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Draft Work Plan of the International Expert Group on Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters' Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation (IEG)

Submitted by the secretariat

1. TOPIC: Exchange of information on boatmasters' certificates for the carriage of goods and passengers by inland waterways and professional requirements in inland navigation applicable in the ECE region.

ACTIVITIES:

1.1 Exchange of information, preparation of brief information for the SC.3/WP.3 and SC.3 Working Parties (to be included permanently into the agenda of the IEG meetings)

Outcome: documents for the sessions of the SC.3/WP.3 and SC.3 Working Parties

2. TOPIC: Proposals for means and measures to make the profession of boatmaster and other crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive and to bring these professions in line with modern requirements.

2.1 Preparation of a document on the general policy topic "Making jobs of crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive" for 58th session of SC.3

Outcome: document on the theme

Terms of execution: the document should be submitted by the members of the IEG to the secretariat before the 15 September 2014

3. TOPIC: Analysis of existing national, regional and international instruments and preparation of proposals aimed at further harmonizing mutual recognition and modernization of professional qualifications in inland navigation at the pan-European level on the basis of existing SC.3 resolutions. Elaboration of minimum manning requirements for each type of vessel, and of required competencies for crew members based on new generations of inland navigation vessels and equipment.

ACTIVITIES:

3.1. Revision of Resolution 31

Outcome: a draft proposal for second revision of Resolution No. 31 (if SC.3/WP.3 deems it necessary)

Terms of execution: *to be decided*

3.2. Revision of Chapter 23 “Crew” of Resolution No. 61

3.2.1 Making the list of existing national, regional and international instruments in the field of recognition and modernization of professional qualifications in inland navigation (if the IEG deems it necessary)

Outcome: a list of instruments applied in UNECE region (if the IEG deems it necessary)

Terms of execution: *to be decided*

3.2.2 Making a draft proposal of revised Chapter 23 or a new document to be adopted by SC.3 on the basis of the analysis of the existing instruments and revision of existing Chapter 23, including minimum manning requirements for each type of vessel, and of required competencies for crew members based on new generations of inland navigation vessels and equipment

Outcome: a revised draft of Chapter 23 or of new UNECE document

Terms of execution: *to be decided*

3.3 Proposals for a new UNECE document in this field, if necessary

Outcome: proposal to be submitted by the IEG to SC.3/WP.3

Terms of execution: *to be decided*

4. TOPIC: Making a list of stretches of waterways, the knowledge of which must be verified prior to granting recognition of professional qualifications for each river basin.

ACTIVITIES:

4.1. Collecting the information from member States and river commissions

Outcome: a document presenting the information collected

Terms of execution: *to be decided*

4.2. Making draft list of stretches of waterways, the knowledge of which must be verified prior to granting recognition

Outcome: a draft proposal of document presenting the list of stretches of waterways

Terms of execution: *to be decided*

4.3 Updating of the list of local knowledge requirements (on the basis of the document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2010/12)

Outcome: amendments proposals to document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2010/12

Terms of execution: *to be decided*

5. TOPIC: Establishing the procedure of expert training and examination within UNECE region.

ACTIVITIES:

5.1. Information exchange on mechanisms for procedure of expert training and examination established within the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN), in cooperation with river commissions

Outcome: information paper

Terms of execution: *to be decided*

5.2. Discussion on possible mechanism to be applied for boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation in UNECE region

Outcome: proposal of the IEG on the possible procedure of expert training and examination within UNECE region, and planning of further work on this matter

Terms of execution: *to be decided*
