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Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E waterway network
(Resolution No. 49)

Submitted by the Governments of Belgium and the Russian Federation

Note by the secretariat

It is recalled that Resolution No. 49 on the Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E waterway network (TRANS/SC.3/159), adopted by the Working Party on 24 October 2002, invites Governments to inform the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe of any progress in the elimination of bottlenecks and the completion of missing links relating to their respective inland waterways and requests the Working Party to revise the Inventory whenever necessary.

The secretariat presents below the latest communications from the Governments on updating the list of strategic bottlenecks.

**INVENTORY OF MOST IMPORTANT BOTTLENECKS AND MISSING LINKS IN
THE E WATERWAY NETWORK (RESOLUTION NO. 49)**

I. BELGIUM

1. Following the decision of the competent minister to consider upgrading one section of “Bovenzeesche” from class IV to class Va, Belgium would like to add to section II “Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network” of Resolution No. 49 in the section on strategic bottlenecks the following entry:

Boven-Zeesche (Section Gent Circular Canal - Baasrode) – upgrading from class IV to Class Va is under consideration.

II. RUSSIAN FEDERATION

2. One of the strategic bottlenecks on the inland waterways of the Russian Federation remains the Nijne-Svirski hydro electrical complex on the Volgo-Baltijskiy waterway. The construction of a second parallel lock is planned for the period 2010-2014. The following entry should be added to section II “Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network” of Resolution No. 49 in the section on strategic bottlenecks.

Volgo-Baltijskiy waterway (E 50) (Nijne-Svirski hydro electrical complex) – the construction of a second lock is planned.
