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Working Party on Inland Water Transport

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTIETH SESSION <sup>1/</sup>**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 11 October 2006

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## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA <sup>2/</sup>

### Item 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.

### Item 2. Activities of UNECE bodies of interest to the Working Party

2. The Working Party will be informed of the decisions of the Inland Transport Committee taken at its sixty-eighth session (7-9 February 2006) as they relate to the work of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/166, paras. 15 (transport and security); 85-91 (inland water transport); and 114-115 (ADN).

3. It will equally be informed of the activities and results of work of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to ADN (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/21 and Adds.1-2) of interest to it.

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<sup>2/</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no documentation available in the meeting room. Any missing documents may be obtained from the Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations.). The documentation is also available and may be copied from the UNECE website: [www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/...](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/...)

**Item 3. Transport and security**

4. The Working Party will be informed of relevant activities by Governments and international organizations and decide on possible action in this regard taking into account the instructions of the Inland Transport Committee in ECE/TRANS/166, para. 15. In so doing, it may also wish to consider the proposal on further amendment of AGN Agreement with security related provisions as reflected in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/7.

**Item 4. Study of the current situation and trends in inland water transport in member countries**

5. The Working Party may wish to have an exchange of views on the current situation and prospects for inland navigation in the UNECE region based on a succinct report on this item to be prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/5 and Add.).

**Item 5. Exchange of information on measures aimed at promoting transport by inland waterway**

6. At its forty-ninth session, the Working Party was informed that on 13 and 14 September 2007 a Pan-European Conference on Inland Waterway Transport would be organized in Bucharest as a follow-up to the Rotterdam Conference of 2001.

7. The text of the Declaration that may be adopted by the Bucharest Conference will be issued as soon as it is available to the secretariat as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/11. The Working Party may wish to continue the consideration of this item with due regard to the provisions of the Declaration and any mandate that may be assigned to UNECE by the Ministers.

**Item 6. Inland waterway infrastructure**

(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)

8. The Working Party will be informed of the status of the first set of amendments to AGN adopted at its forty-ninth session (TRANS/SC.3/168/Add.1) and may wish to decide on further amendments to the Agreement as provisionally agreed in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/7. The proposals of Governments on possible content of a new annex IV of AGN, concerning the protection of the E waterway network from external influence, if any, will be circulated as soon as they are received by the secretariat as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/7/Add.1. Considering this item, the Working Party may wish to take into account the discussion held on this item at the thirtieth session of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/60, paras. 18-21).

(b) Inventory of main standards and parameters of the E waterway network ("blue book")

9. The Working Party, at its forty-ninth session, took note of the draft revised text of the "Blue book" prepared by the secretariat as an Informal Document No.2 in accordance with data contained in TRANS/SC.3/144 and Add.1-4 and additional information received from Governments and requested the secretariat to complete the amendment of the Blue book in accordance with possible new instructions from Governments and proceed with its publication (TRANS/SC.3/168, paras. 26-29). The revised Blue book will be issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.1.

10. It may also wish to invite Governments and intergovernmental organizations concerned to communicate to the secretariat the texts of unilateral, bilateral or multilateral action plans and agreements envisaging measures aimed at the elimination of bottlenecks and the completion of missing links as called for in the proposal for the amendment of AGN in TRANS/SC.3/168/Add.1, para. 2.

(c) Establishment of sea-river and coastal routes in the context of the AGN Agreement

11. It is recalled that the Working Party, at its forty-seventh session, took note of the proposal by the Governments of the Russian Federation and Ukraine on the development of a river-sea route: River Don – Azove Sea – Black Sea – Dnieper – Danube (TRANS/SC.3/2003/3) and invited Governments to formulate similar proposals on other sea-river routes within the context of the AGN Agreement. At its forty-ninth session, the Working Party considered the ideas transmitted by Ukraine on a model structure for possible proposals by Governments on the development of sea-river routes in the context of the AGN Agreement (TRANS/SC.3/2004/11, paras. 14-23) and asked the secretariat to contact Governments concerned with coastal and sea-river shipping as well as the European Commission with a view to establishing the list of possible sea-river routes in the context of the AGN Agreement. It was expected that each sea-river route identified could then be completed by Governments concerned with the basic parameters, requirements and information as suggested by Ukraine in table 2 in TRANS/SC.3/2004/11 together with legal and economic implications relating to the development of the route (TRANS/SC.3/168, para. 30).

12. The Working Party will be informed of responses received by the secretariat from Governments and EC and decide as appropriate.

(d) Updating the map of European inland waterways

13. It is expected that the new edition of the Map of European Inland Waterways will be circulated by the secretariat before the forthcoming fiftieth session of the Working Party under the symbol ECE/TRANS/NONE/2006/5.

**Item 7. Work of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation**

14. The report of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 on its thirtieth session has been circulated as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/60. The Working Party SC.3 may wish to consider the main activities carried out by SC.3/WP.3 as mentioned below, endorse or comment on them and give guidance where necessary. It may also wish to consider and adopt a resolution prepared by SC.3/WP.3.

(a) Amendment of the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to resolution No. 61)

15. The Working Party may wish to note that the Recommendations have been published by the secretariat as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172.

16. It is recalled that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport at its forty-ninth and special sessions already envisaged possible action with regard to updating the annex to resolution No. 61. It was envisaged, in particular, to bring the annex in line with Annex II to EC Directive replacing

directive 82/714/EEC (concerns mainly sections 2-7 “official number” and chapter 15 “passenger vessels”), to draft missing chapters 20 “Sea-going ships” and 21 “Recreational craft” and to elaborate special requirements applicable to sea-river vessels (see documents ECE/TRANS/SC.3/171, para. 6 (vi) and (xvii); TRANS/SC.3/168, para. 39; and TRANS/SC.3/168, paras. 30 (iii) and 31, respectively). Alternatively, the Working Party may wish to consider a possibility to transfer section 2-7 on official number to CEVNI (as new article 1.10*bis*, for example). It may also wish to call upon the Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels of 1965 to consider a need for amending the Convention with relevant provisions concerning the assignment to vessels of an official number.

17. The Working Party may wish to consider a possibility to entrust the Group of Volunteers that was working on the amendment of resolution No. 17, revised, with the task of preparing and submitting to SC.3/WP.3 relevant proposals and recommendations concerning the updating of the annex to resolution No. 61 as indicated above. In so doing, the Working Party may wish to take note of a discussion paper presented on its request by the delegation of the Russian Federation on possible way and methodology for the elaboration of technical requirements for sea-river vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/8) and instruct the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 and the Group of Volunteers accordingly.

18. In the course of finalizing the Map of European Inland Waterways, the secretariat was informed by the Governments of Lithuania and UK that modifications should be made to the data reflected on the map of navigable zones and in appendix 1 of resolution No.61, concerning the division of their inland waterways into navigational zones. The Working Party may wish to invite other Governments to also inform the secretariat if there is a need for amendment of appendix 1 with a view, in particular, to bringing it in line with Annex I to the EC Directive replacing Directive 82/714/EEC, and ask the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 to prepare a consolidated text of amendments to appendix 1 for consideration and adoption by SC.3.

(b) Updating the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI)

19. The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt a draft resolution on amendment of CEVNI, prepared by the secretariat under the instructions of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 and appearing in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/4. Since this will be a second set of amendments to CEVNI (first one adopted in 2004 as resolution No.54 and published under the symbol TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2/Amend.1), and taking also into account that, for technical reasons, the replacement pages for the loose-leafed 2002 edition of CEVNI resulting from the above-mentioned amendments could not be carried out, the Working Party may wish to request the secretariat to publish a third revised version of CEVNI with due regard to the two sets of amendments prepared.

20. The Working Party will be informed of the work of SC.3/WP.3 with regard to further amendment of CEVNI as reflected in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/60, paras. 4-6 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/4/Add.1.

(d) Requirements for prevention of water pollution by vessels

21. It is recalled that, at its forty-seventh session, the Working Party considered the text of the draft revised resolution No. 21 on prevention of water pollution prepared by the delegate of Hungary (TRANS/SC.3/2002/8) and invited the delegations of the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Hungary to jointly agree on the text of the modified draft revised resolution and transmit to it the agreed text for further consideration (TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 43). The proposal of the above delegations will be circulated as soon as it is available to the secretariat. The Working Party may wish to continue the consideration of the above draft and decide as appropriate.

**Item 8. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for a Pan-European river information services (RIS)**

(a) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT)

22. At its thirtieth session, the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 took note of the VTT standard circulated by the secretariat as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2006/3 (edition of September 2005) and Informal Document No. 1 (edition of May 2006) and asked the secretariat to issue for the fiftieth session of SC.3 in cooperation with the delegation of the Netherlands the final version of the standard in all three working languages. Governments and River Commissions were invited to comment on the draft standard and transmit their proposals on its possible modification (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/60, paras. 9-11). A draft resolution of SC.3 with the text of the final version of the VTT standard will be circulated by the secretariat as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/10. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft standard and adopt it as appropriate.

(b) Recommendation on Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Inland ECDIS)

23. At its thirtieth session, the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 took note of the draft edition 2.0 of the International Inland ECDIS Standard received from the Inland ECDIS Expert Group in English and asked the secretariat to issue it as a formal document in all three UNECE working languages for consideration by the Working Party SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/60, paras. 12-15). Edition 2.0 of Inland ECDIS together with comments and proposals, if any, from Governments and River Commissions will be circulated by the secretariat as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/6 and Adds. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposed new edition of the standard in the light of possible comments and proposals from Governments and River Commissions and decide on possible revision of version 1.0 of the Inland ECDIS standard adopted in 2002 as its resolution No. 48 (TRANS/SC.3/156).

(c) International standards for notices to skippers and for electronic ship reporting in inland navigation

24. It is recalled that the Working Party, at its forty-ninth session, adopted resolution No. 60 concerning international standards on Notices to Skippers and on Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation, together with relevant international standards to be annexed to the Resolution (TRANS/SC.3/168, para. 47).

25. At the same time the Working Party SC.3/WP.3, at its thirtieth session, was informed of the proposals of relevant international expert groups concerning the ongoing adaptation of the two standards and agreed that the secretariat, in preparing the publication of the two above-mentioned standards, should take into account the updated versions and present them as draft documents for final approval by the Working Party SC.3 at its fiftieth session before their circulation as formal UNECE publications. The draft standards will be put at the SC.3 website as Informal Documents Nos. 1 and 2 for final approval by SC.3.

**Item 9. Harmonization of requirements concerning international inland water transport and facilitation of its operations, including the study of legal provisions**

(a) Consideration of the possibility of introducing a common legal regime for the limitation of the liability of owners of inland navigation vessels on a Europe-wide basis

26. The Working Party will be informed of any new accessions to the Strasbourg Convention of 1988 (TRANS/SC.3/R.130), which have taken place since its previous session. It may wish to take note of them as well as of possible recommendations by the Bucharest Pan-European Conference on Inland Waterway Transport and decide as appropriate.

(b) Circulation of information concerning existing bilateral and multilateral agreements for international inland water transport

27. The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further rectifications or additions to be made to the table in TRANS/SC.3/2004/15.

**Item 10. Implementation of conventions and application of resolutions relating to inland navigation**

28. The Working Party may wish to note that the up-to-date status of all UNECE Agreements and Conventions on transport issues may be consulted at the Inland Transport Committee's website: [http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agree\\_e.pdf](http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agree_e.pdf). At the same time, the secretariat envisages to circulate a succinct information on the status of all inland navigation related legal instruments as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/12. The Working Party may wish to invite its member Governments to accede to the legal instruments of relevance to inland navigation if they have not yet done so.

29. The Working Party may equally wish to proceed with consideration of the situation regarding the application by Governments of its resolutions on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/12/Add.1 prepared by the secretariat and invite Governments to accept the resolutions if they have not yet done so.

**Item 11. Workshops on inland navigation matters**

30. The Working Party may wish to consider the organization of further Workshops on subjects of inland navigation which may need to be preliminary discussed in an informal atmosphere by all interested parties concerned.

**Item 12. Other business**

(a) Election of officers

31. The Working Party may wish to elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for its fifty-first and fifty-second sessions.

(b) Tentative list of meetings for 2007

32. The Working Party may wish to approve a tentative list of meetings of Working Parties SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 for the year 2007 to be prepared by the secretariat.

**Item 13. Adoption of the report**

33. In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its fiftieth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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