6. | Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for a Pan-European river information services (RIS) | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/11
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| 7. | Uniform system of traffic guidance on European inland waterways | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/10 |
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| 9. | Other business | |
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party, at its twenty-sixth session, will elect a Chairman and, possibly, a Vice-Chairman.

3. UPDATING THE EUROPEAN CODE FOR INLAND WATERWAYS (CEVNI)

It is recalled that, at its twenty-sixth session, the Working Party provisionally agreed on amendments to CEVNI and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft resolution which would contain in its annex a consolidated text of the draft amendments agreed (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52, paras. 4 and 5). The draft resolution has been circulated by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/2 and Corr.1. The Working Party SC.3/WP.3 may wish to give the draft resolution a final reading keeping in mind the instructions of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 39) and additional comments and proposals received from Governments and river commissions appearing in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14 and Add.1.

(a) Chapter 1

The Working Party may wish to note that the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine has already amended its Police Regulations for Rhine Navigation (RPNR) with new definitions of the terms “high-speed vessel” and “quick scintillating light” as referred to in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/2 and Corr.1.

(b) Chapter 3

The Working Party may wish to come back to the consideration of the text of new paragraph 4 of article 3.08 as suggested by the Netherlands in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14 as far as the nature of day and night marking of high-speed vessels is concerned taking into account the views of Governments and river commissions in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14/Add.1. It may also wish to decide on amendment of the text of article 3.32(1) in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/2 as suggested by Belarus in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/13, para 8.

(c) Chapter 4

The Working Party may wish to come back to the text of article 4.05 in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/2 in light of additional comments and proposals by the Netherlands, Russian Federation, Ukraine and Danube Commission in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14 and Add.1.

(d) Chapter 6

The Working Party may wish to finalize the texts of draft agreed amendments to articles 6.01*bis*, 6.02(2), 6.09, 6.21(5), 6.28(11), 6.30, 6.31, 6.32 and 6.33 as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/2 taking into account the comments and proposals by the Governments and river commissions in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14 and Add.1.

(e) Annexes 3, 5 and 6

The Working Party is invited to give a final reading to the draft agreed amendments to the texts of the above annexes as indicated in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/2 taking into account the comments and suggestions by Governments and river commissions in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14 and Add.1.

(f) Further amendments to CEVNI

The secretariat has received from the Danube Commission and issued as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/15 the definitions of the terms “reduced visibility” and “safe speed” used in the Fundamental Provisions on the Navigation on the Danube (FPND) with regard to navigation under reduced visibility as requested by the Working Party (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52, para. 6). The Working Party may wish to consider possible use of the above terms in the text of CEVNI.

The Working Party may also wish to consider further proposals on amendment of CEVNI received from the Danube Commission and suggested by the secretariat in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/15 with regard to articles 1.21(1)(b), 6.02, 6.07, chapter 9 and annex 7.

It is recalled that the Working Party, at its twenty-sixth session, requested the secretariat to circulate the provisions of FPND prohibiting the use on inland navigation vessels of lead containing and some other types of coatings. The secretariat was also requested to prepare a draft amendment to article 9.06 with due regard to article 4 of the recent International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems (AFS Convention) (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52, para. 8). The provisions of FPND and the draft amendment to article 9.06 concerning the use in inland navigation of certain antifouling systems appear in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/15. The Working Party may wish to continue the consideration of this item and decide as appropriate.

4. RADAR INSTALLATIONS AND RATE-OF-TURN INDICATORS

The Working Party on Inland Water Transport, at its forty-seventh session, took note of the draft annex 10 of CEVNI (TRANS/SC.3/2003/5) containing general technical parameters for radar installations prepared by the secretariat on instructions by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 and requested the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 to give it a thorough consideration in the framework of the amendment of CEVNI. To this end, Governments were invited to ensure the participation of their radar experts at the twenty-eighth session of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 or make comments by those experts on the text of the draft annex 10 available for consideration by the Working Party (TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 40).

The Working Party may wish to proceed with the consideration of the above-mentioned draft chapter 10 of CEVNI in TRANS/SC.3/2003/5 taking into account relevant provisions of the river commissions (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.68 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.28 and Corr.1) and comments by Governments in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/16.

5. HARMONIZATION OF WATERWAY SIGNS AND MARKING

The Working Party, at its twenty-sixth session, took note of the draft Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/15) and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft resolution to this effect (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52, para. 12). The draft resolution will be issued as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/17. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft in the light of comments and proposals received from Governments appearing in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/18, modify it if deemed appropriate and transmit it to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport for consideration and adoption.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON PRINCIPLES AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A PAN-EUROPEAN RIVER INFORMATION SERVICES (RIS)

It is recalled that, at its twenty-sixth session, the Working Party took note of the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services established by the International Navigation Association (PIANC) (circulated in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/11) and felt that the Guidelines covered all the aspects of the future RIS services and might serve as a basis for the establishment of a relevant UNECE document in this regard (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52, paras. 13 and 14). The Working Party may wish to come back to the consideration of the text of the Guidelines with a view to presenting it to the Working Party SC.3 for consideration and adoption as its resolution taking into account comments and remarks by Governments in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/19 and a possible updated version of the Guidelines by the PIANC.

The Working Party may also wish to proceed with harmonization of RIS related technical standards such as electronic ship reporting, notices to skippers and vessels' tracking and tracing on the basis of proposals by Governments and international organizations concerned.

7. UNIFORM SYSTEM OF TRAFFIC GUIDANCE ON EUROPEAN INLAND WATERWAYS

As agreed at its twenty-sixth session (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52, para. 15), the Working Party may wish to revert to this item and give a detailed consideration to the text of the VTS Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services in Inland Waters established by the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/10 in the light of comments by Governments, if any, and decide on the possible presentation of the Guidelines to the Working Party SC.3 for consideration and adoption as its resolution.

8. TRANSPORT AND SECURITY

It is recalled that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), at its forty-seventh session, took note of the summary report on this issue prepared on its request by the secretariat (TRANS/SC.3/2003/12) and asked its subsidiary body, the Working Party SC.3/WP.3, to consider possible amendment of the AGN Agreement, the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels and/or any other UNECE instruments concerning inland navigation with provisions aimed at enhancing security on board vessels when under way and in ports with due regard to the activities undertaken in other international organizations (TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 11). The Working Party will be informed of the activities undertaken within EU, CCNR and other international organizations and may wish to proceed with consideration of possible amendment of the above UNECE instruments or decide otherwise taking into account information from Governments and the Danube Commission in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/20.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there are no proposals under this item.

10. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report of its twenty-eighth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.



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