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Working Party on the Standardization of Technical
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION ^{*/}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 June 2005

1. Adoption of the agenda TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/57
2. Election of officers
3. Amendment of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for inland navigation vessels (annex to resolution No. 17, revised) ^{1/} TRANS/SC.3/163
TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.6
TRANS/SC.3/2004/1 and Corr.1
TRANS/SC.3/2004/1/Add.1

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^{1/} The current status of amendment of the UNECE Recommendations and the documentation relating to this exercise may be seen in annex 1 to this provisional agenda.

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| (a) | Work of the Group of Volunteers on amendment of the annex | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/3 |
| (b) | Amendment of chapters 18 "Prevention of water pollution" and ZZ "Special requirements for high-speed vessels" | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/55
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2004/1
TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.5
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| (c) | Amendment of chapters 1 "General provisions" and <i>1bis</i> "Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels" | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1/Add.2
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| (d) | Amendment of chapter 8 "Anchoring, towing and mooring" | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1/Add.1
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| (e) | Amendment of chapter 15 "Special provisions for passenger vessels" | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1
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Annex 1: Provisions of the annex to resolution no. 17, revised, still to be amended and documentation relating thereto.

Annex 2: Conference registration forms and plan of Villa les Feuillantines.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party at its twenty-ninth session may wish to elect a Chairman and, possibly, a Vice-Chairman.

3. AMENDMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS (ANNEX TO RESOLUTION NO. 17, REVISED)

The Working Party may wish to note that the text of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised has been amended by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport as set out in TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.6. A consolidated text of the draft amended chapters 2-7, 9, 10A (Steering gear), 10B (Wheelhouse), 11, 11bis, 12-14, 16, 17 and Z (Working spaces) of the annex, as provisionally approved by the Working Party SC.3, may be found in TRANS/SC.3/2004/1 and Corr.1 and TRANS/SC.3/2004/Add.1.

With regard to this item, it is recalled that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport urged the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 and the Group of volunteer experts to complete the amendment of the whole of the annex in 2005, so that the amended UNECE Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels could be adopted at its forty-ninth session in October 2005 (TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 37).

(a) Work of the Group of Volunteers on amendment of the annex

The Working Party will be informed of the progress made by the group of volunteers on amendment of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised, and may wish to give further guidance to its work keeping in mind the above instructions of the Working Party SC.3.

It may also wish to consider the recommendations of the Group of Volunteers in TRANS/SC.3/2005/3 with regard to further corrections to be made to the texts of the draft amended chapters as set out in TRANS/SC.3/2004/1 and Add.1. The proposed corrections result partly from the suggestions of the delegation of Ukraine in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2002/6/Add.1 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/7 and partly from the earlier instructions of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 and further work of the Group on the amendment of the annex and desire to make the UNECE provisions as close to the draft revised Directive 82/714/EEC as possible.

(b) Amendment of chapters 18 "Prevention of water pollution" and ZZ "Special requirements for high-speed vessels"

The Working Party may wish to come back to the consideration of the above draft amended chapters prepared by the Group of Volunteers and reflected in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2004/1. In so doing it may take into account a preliminary exchange of views on this subject, as reflected in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/55, paras. 8-10, and decide as appropriate. Any comments and proposals from member Governments regarding the text of the draft amended chapters will be circulated as soon as they are received by the secretariat.

(c) Amendment of chapters 1 "General provisions" and 1bis "Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels"

The Working Party may wish to consider the above draft amended chapters prepared by the Group of Volunteers with due regard to Annex II of the draft revised Directive 82/714/EEC and decide as appropriate. In so doing, it may note that chapter 1bis has been supplemented by the Group with a model ship's certificate based on EC model, which replaces the UNECE model brought up in the annex to resolution No. 33.

(d) Amendment of chapter 8 "Anchoring, towing and mooring"

It is recalled that the Working Party, at its twenty-seventh session, considered document TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/5 containing a concept for pan-European anchor equipment requirements and felt that it might serve as a basis for further discussion on this item. The document, together with reaction to it by member Governments (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/10), was addressed to the Group of Volunteers for further consideration and possible adaptation in the framework of amendment of chapter 8 of the annex (TRANS/SC.3/55, para. 26).

The Working Party may wish to consider the draft amended chapter 8 “Anchor equipment” prepared by the Group of Volunteers in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1/Add.1 and decide as appropriate.

(e) Amendment of chapter 15 “Special provisions for passenger vessels”

The Working Party may wish to consider the above draft amended chapter prepared by the Group of Volunteers with due regard to Annex II of the draft revised Directive 82/714/EEC and decide as appropriate.

(f) Manoeuvrability requirements for inland navigation vessels

It is recalled that the Working Party, at its twenty-fifth session, took note of the draft prepared by the secretariat in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/2 with due regard to particular manoeuvrability test procedures/criteria applied in different river basins and felt that the document should be further looked at by the Group of Volunteers with a view to better reflecting the concrete manoeuvrability criteria applied in different river basins (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/51, paras. 17 and 18). The findings of the Group of Volunteers on the draft UNECE manoeuvrability provisions appear in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/2 and Add.1. The Working Party may wish to consider the text of the new chapter X “Manoeuvrability” together with an appendix containing alternative manoeuvrability test procedures and criteria, and decide as appropriate.

4. FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE EUROPEAN CODE FOR INLAND WATERWAYS (CEVNI)

The Working Party may wish to take note of resolution No.54 on amendment of CEVNI as set out in TRANS/SC.3/2004/6 adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport at its forty-eighth session (TRANS/SC.3/163, para. 38). It may also proceed with consideration of proposals on further amendments to CEVNI as follows:

(a) Chapter 1

To amend definition of “high-speed vessel” in article 1.01(cc) as proposed by the Government of Austria and by the Danube Commission (DC) in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/4;

To further amend article 1.01 by adding definition of “safe speed” as proposed by DC in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/15;

To amend article 1.07 (3) as proposed by DC in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14/Add.1, para. 15;

To supplement article 1.10 “Ship’s papers” with additional documentation to be carried by vessels as suggested by the secretariat in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/4.

(b) Chapter 2

To amend article 2.01 with an additional paragraph 5 in line with the Fundamental Provisions for the Navigation on the Danube (DFND, see TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/5).

(c) Chapter 3

To amend article 3.14(1), (2), (3) and (7) and the rest of CEVNI so that references should be made to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN), as restructured (see TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/5);

(d) Chapter 4

To amend article 4.05(3) as suggested by DC in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/5.

(e) Chapter 6

To amend articles 6.02(2) and 6.01*bis* as proposed by DC in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/56, para. 7 and by adding the words “**under way**” after “High-speed vessels” as suggested by DC;

To amend article 6.07(1) as proposed by DC in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/15, para. 6;

To amend the titles of articles 6.30 and 6.32 as proposed by the Government of Ukraine in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14/Add.1, paras. 27 and 29;

To supplement article 6.21(5) as proposed by the Government of the Russian Federation in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/14/Add.1, para. 24 or as suggested by DC in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/5.

(f) Chapter 8

To amend this chapter in line with the relevant provisions of (DFND) (see document TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/5).

(g) Annexes 3, 4, 5 and 7

To amend sketches 66 and 75 of annex 3 in TRANS/SC.3/2004/6 as proposed by the Government of Belarus in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/5.

It is recalled that the Working Party SC.3, at its forty-eighth session, took note of the proposal transmitted to it by the Government of Germany concerning possible unification of standards for navigation lights of sea-going and river vessels (TRANS/SC.3/2004/18) and asked the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 to consider this question and see if any amendments should be made to annexes 4 and 5 of CEVNI setting up all-European standards for navigation lights of inland navigation vessels (TRANS/SC.3/163, para. 41).

To introduce in annex 7 a new sign A.4.1 prohibiting the meeting of convoys as proposed by DC in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/15, para 9.

Any further proposals on amendment of CEVNI from Governments and river commissions will be circulated as soon as they are received by the secretariat.

5. HARMONIZATION OF WATERWAY SIGNS AND MARKING

It is recalled that, at its twenty-eighth session, the Working Party approved the text of a draft resolution on the harmonization of waterway signs and marking as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/17 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/15 and modified in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/56, para. 22 and asked the secretariat to transmit it to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport for consideration and adoption.

The Working Party may wish to take note and comment, if necessary, on the text of the draft resolution appearing in TRANS/SC.3/2005/2 which will be submitted to the Working Party SC.3 for consideration and adoption

6. INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR NOTICES TO SKIPPERS AND FOR ELECTRONIC SHIP REPORTING IN INLAND NAVIGATION

At its twenty-eighth session, the Working Party took note of the Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/21 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/22, respectively, and invited Governments to study the above documents and transmit their comments and remarks on the above standards. The comments by Governments will be circulated as soon as they are received by the secretariat. The Working Party may wish to come back to the consideration of the texts of the Standards and decide as appropriate.

7. AMENDMENT OF THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INLAND WATERWAYS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE (AGN)

It is recalled that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, at its forty-eighth session, considered draft amendments to the AGN Agreement prepared by the secretariat under its instructions as set out in document TRANS/SC.3/2004/17, modified them as indicated in TRANS/SC.3/163, para. 17 and invited Governments to study the proposed draft amendments to the Agreement as set out in TRANS/SC.3/2004/17 and modified by the Working Party and transmit their comments and proposals in this regard for consideration by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3. The Governments were invited, in particular, to reflect on whether the E ports envisaged to be built on E waterways, which for the time being are non-existent, should find their place in the amended annex II to AGN (TRANS/SC.3/163, paras. 17-19).

Any comments and proposals from Governments will be circulated as soon as they are received by the secretariat.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

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

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report of its twenty-ninth session on the basis of the draft to be prepared by the secretariat.

Annex 1

**PROVISIONS OF THE ANNEX TO RESOLUTION NO. 17, REVISED,
STILL TO BE AMENDED AND DOCUMENTATION RELATING THERETO ^{2/}**

Provisions of annex still to be amended	Existing text reflected in:	Relevant Regulations for the Inspection of Rhine Vessels (RVBR-95)^{3/}	Comments and proposals by Governments, River Commissions and Group of Volunteers
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Chapter 1: General provisions	TRANS/SC.3/104 and Add. 2 TRANS/SC.3/131	No similar provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1/Add.2
Chapter 1 bis: Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels	TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.4	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.53/Add.4	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1/Add.2
Chapter 8: Anchoring, towing and mooring	TRANS/SC.3/104 and Add.3	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/3	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1/Add.1
Chapter 15: Special provisions for passenger vessels	TRANS/SC.3/104 and TRANS/SC.3/131	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1
Chapter 18: Prevention of water pollution	TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.62	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2004/1
Manoeuvrability	No annex provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.64 and Corrs. 1-2 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.99 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.99/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/2
Special provisions for high-speed craft	No annex provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/4	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2004/1
Ship's certificate	Resolution No.33 in TRANS/SC.3/131	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/6	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2005/1/Add.2

^{2/} The texts of amended chapters 2-7, 9, 10A, 10B, 11, 11*bis*, 12-14, 16, 17 and Z (Working spaces) of the annex have already been provisionally approved by the Working Party SC.3 and their consolidated text may be found in TRANS/SC.3/2004/1 and Corr.1 and TRANS/SC.3/2004/1/Add.1.

^{3/} As requested by the Working Party (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/55, para. 4), the compilation of texts of RVBR-95 in English and Russian has been put on the website at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/RVBR-95.html>.



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