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##### **Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:**

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#### **Note by the secretariat**

#### **I. Mandate**

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 5: Inland Waterway Transport, paragraph 5.2 of the programme of work 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/2014/23) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on 27 February 2014.
2. The secretariat reproduces below a table on the current status of legal instruments on inland navigation questions, adopted both within and outside the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), as well as the progress in a number of their Contracting Parties since the pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport (Bucharest, 13–14 September 2006).
3. The Working Party may wish to take note of the status of the instruments and decide on possible ways to proceed with those which have not yet entered into force or have a limited number of Contracting States. The Working Party may also wish to note that the text of all UNECE legal instruments affecting inland navigation is available on the Working Party website at [www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3\\_legalinst.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3_legalinst.html).

## II. Status of international conventions and agreements on inland navigation issues

	<i>Legal instrument</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>New Contracting Parties since 2006</i>
1.	Agreement concerning the Conditions of Employment of Rhine Boatmen, 1954 Depositary: ILO Director-General	Entered into force on 1 December 1959, 5 Contracting Parties: Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland.	None
2.	Convention relating to the Unification of Certain Rules concerning Collision in Inland Navigation, 1960 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 13 September 1966, 13 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belarus, France, Germany, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Switzerland.	Belarus Montenegro
3.	Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1965 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 24 June 1982, 9 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belarus, Croatia, France, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Serbia and Switzerland.	Belarus Montenegro
4.	Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1966 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 19 April 1975, 16 Contracting Parties: Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland.	Belarus Montenegro
5.	Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN), 1973 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting State: Russian Federation.	None
6.	Protocol to the Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels (CLN), 1978	Not yet in force, no Contracting States.	None
7.	Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN), 1976 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting State: Russian Federation.	None
8.	Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN), 1978	Not yet in force, no Contracting States.	None
9.	Agreement concerning the Social Security of Rhine Boatmen (revised), 1979 Depositary: ILO Director-General	Entered into force on 1 December 1987, 6 Contracting Parties: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland.	None

	<i>Legal instrument</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>New Contracting Parties since 2006</i>
10.	Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI), 1988 Depositary: CCNR Secretary-General	Entered into force on 1 September 1997, 4 Contracting Parties: Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland.	None
11.	Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels (CRTD), 1989 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting State: Liberia.	None
12.	European Agreement concerning the Social Security of Boatmen engaged in Inland Navigation, 1993 Depositary: ILO Director-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting State: Bulgaria.	None
13.	European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), 1996 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 26 July 1999, 18 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Ukraine.	Austria Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Serbia Ukraine
14.	Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI), 1996 Depositary: CCNR Secretary-General	Entered into force on 1 November 2009, 6 Contracting Parties: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland.	None
15.	Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC), 1997 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 29 October 2009, 9 Contracting Parties: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia and Switzerland.	Hungary Serbia
16.	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), 2000 Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 29 February 2008, 17 Contracting Parties: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.	Croatia Czech Republic France Germany Luxembourg Poland Republic of Moldova Romania Serbia Slovakia Switzerland Ukraine

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17. Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI), 2001 Depositary: Hungary	Entered into force on 1 April 2005, 16 Contracting Parties: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine.	Belgium France Germany Netherlands Republic of Moldova Russian Federation Serbia Slovakia Ukraine
18. Agreement concerning the determination of legislation applicable to Rhine Boatmen, concluded on the basis of article 16 § 1 of Regulation (CE) No. 883/2004 Depositary: Administrative Centre of the Social Security of Rhine Boatmen	Entered into force on 15 February 2011, 6 Signatory States: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and Netherlands, Switzerland.	Belgium France Germany Luxembourg Netherlands Switzerland
19. Regional Arrangement on the Radiocommunication Service for Inland Waterways (RAINWAT), <sup>1</sup> 2012 Depositary: Committee RAINWAT	Entered into force on 18 April 2012, 17 Contracting Administrations: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland.	Austria Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Czech Republic France Germany Hungary Luxembourg Montenegro Netherlands Poland Republic of Moldova Romania Serbia Slovakia Switzerland
20. Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI), 2012 Depositary: CCNR Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting State: Serbia.	Serbia

<sup>1</sup> This Regional Arrangement replaces the Regional Arrangement concerning the Radiotelephone Service on Inland Waterways concluded in Basel on 6 April 2000.