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## **Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

### **Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation**

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#### **Resolution No. 61, Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels**

## **Other amendments to Resolution No. 61**

### **Submitted by the Russian Federation**

#### *Note by the secretariat*

Presented below are the proposal of the Russian Federation on further amendments to the Resolution No. 61, which contains recommendations on harmonized Europe-wide technical requirements for inland navigation vessels.

The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to discuss this proposal and, if appropriate, the approach to preparing the proposed amendments.

1. The Russian Federation proposes to consider the following amendments to the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172).

2. First, the Russian Federation proposes to discuss a possibility of including in Resolution No. 61 the requirements for the load-lifting devices, as well as the vessel lifts, including passenger lifts. Currently there are practically no requirements applicable to the load-lifting devices (paragraph 10–4.2) in the Resolution No. 61. Considering the impact of the load-lifting devices on the safety of a vessel (for example, the influence on the vessel's durability, its stability, safety of people), the Russian Federation believes that it would be expedient to include in the Europe-wide technical requirements for inland vessels a set of general recommendations on the key parameters of the load-lifting devices and on the parameters for the passenger lifts. Probably, regulations on the requirements to the vessel load-lifting devices and lifts already exist in some of the UNECE member countries and could provide a basis for developing pan-European standards in this area.

3. Secondly, at the 37th session of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 the Italian Maritime Technical Association presented a number of proposals of the amendments to the EU Directive 2006/87/EC laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels. One of the proposals was to elaborate special rules for the passenger vessels with the length of less or equal to 25 m and authorized to transport up to 150 passengers. The Russian Federation considers that it would be expedient to discuss these proposals and the desirability of their incorporation in Resolution No. 61.

4. Thirdly, the Russian Federation proposes to consider a possibility of introducing in Resolution No. 61 transitional provisions as this is done in the EU Directive 2006/87/EC.

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