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Draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2018-2019

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 5: Inland Waterway Transport, para. 5.1 of the programme of work 2016-2017 (ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its seventy-eighth session on 26 February 2016.
2. In accordance with the decision of ITC to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being 2018 (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 120), the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (hereafter Working Party or SC.3) is requested to review and adopt its programme of work for 2018-2019 as well as the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation.
3. The present document contains the programme performance assessment for 2016-2017 (Part II), a draft programme of work for 2018-2019 (Part III) and relevant parameters for its biennial evaluation (Part IV).
4. It is recalled that ITC had decided to discontinue the four-year work plan at its seventy-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 159).

II. Programme performance assessment for 2016-2017

A. Expected accomplishment (EA 5.)

5. An improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region.

B. Indicators of achievement¹

1. Promotion of the second edition of the UNECE Blue Book and, on this basis, updating of the AGN Agreement and other relevant UNECE instruments (IA 5. (a))

6. *Performance measures*

Baseline 2014-2015: Publication of the third revised edition of AGN (paper and online).

Target 2016-2017: Adoption of amendments to the second revision of the Blue Book and preparation of the third revision of the Blue Book.

7. *Actual performance 2016-2017*

(a) The third revision of the Blue Book was adopted by SC.3 in November 2016 at its sixtieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3) and endorsed by ITC at its seventy-ninth session in February 2017. It is available on the UNECE website at www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2017/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-144-Rev.3e.pdf

(b) The paper version of the Blue Book was made available in July 2017 in three official languages of UNECE.

(c) In conjunction with the previous point, the Blue Book online database was updated. It is available on the UNECE website at www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/bluebook_database.html.

(d) Resolution No. 49 “Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network” has been revised, and the second revision will be adopted by SC.3 in October 2017 as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2.

(e) Amendments to AGN emanating from the third revision of the Blue Book were prepared for adoption by SC.3 in October 2017 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/3).

2. Preparation and adoption of the next revision of CEVNI taking account of information on its application in member States and by River Commissions (IA 5. (b))

8. *Performance measures*

Baseline 2014-2015: Preparation and adoption of CEVNI 5 and online publication of the code (completed).

Target 2016-2017 was not necessary due to the fact that the action had been already completed and no further performance measures were required.

¹ Two indicators of achievement have been considered.

3. Preparation of the third edition of the White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (2020) (IA 5. (c))

9. *Performance measures*

Baseline 2011: Adoption of the second edition of the White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe

Target 2016-2017: Preparation of a status document relating to the White Paper

10. *Actual performance 2016-2017*

(a) The status document of implementation of recommendations of the White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (White Paper) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/1) was duly noted by ITC at its seventy-eighth session in February 2016 (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 109).

(b) Following the conclusions of the status document, the new strategy for 2016-2021 was adopted by SC.3 in 2016 and endorsed by ITC at its seventy-ninth session in February 2017 (ECE/TRANS/270, para. 81).

(c) Following the recommendations of the White Paper, the High-Level Conference on Inland Water Transport was held in February 2017 on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of ITC. The outcome of the conference is highlighted in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/18.

(d) Preparatory work for the conference was started for the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport by SC.3 and its subsidiary body, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) in 2017.

4. Preparation and adoption of the next revision of Resolution No. 61, Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for Inland navigation vessels (IA 5. (d))

11. *Performance measures*

Target 2016-2017: Preparation of a consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 and preparation for its second revision

12. *Actual performance 2016-2017*

(a) Amendment No. 3 with the consolidated text of the amendments adopted earlier by SC.3 was issued in 2016. It is available on the UNECE website at www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2016/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-172-Rev1-Amend3e.pdf.

(b) Amendment No. 4 was adopted by SC.3 in November 2017 as Resolution No. 86. It is available on the UNECE website at www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2017/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-172-Rev1-Amend4e.pdf.

(c) New amendment proposals were submitted to SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 to be included in the consolidated version in 2017 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/14-ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/14 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/15).

(d) SC.3 started work on the consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 in 2017 with due consideration of new developments.

C. Performance assessment

13. SC.3 held two sessions: sixtieth session in November 2016 and sixty-first session in October 2017, and SC.3/WP.3 held four regular sessions: forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions in 2016 and fiftieth and fifty-first sessions in 2017. Thematic workshops were held at the sessions: in 2015 — safety and security (in February), River Information Services (in June) and recreation navigation (in November); in 2016 — the Rules and Regulations for vessels (in February), inland ports (in June) and the implementation of CEVNI (in October).

14. The Working Party based its activities on: following up of the policy recommendations of the White Paper; its new strategy for 2016-2021; and the revised Terms of Reference adopted in 2016 and endorsed by ITC in February 2017.

15. During this period, SC.3 issued six official publications: (a) the third revised edition of the Blue Book; (b) the second revised edition of Resolution No 59; (c) the third and fourth addenda to the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised), (d) the second revision of the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49) and (e) the second revision of the Signs and Signals of Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (will be published in November 2017 after its adoption by the sixty-first session of SC.3).

16. During this period, SC.3 continued maintaining and updating the Blue Book online database and the database of models of the International Certificate for Operator of Pleasure Craft issued by Governments available on www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/icc_resolution_40.html.

D. Lessons learned/areas needing improvement

17. The new strategy for 2016-2021 and the revised Terms of Reference have allowed the Working Party to improve the efficiency of its work, increase its visibility, setting clear priorities for the coming years and providing opportunities for further action. Thematic workshops were successful in ensuring better engagement of key players and determining issues for further consideration. This practice needs to be continued and further work has to be done in order to strengthen direct contacts with stakeholders, ensure tangible results, increase participation and timely updating activities of SC.3, in particular, when addressing cross-sectoral links with other Working Parties.

18. Since the Plan of action for the implementation of the decisions taken by the Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport held on 13 and 14 September 2006 in Bucharest endorsed by ITC Resolution No. 258, the inland water transport sector has experienced major changes and new challenges and, therefore, needs a new impetus for further sustainable development. To ensure this, new strategic goals and action plans, in line with the new strategy for SC.3 shall build on the outcome of the High-Level Conference held in February 2017 and the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport to be held in 2018.

III. Draft programme of work for 2018-2019

A. Introduction

19. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2018-2019 on the ITC's subprogramme relating to "Inland Water Transport". The Working Party is invited to consider this programme for adoption at its current session. It will then be submitted to ITC and the UNECE Executive Committee for formal approval. The Working Party and ITC will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium, to be reflected in a separate document.

20. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities an expected accomplishment and a list of outputs/activities proposed to be carried out in 2018-2019. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

21. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as that used by ITC for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance.

22. The following clusters of activities make up the subprogramme of UNECE on transport (ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1, para. 8):

<i>Cluster No.</i>	<i>Subprogramme: 02 Transport</i>
1.	Overall coordination (Inland Transport Committee and Bureau)
2.	Transport trends and economics (including Euro-Asian transport links)
3.	Harmonization of vehicle regulations, climate change and intelligent transport systems (ITS)
4.	Rail transport (Trans-European network for rail (TER) Project)
5.	Inland waterway transport
6.	Intermodal transport and logistics
7.	Customs questions affecting Transport
8.	Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European programme (THE PEP)
9.	Transport of dangerous goods (UNECE)
10.	Transport of dangerous goods (ECOSOC)
11.	Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) (ECOSOC)
12.	Transport of perishable foodstuffs
13.	Transport statistics
14.	Road transport and Trans-European north-south motorway (TEM) project
15.	Road traffic safety

23. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2018-2019. As necessary, they are complemented by additional items to reflect more recent developments and needs of UNECE member States. For easy of reference, such new outputs/activities are clearly indicated as "additional".

24. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

25. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data, against which performance will be measured, are presented below presented in Part IV of this document.

26. The present document is based in substance on the programme of work for 2016-2017 as adopted in 2016 by the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/2016/28).

B. Objective and strategy

27. The objective of the UNECE subprogramme of transport is to improve sustainable inland transport with a view to making it safe, clean and competitive, both for freight and personal mobility.

28. The responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Sustainable Transport Division.

C. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2018-2019 biennium

29. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2018-2019 biennium are as follows:

Subprogramme: 02 Transport

Cluster 5: Inland waterway transport

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
1. Organize a pan-European policy dialogue on the inland water transport (IWT) issues	An improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region
2. Promote a coordinated development of inland waterway infrastructure	
3. Address safety and operational requirements in inland navigation	
4. Carry out other measures, aimed to facilitate the use of IWT, as recommended by the 2011 UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189)	
5. Undertake other activities related to regional and international cooperation or requested by the UNECE Inland Transport Committee	

Main actions by the Sustainable Transport Division:

- Provide secretariat services to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) and their groups of experts
- Maintain an inventory of UNECE resolutions on inland water transport issues

<i>Description of cluster (optional)</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare regular technical and ad hoc policy publications • Represent UNECE in the relevant meetings of the European Union, River Commissions and other relevant bodies 	

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

5.1 Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-second and fifty-third sessions in 2018 and fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions in 2019) (4 sessions, 20 meetings)

Documentation:

Agendas and reports of the sessions of the Working Party (8); a set of other documents on mandated issues including, but not limited to, amendment proposals to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 22), the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61), resolutions on River Information Services and other SC.3 resolutions on technical and safety requirements; other related documents on newly mandated issues.

5.2 Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-second session in 2018 and sixty-third session in 2019) (two sessions, 12 meetings)

Documentation:

Agendas and reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (4); a set of other documents on mandated issues including, but not limited to, the draft programme of work and work plan, documents on the status and amendments to AGN; amendment proposals to SC.3 resolutions on technical and safety requirements in inland navigation; reports on the status of implementation of SC.3 resolutions and international agreements on inland navigation matters; studies of IWT issues in the ECE region and overview of River Commissions' activities; documents on legal aspects of IWT operations; other related documents on newly mandated issues.

(b) Publications and other information material

5.3 Maintenance of a web-based inventory of UNECE resolutions and documents in IWT issues;

5.4 Publication of the revised text of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);

5.5 Publication of the revised edition of the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways;

5.6 Publication of the second revised edition of Resolution No. 61;

5.7 Publication of revised editions of other relevant UNECE resolutions, amended by SC.3;

5.8 Maintenance and further development of the online database of the E waterway network (the Blue Book database).

(c) *Technical cooperation*

5.9 Support for technical cooperation and capacity-building to assist countries and River Commissions in establishing homogeneous and internationally acceptable standards of safety of navigation throughout the European network of inland waterways.

IV. Biennial evaluation

30. On the basis of decisions taken at its fifty-seventh session in October 2011 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 51), the activities of the Working Party are measured, as part of the biennial evaluation, against one expected accomplishment, two indicators of achievement and corresponding actual performance measures. In February 2016, this approach was approved by ITC as part of the performance planning for evaluation of the biennium 2016-2017 (ECE/TRANS/2016/29).

31. The Working Party may wish to review these parameters as provided below as well as the actual performance measures for 2016-2017 as provided below with a view to either maintaining them or establishing new ones for the biennium 2018-2019.

<i>Biennial Assessment</i>			
<i>Review of performance measures for 2016-2017 and establishment of targets for 2018-2019</i>			
<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
5. Inland waterway transport	EA 5. An improved and updated regulatory framework for inland water transport infrastructure and vessels in the ECE region	IA 5. (a) Promotion of the second third edition of the UNECE Blue Book and, on this basis, updating of the AGN Agreement and other relevant UNECE instruments	
		<i>Performance measures:</i>	
		Baseline 2016-2017: Adoption of amendments to the second revision of the Blue Book and preparation of the third revision of the Blue Book	(a) Third revised edition of the Blue Book was adopted in November 2016 and released in July 2017. (b) The Blue Book online database was updated simultaneously with the release of the Blue Book publication.
		Target 2018-2019: Adoption of amendments to AGN, preparation of Amendment No. 1 to the Blue Book	
		A 5. (b) Preparation and adoption of the next revision of CEVNI taking account of information on its application in member States and by River Commissions.	CEVNI Revision 5 completed in 2014-2015
		<i>Performance measures:</i>	
		Baseline 2014-2015: Preparation and adoption of CEVNI 5	

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<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
		<p>and online publication of the code (completed).</p> <p>IA 5. (eb) Preparation of the third edition of the White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (2020)</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2016-2017: Preparation of a status document relating to the White Paper</p> <p>Target 2018-2019: Starting the revision of the White Paper and preparation for its next edition</p> <p>IA 5. (ec) Preparation and adoption of the next revision of Resolution No. 61, Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for Inland navigation vessels</p> <p><i>Performance measures:</i></p> <p>Baseline 2016-2017: Preparation of a consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 and preparation for its second revision</p>	<p>(a) The White Paper status document (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/1) was submitted to ITC in February 2016.</p> <p>(b) Based on this, the new SC.3 strategy for 2016-2021 was adopted by SC.3 in 2016.</p> <p>(c) Following the recommendations of the White Paper, the High-Level Conference on Inland Water Transport was held in February 2017.</p> <p>(d) Preparatory work for the Global Conference was started by SC.3 in 2017.</p> <p>(a) Amendment No. 3 was issued in 2016.</p> <p>(b) Amendment No. 4 was adopted by SC.3 in November 2017 and issued in 2017.</p> <p>(c) New amendment proposals were submitted to SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 to be included in the consolidated version in 2017.</p> <p>(d) SC.3 started work on the</p>

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<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Expected Accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of Achievement</i>	<i>Actual Performance Measures</i>
			consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 in 2017 with due consideration of new developments.
		Target 2018-2019: Finalization of the consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 for the final adoption	
