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Recreational navigation: Activities of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation

Terms of Reference of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation

Note of the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 5: Inland Waterway Transport, para. 5.1 of the programme of work 2016-2017 (ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its seventy-eighth session on 26 February 2016.
2. Following the decision of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its sixtieth session on the establishment of an Informal Group of experts on recreational navigation issues (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203, para. 84), the secretariat prepared a draft Terms of Reference of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation to be considered by the Group at its first meeting on 2-3 August 2017.
3. SC.3 may wish to consider and adopt the Terms of Reference on the basis of this draft and provide guidance to the Group as appropriate.

II. Terms of reference of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation (draft)

4. The Informal Working Group will consist of representatives of national Administrations and authorized bodies who are responsible for recreational navigation, for issuing and recognition of certificates of pleasure craft operators and related issues, boating associations, training institutions and as well as competent representatives of relevant international, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

5. The Informal Working Group will work under the guidance of SC.3 and will be assisted in its work by the UNECE secretariat. The Group will report on the outcome of its activities at sessions of SC.3 and of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3).
6. The Informal Working Group activities will focus on the scope of application of Resolution No. 40, the issue and recognition of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC) and on European inland waterways.
7. The Informal Working Group will establish and maintain a dialogue aimed at coordinating national policies related to issuing and recognition of ICC. The Informal Working Group will assist SC.3 in disseminating information about the ICC at the international and national levels. The Informal Working Group will prepare recommendations for SC.3 on promoting Resolution No. 40 and its implementation by Governments in a coordinated and efficient manner.
8. The Informal Working Group will discuss best practice in training and certification of operators of pleasure craft to ensure, taking modern technology into consideration, that the level of knowledge and skills required under Resolution No. 40 remains appropriate.
9. The Informal Working Group will collect information and prepare recommendations for SC.3 to promote recreational navigation and water tourism on inland waters, including the necessary infrastructure, organizational and technical measures.
10. The Informal Working Group will assist the secretariat in maintaining and updating the database of ICC models.
11. The Informal Working Group will assist SC.3 in regularly updating the map of inland waterways for pleasure navigation.
12. The Informal Working Group will investigate the feasibility of and prepare the basis for making Resolution No. 40 an international agreement.
13. If Governments decide to hold an international conference on the application and recognition of ICC as agreed by SC.3, the Group will also act as the steering committee for its preparation.
