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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fortieth session^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 February 2012

I. Provisional agenda

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2. Election of officers.
3. Results of the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

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² Delegates are requested to complete the registration form available for download at the UNECE Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/registfr.html. It should be transmitted to the UNECE secretariat no later than one week prior to the session by email (sc.3@unece.org) or by fax (+41 22-917 0039). Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (ext. 74030). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

4. Modernization of the existing international instruments on the mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and on the professional requirements in inland navigation.
5. Future cooperation on the European vessel/hull database.
6. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI):
 - (a) Status of amendments to CEVNI;
 - (b) Amendments to Chapters 1–8;
 - (b) Revision of Chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”.
7. Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”:
 - (a) Status of amendments to Resolution No. 61;
 - (b) Amendments to Chapter 7, “Wheelhouse”;
 - (c) Draft Chapter 17, “Specific requirements applicable to floating equipment”;
 - (d) Draft Chapter 18, “Specific requirements applicable to worksite craft”;
 - (e) Amendments to Chapter 20B, “Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels”;
 - (f) Other amendments to Resolution No. 61.
8. Resolution No. 59, “Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings”.
9. Resolution No. 48, “Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS)”.
10. Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation.
11. Recreational navigation.
12. Other business.
13. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

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.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/79

2. Election of officers

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation, hereafter, the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3, may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for its fortieth and forty-first sessions.

3. Results of the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed of the results of the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), which took place from 12 to 14 October 2011. In particular, the Working Party may wish to take note of the adoption by SC.3 of the Roadmap for future work on the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), finalized by the SC.3/WP.3 at its thirty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, paras. 27–28).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191 and Add.1–3.

4. Modernization of the existing international instruments on the mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and on the professional requirements in inland navigation

At its thirty-ninth session, the Working Party took note of the proposal of the International Sava River Basin Commission (hereafter, the Sava Commission) to revise Resolution No. 31 on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster's Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184). The Working Party was also informed of the conclusions of an informal meeting on 14 June 2011 between the European Commission, UNECE and River Commissions on possible cooperation on the issue of boatmasters' certificates. The Working Party recognized the need for modernization of the existing regional and international instruments on boatmasters' certificates and on inland navigation profession, in general, and decided to dedicate a part of its fortieth session to an in-depth discussion of boatmasters' certificates and other closely linked issues (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, paras. 15–17). This decision was approved at the fifty-fifth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 25).

In accordance with this decision, at the fortieth session of SC.3/WP.3 the delegations from member States, European Union (EU) and River Commissions will be invited to discuss the most appropriate mechanism for dealing with the issue of professional requirements in

inland navigation at the pan-European level. In doing so, they may wish to use the experience of the existing models for cross-organizational cooperation, such as the UNECE Expert Group on the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), the Joint Working Group on technical prescriptions for inland vessels of the EU and the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) and the UNECE/CCNR joint working group on the transport of dangerous goods. The preliminary remarks of the delegations, if any, will be issued in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/1

5. Future cooperation on the European vessel/hull database

At its thirty-ninth session, the Working Party finalized a background note on the possible UNECE role in the operation of the future European database of inland vessels, currently being developed by the Platform for the implementation of EU “Navigation and Inland Waterway Action and Development in Europe” (NAIADES) Programme (PLATINA), and forwarded it for the adoption by the fifty-fifth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, para. 21). SC.3 approved the background note and asked the secretariat to continue its consultations with the EU delegation on this issue as well as to submit the background note (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/2) for consideration to the Bureau of Inland Transport Committee (ITC) and, subsequently to ITC. SC.3 also asked the secretariat to report on this issue on the next SC.3/WP.3 session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 14).

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat of any relevant development with respect to the European vessel/hull database, including the results of the discussions in the ITC Bureau and of the consultations with the delegation of the EU.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/2

6. European Code for Inland Waterways.

(a) Status of amendments to CEVNI

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the amendments to the fourth revised edition of CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1). In particular, the Working Party may wish to note that the majority of the proposed amendment finalized by the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, paras. 8–13) were approved by the fifty-fifth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 30). The amendments to the fourth revised edition of CEVNI, currently approved by SC.3 as pending amendments to CEVNI (to be formally adopted by the next revision of the Code) will be issued in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/2.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/2

(b) Amendments to Chapters 1–8

The Working Party will be invited to consider new amendment proposals to CEVNI, finalized by the CEVNI Expert Group at its fifteenth meeting on 11 October 2011 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/3). The minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group are contained in the annex to the document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/3

(c) Revision of Chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party took note of the proposal of the CCNR to consider aligning Chapter 10 of CEVNI, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”, with the provisions of the 1996 Convention on the Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI), recently entered into force (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 31 (f)). At its fifteenth meeting the CEVNI Expert Group concluded that some time was needed for finalizing the proposal on revising Chapter 10. First, given that CDNI had entered into force only recently, it would be appropriate to wait for more information on the practical application of the provisions of the Convention and related implementation issues, if any. Second, the revised Chapter 10 needed to reflect the experience of other river basins and, in particular, of the results of “Waste Management for Inland Navigation on the Danube” (WANDA) project, which was currently in its final stage. In the light of these considerations, the Group decided to submit the proposal by the CCNR for a preliminary discussion at the next SC.3/WP.3 session to get comments and additional information from all UNECE member States, so that the Group could continue its work on the proposal in 2012.

The Working Party will be invited to hold the first exchange of opinions on the preliminary proposal on the revision of Chapter 10, submitted by the CCNR (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/4). In doing so, the Working Party may take note of the relevant provisions of CDNI, which have been translated by the secretariat in Russian and English (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/10/Add.1).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/10/Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/4

7. Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”**(a) Status of amendments to Resolution No. 61**

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the amendments to the first revised edition of Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”, (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1). In particular, the Working Party may wish to note that the amendment proposals finalized by the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, paras. 27–28) were approved by the fifty-fifth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 35). The amendments will be issued in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1

(b) Amendments to Chapter 7, “Wheelhouse”

At its thirty-ninth session, the Working Party considered the draft provisions on minimum technical requirements for computers installed on vessels to be contained in a new section 7-3A in Chapter 7. SC.3/WP.3 took note of the comments received from the delegations

and asked the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61 (hereafter, the Group of Volunteers) to continue to its work on the draft of section 7-3A and, in particular, to provide the definition of “navigation computer” and to explain the link between section 7-3A and Chapter 9 on “Electrical Equipment”. The Working Party invited the Group of Volunteers to submit a revised proposal on this issue to its next session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, para. 29).

At its fifth meeting (Budapest, 6–9 September 2011), the Group of Volunteers took note of the comments of the delegations and revised Section 7-3A accordingly. The Working Party may therefore wish to consider the revised proposal on Section 7-3A, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/5.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1 and
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/5

(c) Draft Chapter 17, “Specific requirements applicable to floating equipment”

At its fifty-third session, SC.3 asked the Group of Volunteers to continue preparing further amendment proposals to Resolution No. 61 with due regard to the latest amendments to the EU Directive 2006/87/EC laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels (hereafter, Directive 2006/87/EC), (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 18). At its fifth meeting in Budapest on 6–9 September 2011, on the basis of the requirements contained in Directive 2006/87/EC the Group of Volunteers finalized the draft proposal on the content of Chapter 17, “Specific requirements applicable to floating equipment”, currently left void in Resolution No. 61.

The Working Party may therefore wish to consider the proposal on draft Chapter 17, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/6.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1 and
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/6

(d) Draft Chapter 18, “Specific requirements applicable to worksite craft”

In accordance with the above-mentioned decision of fifty-third session of SC.3, at its fifth meeting, on the basis of the requirements contained in Directive 2006/87/EC the Group of Volunteers finalized the draft proposal on the content of Chapter 18, “Specific requirements applicable to worksite craft”, currently left void in Resolution No. 61.

The Working Party may therefore wish to consider the proposal on draft Chapter 18, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/7.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1 and
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/7

(e) Amendments to Chapter 20B, “Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels”

At its fiftieth session, SC.3 asked its Group of Volunteers to consider possible ways to elaborate specific requirements to sea-river navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, para. 33). The proposal on a draft Chapter 20 B on special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels, prepared by the Group of Volunteers and finalized at the thirty-ninth session of the SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, para. 28), was approved by the

fifty-fifth session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 35) and issued as part of the first amendment to the first revised edition of Resolution No. 61 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1).

At its fifth meeting, the Group of Volunteers prepared the draft proposal on a new section 20B-8 in Chapter 20B, which would deal with specific requirements applicable to the vessels forming the pushed river-sea navigation convoys. The Working Party may therefore wish to consider the draft section 20B-8, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/8.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.1 and
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/8

(f) Other amendments to Resolution No. 61

The Working Party will consider other amendment proposals, if any, to Resolution No. 61.

8. Resolution No. 59, “Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings”

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party considered the amendment proposal to Resolution No. 59, “Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Markings”, (TRANS/SC.3/169), prepared by the Sava Commission and endorsed, in principle, the concept of the proposed modifications (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 18). SC.3/WP.3 continued its discussions on revising the resolution during its thirty-ninth session, taking note of the additional comments from the Russian Federation and Serbia, and invited the Sava Commission to finalize the draft for the next session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/75, para. 24).

The Working Party may therefore wish to consider the revised amendment proposal submitted by the Sava Commission in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/9.

Documentation

TRANS/SC.3/169, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/9

9. Resolution No. 48, “Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS)”

At its thirty-ninth session, the Working Party was informed by the Chair of the electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS) Expert Group about the latest revision of the Inland ECDIS standard, and the modifications to the first revised edition of the SC.3 Resolution No. 48, “Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS)” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.1) that this would entail. SC.3/WP.3 welcomed, in principle, the proposed amendments to Resolution No. 48 presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/15. SC.3/WP.3 also discussed the two options for the maintenance procedure of the technical appendices of the Resolution, presented in paragraphs 18 and 20 of the proposal. The Working Party noted that under proposed option B, the technical appendices, which constituted an integral part of the Resolution, would be modified by the Inland ECDIS Expert Group without the proper consideration by the UNECE. SC.3/WP.3 invited the delegations to submit their positions on the proposed amendments to the resolution, specifying their position on the choice of the amendment procedure, and asked the secretariat to prepare an official proposal on the revision of Resolution No. 48 for the fortieth session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, paras. 35–36).

The Working Party may therefore wish to consider the amendment proposal on Resolution No. 48, prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Inland ECDIS Expert Group, taking into account the comments received from the delegations and the discussions in SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/10).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2012/10

10. Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation

At its thirty-eighth session, the Working Party welcomed the proposal by Serbia to establish pan-European rules on General Average by means of a special SC.3 resolution on this issue and invited the delegations to submit their comments on the draft text of the resolution, submitted by Serbia (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, para. 48). At its thirty-ninth session, SC.3/WP.3 noted the proposal of the Russian Federation to expand the scope of the resolution based on their legislation of the Russian Federation, welcomed the intention of Serbia to continue the work on the draft resolution and, to facilitate this work, asked the Russian Federation to submit a detailed proposal identifying which provisions from its national legislation could be added to the draft resolution (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, para. 38).

The original proposal on the pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation is contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7. The comments from the Russian Federation and other delegations, if any, will be presented for the consideration of the Working Party as further informal documentation or during the session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7

11. Recreational navigation

At its thirty-ninth session, the Working Party approved the proposal to resume the work on a schematic map of the waterways used for recreational navigation and to establish an informative document on the implementation of Resolution No. 40 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.2). The Working Party asked the secretariat to submit an official proposal on these two activities to SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, para. 40). At its fifty-fifth session, SC.3 approved the two proposals and asked SC.3/WP.3 to dedicate part of its forty-first session to the issue of the informative document on the Resolution and the schematic map of the waterways used for recreational navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 47).

In this context, the Working Party may wish to discuss what actions need to be carried out by the secretariat and the delegations in preparing the discussion on these issues for its forty-first session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.2

12. Other business

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

13. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its fortieth session on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.
