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**Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

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Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda

**European inland waterway network:**

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

**Depositary Notification**

**Transmitted by the UN Depositary**

**Proposal of amendments to articles 12, 13 and 14 of the Agreement**

Reference: C.N.533.2013.TREATIES-XI.D.5 (Depositary Notification)

EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INLAND WATERWAYS OF  
INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE (AGN)

GENEVA, 19 JANUARY 1996

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 12, 13 AND 14 OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its fifty-sixth session held in Geneva from 10 to 12 October 2012, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) adopted amendments to the AGN Agreement, as contained in document (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1, Section II).

In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 12 of the Agreement, the proposed amendments were adopted unanimously by the Contracting Parties present and voting.

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 5 of article 12 of the Agreement, which read as follows:

- “1. This Agreement may be amended in accordance with the procedure specified in this article, except as provided for under articles 13 and 14.
2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to this Agreement shall be considered by the Principal Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
3. If the proposed amendment is adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, it shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Contracting Parties for acceptance.
4. Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article shall come into force with respect to all Contracting Parties 3 months after the expiry of a period of 12 months following the date of its notification, provided that during such period of 12 months no objection to the proposed amendment shall have been notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by a State which is a Contracting Party.
5. If an objection to the proposed amendment has been notified in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall have no effect whatsoever.”

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The document containing the texts in the English, French and Russian languages of the proposed amendments concerned, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/193/Add.1, Section II, can be accessed on the website of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe ([www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3rep.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3rep.html)) at the following address:

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-193a1e.pdf> (English);  
<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-193-add1f.pdf> (French);  
<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/trans/doc/2012/sc3wp3/ECE-TRANS-SC3-193-add1r.pdf> (Russian).

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Villalobos', is written over the date. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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