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## **Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

### **Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation**

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Item 6 (b) of the **provisional agenda**

#### **Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:**

#### **Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (Resolution No. 59, revised)**

## **Draft amendments to the Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking (Resolution No. 59, revised)**

### **Transmitted by the Governments of Belarus and Ukraine**

#### **A. Belarus**

Basic provisions of Resolution No. 59 “Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking” of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the Inland Transport Committee of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (hereafter the Resolution) apply in the Republic of Belarus. However, some of the national provisions differ from those stated in the Resolution:

(i) The general provisions of the Resolution classify waterway signs and marking according to their purpose. In the Republic of Belarus, navigation signs and signals are classified by their location site (bank marks and floating signs). In our opinion, this fact in general does not contradict with the resolution;

(ii) In the Republic of Belarus waterways are divided into five groups depending on the number of vessels per day; this number influence on the application and location of some of navigation marks and signals depend on the group. In the Resolution there is no similar classification of waterways;

(iii) In accordance with the provisions of the Resolution the fairway in the vicinity of bridges is marked in some cases made by floating signs and signals. In Belarus the fairways is indicated only in the bridge passage;

(iv) Provisions of Chapters 5, 6 and Appendix 2 of the Resolution do not apply in the Republic of Belarus.

## **B. Ukraine**

Ukrainian experts took part in the meeting of the ad hoc expert group on waterway signs and marking on the Danube (24–26 February 2015, Budapest) and in the consideration of the draft Instruction on the Mode of Installation of Waterway Signs and Marking on the Danube.

Given the results of this work the position of the Ukraine was fully taken into account regarding all paragraphs of the Instruction on the Mode of Installation of Waterway Signs and Marking on the Danube edition 2015.

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