Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-eighth session¹ ²

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 November 2014

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport.
4. Discussion on the theme “Making Jobs of Crew Members Employed in Inland Navigation More Attractive”.
5. European inland waterway network:

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² 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 www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3age.html. On an exceptional basis, documents may also be obtained by e-mail (sc.3@unece.org). During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).
6. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation:
   (a) Work plan and status of the Informal Expert Group on mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation (IEG);
   (b) Second meeting of IEG.

7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
   (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised);
   (b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).

8. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation:
   (a) International Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 60);
   (b) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63);
   (c) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (Resolution No. 57);
   (d) Establishment and operation of a pan-European vessel/hull database;
   (e) Recommendation No. 28, “Codes for types of means of transport”.

9. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:
   (a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation;
   (b) Application of UNECE Resolutions on inland navigation.

10. Recreational navigation:
    (a) National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft;
    (b) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, third revision).

11. Tentative list of meetings for 2015.

12. Other business.

13. Adoption of the report.
II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

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.3/196

2. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) bodies of interest to the Working Party

The Working Party on Inland Water Transport, hereafter the Working Party or SC.3, will be informed about relevant decisions of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) taken at its seventy-sixth session (25–27 February 2014). SC.3 will be informed about the activities and work results of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN Safety Committee) and of the Administrative Committee of the ADN.

The Working Party will also be informed of the activities of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24) related to the alignment of the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the AGTC Agreement with the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/236, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/50, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/52, ECE/ADN/26 and ECE/ADN/28

3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport

At its fifty-seventh session, the Working Party adopted its work plan for 2014–2018 and scheduled for 2014 a summary on recent developments in the field of inland navigation in member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195/Add.2, chapter B section 1 (b) (iii)). The Working Party may wish to exchange information on this subject, based on a report prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/1).

In light of the decision by the Working Party to start the preparatory work on a high-level international conference for countries interested in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 12), the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) suggested the following key topics for presentation: waterways infrastructure projects and, in particular, the project of development for the E 40 waterway; making jobs of crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive; recognition of boatmasters’ and crew members certificates at the international level; development of common educational standards and professional requirements in inland navigation. The Working Party may wish to discuss this list.

The Working Party will be informed about the international conference on inland navigation, organized by the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (Budapest, 10–12 September 2014).

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/1
4. **Discussion on the theme “Making jobs of Crew Members Employed in Inland Navigation More Attractive”**

At its fifty-seventh session, the Working Party decided to select the topic “Making jobs of crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive” as the theme of the fifty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 58). The Working Party may wish to exchange information on this subject, taking also into consideration the presentation on working and living conditions in inland navigation in the European region made by the International Labour Office at the forty-fifth session of SC.3/WP.3 and the work of the Expert Group on mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.

The Working Party may wish to approve the decision of SC.3/WP.3 on the theme of the fifty-ninth session of SC.3 which could be “The development of the Dniepr-Vistula section of the E40 waterway” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90, para. 16).

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90

5. **European inland waterway network**

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


The Working Party may wish to take note that the amendments to the main text of the AGN (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1) will enter into force on 7 November 2014 (Depositary Notification C.N.517.2014.TREATIES-XI.D.5). The Working Party may wish to consider the AGN amended accordingly its third revised edition, which is expected to be issued in November 2014 (ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3).

The Working Party may wish to recall that at its fifty-seventh session, it approved the proposal of the SC.3/WP.3 to continue collecting Government’s amendment proposals for 2–3 years before proceeding with a new amendment of the AGN (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 18). The next revision of AGN may be foreseen for end of 2016.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1, C.N.517.2014.TREATIES-XI.D.5, ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3

(b) **Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book")**

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to the Blue Book approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/88 para. 19, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90 para. 11) presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/2 and adopt them as a second addendum to the second revised edition of the Blue Book (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2 and Add.1). The Working Party may wish also to ask the secretariat to update the online version of the Blue Book accordingly.

(c) **Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised)**

At its fifty-seventh session, the Working Party approved the proposal of SC.3/WP.3 to continue collecting Government’s proposals over 2–3 years and only then proceed with amending of Resolution No. 49 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 16).

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to Resolution No. 49 approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90, para. 14) as presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/3 and may wish to adopt them as pending, prior to adopting a new package of amendments to Resolution No. 49.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90

(d) **UNECE online database of the E Waterway Network**

The secretariat will report on progress made in developing the web-based application containing data from the main standards and parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).

6. **Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation**

This agenda item is based on Policy Recommendation No. 5 of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189).

(a) **Work plan and status of the Informal Expert Group on mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation (IEG)**

At its forty-fifth session, SC.3/WP.3 decided not to establish a formal group for IEG and to continue instead with an informal group of experts. During this session, SC.3/WP.3 also approved the IEG work plan for 2014–2016. The Working Party may wish to approve the decision to keep IEG as an informal group and to adopt its work plan (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90, annex).

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90

(b) **Second meeting of IEG**

The Working Party may wish to take note that in accordance with the decision taken during the fifty-seventh session of SC.3, SC.3/WP.3 held the first meeting of IEG during its forty-fifth session on 25 June 2014 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90, chapter IV).

At its fifty-sixth session, the Working Party suggested that IEG meet in conjunction with the established sessions of SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, para. 25). The second meeting of IEG will take place during a half-day of the fifty-eighth session of SC.3 and IEG, after the adoption of its work plan by the Working Party. A provisional agenda is presented below:

1. Exchange of information on boatmasters’ certificates in inland navigation and professional requirements in inland navigation in the ECE region.

2. Proposal on means and measures to make the profession of boatmaster and other crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive and to bring these professions into line with modern requirements.
3. Analysis of existing national, regional and international instruments relating to the mutual recognition and modernization of professional qualifications in inland navigation: IEG may work on the divisibility of the chapter on “Crews” of Resolution No. 61 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90, para. 25). Proposal for minimum manning requirements for each type of vessel and description of required competencies for crew members based on new generations of inland navigation vessels and equipment.

4. Local knowledge requirements: drawing up criteria to help determine the conditions where local knowledge requirements could be necessary. Member States and River Commissions may submit or update information on the local knowledge required by their country/river basin for the recognition of boatmasters’ certificates (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2010/12).

5. Discussion on establishing the procedures of expert training and examination within ECE region, on the basis of the synthesis of the information submitted by UNECE member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/15) and the Standards of Training and Certification for personnel in Inland Navigation (STCIN) developed by PLATINA (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/16).

The Informal Expert Group may wish to conduct its discussions on the basis of this agenda.


7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

This agenda item is based on Policy Recommendation No. 3 of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189).


(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised)

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made in harmonizing the provisions of CEVNI with national and River Commissions’ regulations. On completion of this work, CEVNI 5 will become a core set of regulations for rules of the road and signalization on European inland waterways and will need to be administered in all UNECE working languages, covering also the work of the CEVNI Expert Group. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposals of the secretariat prepared in accordance with the instructions of SC.3/WP.3 for consideration by SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 22), for providing official translation and interpretation services to the CEVNI Expert Group once the fifth revision of CEVNI has been completed (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/4).


The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt as SC.3 Resolution No. 81 the consolidated amendment proposal to CEVNI presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/4.
The Working Party will be informed that at its forty-fifth session, SC.3/WP.3 approved the proposal made by the CEVNI Expert Group and validated by the Group of Volunteer experts on Resolution No. 61 that the provisions of sections I and II of Annex 6 to CEVNI should be incorporated into Resolution No. 61. These provisions will be then replaced in CEVNI with a reference to Resolution No. 61.

The Working Party will be informed on the status of the implementation of CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/5).


8. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation

This agenda item is based on Policy Recommendation No. 3 of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189).

At its fifty-first session, the Working Party acknowledged that international expert groups continuously update technical standards for River Information Services (RIS) and asked SC.3/WP.3 to notify SC.3 of any developments that would make it necessary to amend the UNECE Resolutions related to RIS (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para. 27).

(a) International Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 60)

At its fifty-seventh session, the Working Party decided to separate the Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation presented in Resolution No. 60 into two resolutions to facilitate their updating (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 37). It requested the secretariat to prepare draft versions of these resolutions accordingly. At its forty-fifth session, SC.3/WP.3 examined the draft Resolutions Nos. 79 and 80 prepared by the secretariat (Informal document No. 11 2014) and requested the
secretariat to add in both resolutions, a reference to the work of the Expert Group Notices to Skippers Expert and the Expert Group Electronic Reporting International, from the European Union, who maintain these standards.

The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt the draft Resolutions Nos. 79 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/7) and 80 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/8). The Working Party may also wish to invite UNECE member States to accept them.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/175 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/8

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

(Resolution No. 63)

The Working Party will be informed that at its forty-fourth session, SC.3/WP.3 approved the revised standard as contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/10/Add.1, with the exception of the amendment concerning AIS Class B stations (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/88, para. 66). The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt as SC.3 Resolution No. 82 the consolidated revision proposal to Resolution No. 63 presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/9.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/88

(c) **Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (Resolution No. 57)**

At its forty-fifth session, SC.3/WP.3 asked the secretariat to contact the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) about the possibility of using the RIS related definitions (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 17 (2013)) by SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 as well as about the ongoing work on RIS standards. SC.3/WP.3 asked the secretariat, if PIANC agreed that a reference be made to their document, to amend the Resolution No. 57 in consequence, in cooperation with the delegations of Germany and Russian Federation.

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the response of PIANC and, subject to their agreement to a reference to their document, may wish to adopt the draft amendment proposal to Resolution No. 57 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/10).


(d) **Establishment and operation of a pan-European vessel/hull database**

Further to the request of the ITC that the Working Party continues its consultations with all stakeholders, particularly the European Commission, aimed at further exploring ways UNECE could assist in the establishment and operation of the European Hull Database (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 53), the Working Party will be informed about any new developments of the pilot project.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/224

(e) **Recommendation No. 28, “Codes for types of means of transport”**

At its forty-fifth session, SC.3/WP.3 asked the secretariat to contact the Transport and Logistics Domain of UN/CEFACT about the imperfections introduced with the recent amendments to Recommendation No. 28. The Working Party will be informed about the enquiry results.
9. **Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation**

This agenda item is based on Policy Recommendation No. 7 of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189).

(a) **Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation**

The Working Party may wish to note information on the current status of legal instruments on inland navigation questions, adopted both within and outside UNECE, as well as the progress in a number of Contracting Parties since the Bucharest Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport of 2006 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/11). The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further rectifications or additions to the document.

The Working Party may also wish to note that the up-to-date texts and status of all UNECE Agreements and Conventions on transport issues may be consulted at the website of the ITC: www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/conventn/agree_e.pdf. The Working Party may wish to invite UNECE member States to accede to the legal instruments of relevance in inland navigation if they have not yet done so.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/11

(b) **Application of UNECE Resolutions on inland navigation**

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of UNECE resolutions and their application on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/12 and invite Governments to accept the resolutions if they have not yet done so. It may wish to note that Resolution No. 14 has been superseded by Resolution No. 40. However, several member States have indicated that they apply both Resolutions. The Working Party may wish to encourage them to apply only Resolution No. 40.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/12

10. **Recreational navigation**

(a) **National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft**

The Working Party may wish to note the updated compiled information on national legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft on national waterways and on where these acts can be found (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/13). The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to submit this information to the secretariat if they have not yet done so.

**Documentation:** ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/13

(b) **International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, third revision)**

At its fifty-sixth session, SC.3 adopted the second revision of Resolution No. 40 and mandated the secretariat to update its annex IV on receiving relevant information from Governments (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193, para. 52). At its fifty-seventh session, SC.3 adopted the third revision of the resolution (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 49). Since then, Latvia communicated to the secretariat its acceptance of Resolution No. 40. The Working Party may wish to consider the fourth revised edition of Resolution No. 40 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/14), as presented to SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90, para. 60), and adopt it as Resolution No. 83.
11. **Tentative list of meetings for 2015**

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2015:

- **18–20 February 2015**: Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (forty-sixth session);
- **24–26 June 2015**: Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (forty-seventh session);

12. **Other business**

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

13. **Adoption of the report**

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

### III. Tentative timetable

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