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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION ^{*/}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 16 June 2008

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA^{1/}

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| 1. | Adoption of the Agenda | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/65 |
| 2. | European Code for Inland Waterways
(CEVNI) | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.3 |
| | (a) Comparison document
CEVNI/DFND/RPNR/SNSR | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/14 |

^{*/} 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 (<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3.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 complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website (<http://www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html>). It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (Violet.Yee@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22-917 0039). 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 (ext. 73263). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>.

^{1/} As revised by ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/65/Corr.1.

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| (b) | Amendments to Chapter 1, “General Provisions” | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/15 |
| (c) | Amendments to Chapter 2, “Marks and Draught scales on vessels; tonnage measurement” and Chapter 3, “Visual Signals (Marking) on Vessels” | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/16 |
| (d) | Other amendments to CEVNI | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/17 |
| 3. | Amendments to the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to Resolution No. 61) | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172 |
| (a) | Chapter 2, “Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels” | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/18
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/3/Rev.1 |
| (b) | Chapters 20 and 21, “Specific requirements for sea-going, recreational and river-sea vessels” | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/19 |
| (c) | Other amendments to resolution No. 61 | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/20 |
| 4. | Amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) | |
| (a) | Annexes I and II, “Lists of inland waterways and ports of international importance” | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/21 |
| (b) | Annex IV, “Protection of the network from the intentional external influence” | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/22 |
| 5. | Recommendation No. 40 on International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Crafts | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/23 |
| 6. | Creation of the European network for exchanges on national educational programmes and vocational training in inland navigation | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/24 |
| 7. | Elaboration of harmonized procedure for consideration of applications for recognition of ship’s certificates and boatmasters’ licenses | |
| (a) | Reciprocal recognition of ship’s certificates | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/25 |
| (b) | Reciprocal recognition of boatmasters’ licenses | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/26 |
| 8. | Requirements for prevention of water pollution by vessels | |

9. Common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European River Information Services (RIS)
- 9bis. Transport of people with reduced mobility ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/27
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/28
10. Other business
 - (a) Work on the new edition of White Paper on Trends in and Development of Inland Navigation and its Infrastructure
11. Adoption of the report

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA^{2/}

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda

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

Item 2 European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI)

(a) Comparison document CEVNI / DFND / RPNR / SNSR

2. Following the discussions held during the SC.3 fifty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para. 24) the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) will be presented with the progress achieved by the Austrian delegation and the informal working group on CEVNI in elaborating a document, which identifies differences between CEVNI and Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine, Basic Rules of Navigation on the Danube and the Rules for the Navigation on Sava. The Working Party may wish to take note of the state of the comparison document (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/14) and issue instructions on its presentation at the fifty-second session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) (hereafter, the SC.3 fifty-second session).

(b) Amendments to Chapter 1, "General Provisions"

3. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation will consider document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/15, which presents amendments to the original text of Resolution No. 24 and to Chapter 1, proposed by the informal working group on CEVNI. The Working Party may wish to recommend that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) adopt all or some of these amendments at its fifty-second session.

^{2/} As revised by ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/65/Corr.1.

(c) Amendments to Chapter 2, “Marks and Draught scales on vessels; Tonnage Measurement” and Chapter 3, “Visual Signals (Marking) on Vessels”

4. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to consider document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/16, which presents amendments to Chapters 2 and 3, proposed by the informal working group on CEVNI. The Working Party may wish to recommend that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) adopt all or some of these amendments at its fifty-second session.

(d) Other amendments to CEVNI

5. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation will consider additional amendments to CEVNI, submitted by the secretariat and individual Governments (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/17), taking into account the discussions held during its thirty second session.

6. In accordance with the decision of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on the procedure for amending the European Code for Inland Waterways, made during its fifty first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para. 23), the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to request that the secretariat prepare a draft resolution on amendments to the third edition of the code for the SC.3 fifty-second session.

Item 3 Amendments to the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to Resolution No. 61)

7. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to note that the amendments to Appendix 1, “List of European Inland Waterways divided geographically into zones 1, 2 and 3”, approved by the SC.3 at its fifty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para. 19) have been published by the secretariat as Resolution No. 64.

8. The Working Party may wish to consider the following proposals of further amendments to the Recommendations:

(a) Chapter 2, “Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels”

9. The Working Party may wish to continue its discussion on the amendments to section 2-7 on official number based on the forthcoming provisions on unique European Identification Number of the EC Directive 2006/87/06. Taking into account the current proposal, as presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/3/Rev.1 and the comments received from Governments and River Commissions, if any, to be issued by the secretariat as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/18, the Working Party may wish to agree on a recommendation for the SC.3 fifty-second session.

(b) Chapter 20 and 21, “Specific requirements for sea-going vessels, recreational vessels and river-sea vessels”

10. It is recalled that at its thirty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation approved the draft chapter 20A “Specific requirements for sea-going vessels”, submitted by the group of volunteer experts and presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/4; and asked the group to review draft chapter 21 “Specific requirements to recreational craft” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para.12). The proposal by the group of volunteer experts on Chapter 21, if available, will be presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/19.

(c) Other amendments to Resolution No. 61

11. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to note that the Joint Working Group of experts from the Member states of the European Union and the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine proposed a number of amendments to Directive 2006/87/EC laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels. The proposal of the Joint Working Group is reproduced in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/20.

12. The Working Party may wish to take note of the document and to instruct the secretariat on the procedure to adopt in order to ensure that these amendments are reflected, if needed, in Resolution No. 61.

Item 4 Amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of international importance (AGN)

13. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to note that the Secretary-General of the United Nation received on 10 March 2008 an instrument of accession to the AGN agreement from Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Working Party may then wish to proceed with the following issues related to the AGN agreement:

(a) Annexes I and II, “Lists of inland waterways and ports of international importance”

14. It is recalled that at its fifty second session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport approved, in principle, a number of amendments to Annexes I and II, but decided that amendments to the list of ports and inland waterways in the AGN agreement would from now on be considered and adopted as a package every two years (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para.11). The first package of the amendments to Annexes I and II is presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/21. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to review it and forward the document for the approval at the SC.3 fifty-second session.

(b) Annex IV, “Protection of the network from the intentional external influence”

15. It is recalled that at its thirty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation decided to recommend to the Working Party on Inland Water transport to approve the draft annex IV to the AGN Agreement entitled “Protection of the network from the intentional external influence”, as presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/8 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para.19). Additional comments by Governments and River Commissions, if any, will be issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/22.

Item 5 Resolution No. 40 on International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft

16. Further to its discussions during the thirty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation will finalize the proposal to amend resolution No. 40 on International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft, based on the proposal from the European Boating Association (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/23). It shall also consider other proposals, if any, submitted by the recreational craft associations in Europe.

Item 6 Creation of the European network aiming at the facilitation of exchanges on national educational programmes and vocational training in inland navigation

17. It is recalled that, in accordance with the Inland Transport Committee’s resolution No. 258, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport included in its programme of work the establishment, jointly with River Commissions, of a European network aimed at the facilitation of exchanges on national educational programmes and vocational training in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para. 34). The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to consider submitting a proposal on this account to the SC.3 fifty-second session on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/24 to be prepared by the secretariat.

Item 7 Elaboration of harmonized procedure for consideration of applications for recognition of ship’s certificates and boatmasters’ licenses

(a) Reciprocal recognition of ship’s certificates

18. It is recalled that at its thirty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation renewed its request to Governments and River commissions to submit their position and/or proposals on possible mechanisms for ensuring mutual recognition with the special invitation to the River commissions to share their experience in this area (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para.13). The information received by the secretariat will be issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/25. Taking into account its discussion during the thirty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to consider what recommendation, if any, it should submit to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on the subject of the mutual recognition of ship’s certificates.

(b) Reciprocal recognition of boatmaster's licenses

19. It is recalled that during its thirty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation decided to create a group of volunteers to work on mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and asked Governments and River Commissions to send to the secretariat information of their principles and criteria of the mutual recognition of boatmasters' examination, together with nomination of experts for the group of volunteers (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, paras.14 and 15). The information received by the secretariat will be issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/26. Taking into account its discussion during the thirty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to decide what recommendation, if any, it should submit to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on a possible UNECE document on the reciprocal recognition of boatmaster's licenses, as well as on updating the Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmasters' Licenses in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (resolution No. 31).

Item 8 Requirements for prevention of water pollution from vessels

20. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to continue its discussion on environmental aspects of inland navigation, taking into account its comments on the "Joint Statement on Guiding Principles on the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin", prepared under the auspices of the Danube Commission and discussed during the thirty-second session of the Working Party.

Item 9 Common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European River Information Services (RIS)

21. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to consider what proposals, if any, it will submit to the SC.3 fifty-second session regarding the maintenance of the SC.3 resolutions on river information services (in particular, 48, 57, 60, 63). A representative of the European Committee RAINWAT under the framework of the Regional Arrangement concerning the Radiotelephone Service on Inland Waterways will attend the session to bring to the Working Party's attention some of the relevant RAINWAT activities.

Item 9bis Transport of people with reduced mobility

22. It is recalled that during its thirty-second session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation took note of the SC.3 request to review the text of resolution No. 25 which contains Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also suited for carrying Disabled Persons. SC.3/WP.3 considered that, to take a decision on this issue, it was necessary to compare the provisions of resolution No. 25 with the provisions concerning people with reduced mobility included in Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to resolution No. 61). SC.3/WP.3 also agreed with the proposal by the CCNR to use as reference, Administrative instructions No. 22 to annex II of Directive 2006/87/EC to be adopted by the European Union (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para. 24). The comparison between the provisions of resolution

Nos. 25 and 61 and the text of Administrative instructions No. 22 are presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/27. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider this information and decide if and how the revision of resolution No. 25 should be carried out. In analysing the content of the existing provisions, the Working Party may also wish to take into account a proposal by the Russian Federation, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/28

Item 10 Other business

(a) Work on the new edition of White Paper on Trends in and Development of Inland Navigation and its Infrastructure

23. It is recalled that the Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Decisions taken by the Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport, endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee in its Resolution No. 258, called upon the Working Party on Inland Water Transport to promote the advantages of transport by inland waterway and indicate the problems it is facing through the regular (once every ten years) publication of the White Paper on Trends in and Development of Inland Navigation and its Infrastructure (ECE/TRANS/192, annex II, point 6). In this context the secretariat will report to the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation on the progress in preparing the next edition of the White Paper and present the proposal on the structure and scope of this publication.

Item 11 Adoption of the report

24. In accordance with established practice, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation will adopt the report of its thirty-third session on the basis of the draft to be prepared by the secretariat.

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