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**AMENDMENTS TO THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INLAND  
WATERWAYS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE (AGN)**

Annex IV, "Protection of the network from the intentional external influence"

Submitted by Switzerland

Note by the secretariat

It is recalled that at its thirty-second session, the Working Party approved the draft annex IV to the AGN Agreement entitled "Protection of the network from the intentional external influence", as presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/8 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para.19). In this context, the Working Party may wish to address the comment from Switzerland reproduced below before forwarding the document to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3).

1. As this was communicated before, Switzerland considers the protection of inland waterways to be very important. Therefore, Switzerland supports the activities undertaken by different organizations. It seems, however, that the coordination between different activities could be improved. As soon as the results of these initiatives are available, it will be possible to consider whether AGN should be modified. Therefore, it considers adding a new annex to the AGN agreement to be premature.

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