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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

I. Provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session¹ ²

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 June 2010

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. European Code for Inland Waterways.
3. Resolution No. 22, “SIGNI – Signs and Signals on inland Waterways”.
4. Resolution No. 59, “Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings”.

¹ 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/wp3/wp3age.html>>. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

² 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 (sc.3@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. 74030). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <<http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm>>.

5. Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”:
 - (a) Amendments to Chapter 1–2, “Definitions”;
 - (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;
 - (f) Navigation computer requirements.
6. Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also Suited for Carrying Persons with Reduced Mobility.
7. Common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European River Information Services.
8. Recreational navigation in UNECE region: its role and impact.
9. Other business.
10. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

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.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/73

2. European Code for Inland Waterways

2. At its thirty-sixth session, the Working Party approved the draft questionnaire on regional and national special requirements prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/1) and asked Governments and River Commissions to complete the questionnaire and transmit their responses to the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/72, para. 11). A consolidated document on exceptions, as envisaged in chapter 9 of the revised CEVNI, will be circulated by the secretariat under the symbol ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/14. The Working Party may wish to take note of the preliminary status document on implementation of CEVNI and invite Governments and River Commissions, who have not yet done so, to complete the questionnaire and transmit their responses to the secretariat as soon as possible.

3. The secretariat intends also to issue a provisional list of further amendments and/or rectifications to CEVNI as agreed by the CEVNI expert group, suggested by River Commissions or by the secretariat, as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/15.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/1

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/14

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/15

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

4. It is recalled that, at its thirty-sixth session, the Working Party considered an inventory of modifications to be made to SIGNI (TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.1) following the revision of CEVNI and requested the secretariat to prepare for its next session draft amendments to SIGNI based on the above-mentioned inventory. The Working Party also noted the need for bringing section 2.2 of SIGNI “*Buoyage and marking of danger points and obstacles*” in line with section IV of Annex 8 of CEVNI as well as additional suggestions by the CEVNI expert group (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/72, paras. 14–17).

5. The text of the draft resolution of SC.3 on amendment of SIGNI will be circulated as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/11 for consideration and approval by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 before transmission to SC.3 for possible adoption.

6. To avoid in the future the need for consequent updating of SIGNI after each update of annexes 7 and 8 of CEVNI, the Working Party may wish to consider a possibility for withdrawal of these annexes from CEVNI and retaining them exclusively in SIGNI. This

would imply that CEVNI deals with the rules of the road and behaviour of vessels and its crew only, while SIGNI takes care of all waterway signs and marking. Alternatively, the Working Party may wish to consider doing without SIGNI and incorporating in CEVNI the SIGNI provisions concerning the positioning of waterway signs and marking and relevant explanations thereof.

Documentation

TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.1

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/11

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

7. The secretariat received from the Sava Commission a copy in English of the “Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings applied on the Sava River” and put it on the UNECE website as Informal document No. 1. The Working Party may wish to consider the Sava Guidelines, compare them with Resolution No. 59 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169) and decide if the annex to Resolution No. 59 should be updated.

Documentation

Informal document No. 1

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169

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

8. Following the request of the fifty-third session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 18), the Working Party is invited to consider further updating of Resolution No. 61 with due regard to 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 revision of CEVNI.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Amend.1

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Amend.2

(a) Amendments to Chapter 1–2, “Definitions”

9. At its thirty-sixth session the Working Party had a detailed exchange of views on the proposal of Austria on amendments to Chapter 1–2 “Definitions” as reflected in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/3. Since the Working Party was not able to reach a common position on this item, Governments and River Commissions were invited to transmit to the secretariat their written comments and suggestions regarding the above-mentioned document (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/72, paras. 21–25).

10. A consolidated document containing the positions of Governments and River Commissions concerning Chapter 1–2 together with suggestions of the secretariat will be circulated as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/16. The Working Party may wish to continue its deliberations on this Chapter and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

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

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/16

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

11. It is recalled that, at its thirty-sixth session, the Working Party considered a proposal by Austria in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/24 on amendments to Chapter 2 and of the model ship’s certificate in Appendix 2, and, in principle, found the proposed amendments acceptable. Preoccupations were expressed however by the Working Party as to the modality and location of the future inland navigation vessel/hull database register. The secretariat and the European Commission were invited to comment on the above-mentioned preoccupations (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/72, paras. 26–29). On the basis of relevant information to be provided by the secretariat and the European Commission, the Working Party may wish to proceed with the amendment of the annex to Resolution No. 61 as proposed by Austria.

Documentation

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

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

12. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft amended Chapter 15 of the annex to Resolution No. 61 prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the Working Party’s instructions (document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/12) and decide as appropriate. In so doing, the Working Party may wish to take also into account a proposal of the secretariat to amend paragraph 15–1.4 as indicated in the introductory note of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/13, point 4 (ii), in order to make reference in this Chapter to the Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also Suited for Carrying Persons with Reduced Mobility (annex to Resolution No. 25, revised) reflected in this latter document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/12

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/13

(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

13. It is recalled that, following the decision of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.3/Amend.1, paras. 91, 92 and 111) former CEVNI Annexes 4 “Lights and colour of signal lights on vessels”, 5 “Intensity and range of signal lights on vessels” and 10 “General technical specifications applicable to radar equipment” were to be moved to the annex of Resolution No. 61. The Working Party will have before it document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/17 prepared by the secretariat containing relevant draft amendments to Resolution No. 61, and may wish to consider and approve them for submission to SC.3 for final adoption.

14. The comments and proposals of Governments and River Commissions on possible incorporation in the annex to Resolution No. 61 of provisions on minimum requirements for radar equipment, as reflected in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/5, will be circulated as soon as they are received by the secretariat.

Documentation

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

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/17

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

15. At its thirty-sixth session, the Working Party took note of the second draft of Chapter 20B “Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels”, prepared by the Group of volunteers (document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/6/Add.1) and asked the Group of Volunteers to continue their work on the completion of this Chapter and prepare proposals on the need for further adaptation of the annex to Resolution No. 61 in view, in particular, of the evolving provisions of EU Directive 2006/87/EC (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/72, paras. 35 and 36).

16. The Working Party will be informed of any news regarding the reactivation of work of the Group of Volunteers and of the comments, if any, by Governments on draft Chapter 20B.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/6/Add.1

(f) Navigation computer requirements

17. The Working Party, at its thirty-sixth session, took note of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/10 containing navigation computer requirements in the Rules of the Russian River Register and invited Governments and River Commissions to give their views on the substance of the provisions therein and indicate whether similar pan-European requirements should be elaborated in the framework of UNECE. The comments and proposals by Governments and River Commissions will be circulated by the secretariat as soon as available.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/10

6. Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also Suited for Carrying Persons with Reduced Mobility

18. It is recalled that, at its thirty-sixth session, the Working Party considered the first draft of revised Resolution No. 25 (document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/22) and modified it as indicated in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/72, para. 39. The secretariat was requested to prepare an update of the draft Resolution and submit it to the Working Party for final reading and approval. In so doing, the secretariat was requested, in cooperation with the delegation of the Russian Federation, to make a proposal as to the proper placement of the provisions of revised Resolution No. 25 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/72, paras. 40–41).

19. The second draft of revised Resolution No. 25 has been circulated under the symbol ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/13 with a proposal on the possible placement of the Resolution’s provisions appearing in the introductory note by the secretariat. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft revised Resolution No. 25 in conjunction with the draft amended Chapter 15 in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/12 and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/13

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/12

7. Common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European River Information Services (RIS)

20. It is recalled that, at its thirty-sixth session, the Working Party had an exchange of views on, and took note of written information about, the application by member Governments of RIS. Having noted the proposal of the Russian Federation on the development by UNECE of recommendations concerning the user identifiers for Maritime Mobile Service Identifier (MMSI) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/13, para. 9 b), the Working Party invited the delegation of the Russian Federation to submit a more detailed proposal on this issue so that experts could examine it and decide as appropriate. The new detailed proposal of the Russian Federation will be circulated as soon as it is received by the secretariat.

8. Recreational navigation in UNECE region: its role and impact

21. The Working Party, at its thirty-sixth session, agreed that a part of its thirty-seventh session would be dedicated to the issue of recreational navigation. The representative of the European Boating association (EBA) together with the secretariat were invited to specify the issues to be discussed at that session.

22. Following consultations with EBA, it is proposed that the following two issues should be considered in the course of the forthcoming thirty-seventh session of the Working Party: (i) recreational navigation vis-à-vis commercial shipping: the benefits that can be brought to the waterways with the arrival of recreational boating and (ii) the different approaches that can be used to provide funding for facilities for recreational boating. EBA is prepared to make introductory presentations on each of the above-mentioned themes.

9. Other business

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

10. Adoption of the report

24. In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its thirty-seventh session on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.
