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#### Harmonization of the Pan-European Legal Framework for Inland Navigation

### Status of International Conventions and Agreements Affecting Inland Navigation

#### Note by the secretariat

## I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the proposed Programme Budget for 2023, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe, Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/77/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.6).
2. The secretariat reproduces below an updated table on the current status of legal instruments and ministerial declarations on inland navigation questions, adopted both within and outside the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), as well as the progress in a number of their Contracting Parties since the pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport (13–14 September 2006, Bucharest).
3. The Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) may wish to take note of the status of the legal instruments and decide on possible ways to proceed with those which have not yet entered into force or have a limited number of Contracting Parties. SC.3 may also wish to note that:
  - Texts of legal instruments affecting inland navigation under the purview of ECE and of the Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway are available on the ECE website at <https://unece.org/texts-and-status>
  - The list of 59 United Nations transport agreements and conventions under the purview of ECE by country is available on the ECE website at [https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/agree\\_e\\_2023-08-23.pdf](https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2023-08/agree_e_2023-08-23.pdf).

## 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 and 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 and Montenegro
4. Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1966  Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 19 April 1975, 17 Contracting Parties: Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland	Belarus, Montenegro and Poland
5. Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1973 (CLN)  Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting Party: 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 Party	None
7. Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway, 1976 (CVN)  Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting Party: 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 Parties	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, 1988 (CLNI) Depositary: CCNR Secretary-General	Entered into force on 1 September 1997, 4 Contracting Parties: Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland  Denunciation by Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands took effect on 1 July 2019	None
11. Convention on Civil Liability for Damage caused during Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Rail and Inland Navigation Vessels, 1989 (CRTD) Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Not yet in force, 1 Contracting Party: 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 Party: Bulgaria	None
13. European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance, 1996 (AGN) Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 26 July 1999, 19 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine	Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Poland, Serbia and Ukraine
14. Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways, 1996 (CDNI) 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, Czechia, Denmark, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia and Switzerland	Hungary and Serbia
16. European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways, 2000 (ADN) Depositary: UN Secretary-General	Entered into force on 29 February 2008, 18 Contracting Parties: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine	Belgium, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Ukraine

<i>Legal instrument</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>New contracting parties since 2006</i>
17. Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway, 2001 (CMNI) Depositary: Hungary	Entered into force on 1 April 2005, 16 Contracting Parties: Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, 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 and Ukraine
18. Agreement concerning the determination of legislation applicable to Rhine Boatmen, concluded on the basis of article 16, paragraph 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, Netherlands and Switzerland	Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland
19. Regional Arrangement on the Radiocommunication Service for Inland Waterways, <sup>1</sup> 2012 (RAINWAT)  Depositary: Committee RAINWAT	Entered into force on 18 April 2012, 17 Contracting Administrations: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Switzerland
20. Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation, 2012 (CLNI 2012)  Depositary: CCNR Secretary-General	Entered into force on 1 July 2019, 6 Contracting Parties: Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Serbia	Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Serbia

### III. Ministerial Declarations and Conclusions<sup>2</sup>

<i>Declarations and conclusions</i>	<i>Signatories</i>
1. Declaration on effective waterway infrastructure maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries  The Danube Ministers Meeting, Luxembourg, 7 June 2012	Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia

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

<sup>2</sup> Since the pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport (13–14 September 2006, Bucharest).

<i>Declarations and conclusions</i>	<i>Signatories</i>
2. Conclusions on effective waterway infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries The Danube Ministers Meeting, Rotterdam (the Netherlands), 20 June 2016	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine
3. Ministerial declaration “Inland Navigation in a Global Setting” The International ministerial conference on inland water transport, Wroclaw (Poland) 18 April 2018	Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland, Thailand and Ukraine
4. Ministerial declaration “150 years of the Mannheim Act – the driving force behind dynamic Rhine and inland navigation” Sixth Congress of CCNR, Mannheim (Germany), 17 October 2018	Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland
5. Conclusions on effective waterway infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries The Danube Ministers Meeting, Brussels, 3 December 2018	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine
6. Conclusions on effective waterway infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries The Danube Ministers Meeting, June 2020	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine
7. Conclusions on effective waterway infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries The Danube Ministers Meeting, Lyon (France), 29 June 2022	Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine