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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 February 2010

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.

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3. Results of the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
4. European Code for Inland Waterways.
5. Resolution No. 22, "SIGNI – Signs and Signals on inland Waterways".
6. Resolution No. 59, "Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings".
7. Resolution No. 61, "Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels":
 - (a) Amendments to Chapter 1, "General provisions";
 - (b) Amendments to Chapter 2, "Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels";
 - (c) Amendments to Chapter 15, "Special provisions for passenger vessels";
 - (d) Requirements concerning lights and the colour of signal lights on vessels, intensity and range of signal lights on vessels and general technical specifications applicable to radar equipment;
 - (e) Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels.
8. Resolution No. 25, "Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also suited for carrying Disabled Persons".
9. Resolution No. 40, "International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft".
10. Common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European River Information Services.
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of the report.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/71

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. Election of officers

2. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3), hereafter, the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3, may wish to elect a Chairman and, possibly, a Vice-Chairman.

Item 3. Results of the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/173

3. The Working Party will be informed of the results of the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, which took place on 4-6 November 2009.

Item 4. European Code for Inland Waterways

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/1

4. The Working Party may wish to note that the amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways, recommended by its thirty-fifth session, were adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport at its fifty-third session as Resolution No. 66 on “Additions and amendments to resolution No. 24 on CEVNI: European Code for Inland Waterways” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 20). The revised text of CEVNI is presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4.

5. The Working Party may wish to address the request from the Working Party on Inland Water Transport to ensure a proper implementation mechanism for the new CEVNI and, in particular, countries and river commissions’ reporting on the special national and regional requirements deviating from or complementing the CEVNI provisions. The secretariat’s note on the reporting mechanism will be presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/1.

6. The Working Party may also wish to note that the CEVNI Expert Group is meeting back-to-back with the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-sixth session to discuss the implementation process as well as the mechanism for further revisions of CEVNI.

Item 5. Resolution No. 22, “SIGNI – Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways”

Documentation: TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/2

7. Following the revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways, the Working Party may wish to consider the necessary amendments to its Resolution No. 22 on signs and signals on inland waterways (TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.1). A preliminary proposal by the secretariat will be presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/2.

Item 6. Resolution No. 59, “Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings”

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169

8. Following the revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways, the Working Party may wish to consider the necessary amendments to its Resolution No. 22 on signs and signals on inland waterways (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169).

Item 7. Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Amend.2

9. Following the request of the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 17), the Working Party will consider the proposed amendments to Resolution No. 61, based on the latest amendments to the EU Directive 2006/87/EC laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels (hereafter, Directive 2006/87/EC) and the latest revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways.

10. In this context, the Working Party will be informed of the current activities and the future programme of work of the Joint Working Group (JWG) of experts from the member States of the

European Union and the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine on technical requirements for inland waterway vessels.

(a) Amendments to Chapter 1, “General Provisions”

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/3

11. At its thirty-fifth session the Working Party considered a proposal by Austria on amendments to Chapter 1, aimed at bringing Resolution No. 61 further in line with Directive 2006/87/EC. Due to the late submission of the proposal, the Working Party decided to continue the discussion of this proposal at its next session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/70, para. 27). The Working Party may wish to discuss the updated proposal on Chapter 1, presented by the secretariat in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/3.

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

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/24

12. At its thirty-fifth session the Working Party considered a proposal by Austria on amendments to Chapter 2 and to the model ship’s certificate in Appendix 2, aimed at ensuring a harmonized introduction of the Unique European Identification Number (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/24). Due to the late submission of the proposal, the Working Party decided to continue the discussion of this proposal at its next session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/70, para. 27). The Working Party may wish to discuss the Austrian proposal and, in particular, the suggestion that the UNECE secretariat maintains the register of the competent authorities responsible for assigning European identification numbers.

(c) Amendments to Chapter 15, “Special provisions for passenger vessels”

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/4

13. At its thirty-fourth session, the Working Party took note of the amendments to Directive 2006/87/EC, including the amendments to Chapter 15 on special provisions for passenger vessels and asked the group of volunteers on Resolution No. 61 and the Governments to study the amendments and to identify those which should be included in Resolution No. 61 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, para. 29). The Working Party may wish to consider the preliminary proposal on Chapter 15, prepared by the secretariat based on the comparison between Resolution No. 61 and the amended text of Directive 2006/87/EC.

(d) Requirements concerning lights and the colour of signal lights on vessels, intensity and range of signal lights on vessels and general technical specifications applicable to radar equipment

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/5

14. It is recalled that in the above-mentioned Resolution No. 66 amending the European Code for Inland Navigation the Working Party on Inland Water Transport decided to move the requirements on lights and the colour of signal lights on vessels (Annex 4 to CEVNI), intensity and range of signal lights on vessels (Annex 5 to CEVNI) and general technical specifications applicable to radar equipment (Annex 10 to CEVNI) to Resolution No. 61. The Working Party may wish to discuss how to integrate these provisions in Resolution No. 61, based on the informational note to be prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/5). In doing

so, the Working Party may wish to take note of the relevant work of the EU/CCNR Joint Working Group on technical prescriptions on the amendment proposal to Annex IX to Directive 2006/87/EC, "Requirements applicable to signal lights, radar installations and rate-of-turn indicators".

(e) Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/6

15. At its fiftieth session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport asked the group of volunteers on Resolution No. 61 to consider possible ways for the development of specific requirements to sea-river vessels based on the proposal of the Russian Federation in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/8 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, para. 33). The Working Party may wish to hold an exchange of opinions of the proposal on the first draft of Chapter 20B, "Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels", prepared by the group of volunteers and presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/6.

Item 8. Resolution No. 25, "Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also suited for carrying Disabled Persons"

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/22

16. It is recalled that at its thirty-fifth session, the Working Party considered the draft revised Resolution No. 25 prepared by the secretariat based on the instructions of the thirty-third session of SC.3/WP.3. Noting that not all comments from the delegations had arrived in time, the Working Party requested the secretariat to collect these and other comments, if any, and present an advanced draft at the next SC.3/WP.3 session together with a comparison table presenting the new text of Resolution No. 25 in relation to the relevant provisions of Resolution No. 61 and Administrative Instructions No. 22 of Directive 2006/87/EC (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/70, para. 28). The Working Party may wish to discuss the amendment proposal in the light of the comments from the delegations, if any, to be reproduced by the secretariat. In doing so, the Working Party may wish to consider integrating the provisions of Resolution No. 25 into Resolution No. 61 on technical prescriptions for inland vessels, as this is done in Directive 2006/87/EC.

Item 9. Resolution No. 40, "International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft"

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/7

17. In accordance with the request of the fifty-second session of the Working Party on Inland (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/181, paras. 45-46) and taking account of the discussions held during the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/70, para. 29), the Working Party may wish to consider the latest proposal by the European Boating Association to amend Resolution No. 40 in order to enable Administrations to deliver the international certificates (ICCs) for operators of pleasure crafts to operators other than their nationals and residents (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/7). At this occasion, the Working Party may also wish to consider dedicating a part of its thirty-seventh session on 23-25 June 2010 to the issue of recreational navigation.

Item 10. Common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European River Information Services

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2009/13, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/175, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/8

18. In accordance with the decision of the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 30), the Working Party may wish to discuss the proposal of the Russian Federation to develop recommendations on gradual introduction of mobile vessel automatic identification(AIS) system stations (transponders) for inland vessels and on the purpose of user identifiers for Maritime Mobile Safety Identifier (MMSI) to be used in the AIS transponders on inland vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2009/13).

19. The Working Party may also wish to consider the amendment proposal to Resolution No. 60, “International standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic ship reporting in inland navigation” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/175), submitted by the president of the International Notices to Skippers (NtS) Expert Group and presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/8.

Item 11. Other business

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

Item 12. Adoption of the report

21. In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report of its thirty-fifth session on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.
