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Geneva, 12–14 February 2014

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session^{1, 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 February 2014

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Results of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

¹ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3age.html. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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 e-mail (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. 72478). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.htm.

4. Inland waterway infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);
 - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);
 - (c) Improving the role of inland water transport in secure intermodal transport chains.
5. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.
6. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised):
 - (a) Work plan for the preparation of the fifth revised edition of CEVNI;
 - (b) Status of amendments to CEVNI;
 - (c) Amendments to chapters 1–8 of CEVNI;
 - (d) Revision of chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”;
 - (e) Amendments to Annexes 1–8;
 - (f) Website on CEVNI and regional and national special requirements.
7. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised):
 - (a) Status of amendments to Resolution No. 61;
 - (b) Amendment proposals to Chapter 4 “Safety clearance, freeboard and draught marks”;
 - (c) Draft proposal of Chapter 15a “Specific requirements for passenger sailing vessels”;
 - (d) Draft proposal of Chapter 22a “Specific requirements applicable to craft longer than 110 m”;
 - (e) Amendment proposals to Chapter 23 “Crew”.
8. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European River Information Services (RIS):
 - (a) Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) (Resolution No. 57);
 - (b) International standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in inland Navigation (Resolution No. 60);
 - (c) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63).
9. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) Status of Resolution No. 40;
 - (b) Draft Guidelines to Resolution No. 40;
 - (c) Map of the European recreational inland navigation network.

10. Other business:
 - (a) Diesel engine exhausts;
 - (b) Theme topic for the next SC.3 session.
11. Tentative timetable.
12. 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.3/87

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 forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions.

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

The Working Party will be informed of the results of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), which took place from 16 to 18 October 2013.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the adoption by SC.3 of the mandatory programme of work, biennial evaluation and work plan for 2014–2018 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, paras. 51–56).

The Working Party may also wish to follow-up on the SC.3 decision to start the preparatory work on a high level international conference for the countries with interest in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 12). To facilitate the discussion, the secretariat will inform SC.3/WP.3 of the results of relevant discussions with the European Commission, River Commissions, UN regional commissions and other stakeholders. The secretariat will also report on the progress in preparing an overview of the past and planned international events targeting inland waterways, requested by SC.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195 and Add.1–2

4. Inland waterway infrastructure

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

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat of the current status of the amendments to AGN and the progress on preparing a third revised edition of the agreement.

The Working Party will also be invited to take note of the decision of the SC.3 fifty-seventh session not to introduce the amendments concerning security to AGN (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 13), discussed at the forty-third session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 9).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/120/Rev.2

(b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”)

The Working Party may wish to note that the amendments to the second revised edition of the Blue Book, approved at its forty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 13) were approved by the fifty-seventh session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 19). The amendments are published as an addendum to the Blue Book (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2/Add.1).

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat of the new amendment proposals to the Blue Book, if any, as well as of the progress on further expanding the UNECE online database of the E Waterway Network, based on the Blue Book.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2 and Add.1

(c) Improving the role of inland water transport in secure intermodal transport chains

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-seventh session, SC.3 decided to add in its programme of work for 2014–2018 a new continuing activity under the heading of Inland Water infrastructure, which would consist of supporting initiatives aimed at improving the role of inland water transport in secure intermodal transport chains (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 55).

The output expected from this activity, as discussed by SC.3, would entail contributing to a risk assessment of inland waterway infrastructure, on the basis of proposals by UNECE member States and/or River Commissions and contributing to the inclusion of up-to-date data on inland waterways and ports in the relevant agreements on intermodal transport, such as the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC).

The Working Party may wish to discuss the possible joint activities with the UNECE Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), which maintains the AGTC Agreement. In doing so, the Working Party may wish to note that the next annual session of WP.24 is scheduled on 10–11 November 2014, back to back with the next session of SC.3 session (12–14 November 2014).

5. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-seventh session, SC.3 agreed to devote a half-day of the forty-fifth session of SC.3/WP.3 in June 2014 to the first meeting of the International Expert Group on mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation (IEG) and adopted its provisional agenda as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, paras. 23–26).

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat of the state of the preparation of the meeting and the inputs necessary from the delegations, if any.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/3

6. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised)

(a) Work plan for the preparation of the fifth revised edition of CEVNI

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-seventh session, SC.3 included the preparation of the fifth revised edition of CEVNI as one of its two main targets for 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 52).

In this context, the Working Party will be invited to discuss and approve the timeframe and deadlines for preparing and adopting the amendments to CEVNI, based on information on delays to be provided by the secretariat.

(b) Status of amendments to CEVNI

It is recalled that since the adoption of CEVNI 4 by SC.3 on 6 November 2009 and its corrigendum of 13 October 2010 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/187, para. 23), four sets of amendment have been preliminarily adopted by SC.3. These amendments are to be consolidated in a single amendment package for final adoption as the fifth revised edition of CEVNI.

The consolidated list of the amendment proposals, adopted up to now, is presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/1, in order to facilitate the delegations' discussion on further amendments to the code.

The Working Party may also wish to note that, since the last session of SC.3/WP.3, the CEVNI Expert Group held three working meetings (its twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second session, respectively) in order to prepare the amendment proposals to CEVNI, based on the proposal received from Governments, River Commissions and the secretariat. The minutes of the twentieth session, held in Geneva on 24–26 June 2013, are published in the annex to the report of the SC.3/WP.3 forty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86). The minutes of the twenty-first session, held on 18–20 September 2013 in Strasbourg, are published in the annex to the report of the SC.3 fifty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195). The minutes of the twenty-second meeting, held on 17 October 2013 in Geneva, are presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/2.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/2

(c) **Amendments to chapters 1–8 of CEVNI**

The Working Party will be invited to consider the amendment proposals to Chapters 1–8 of CEVNI, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/3 and prepared by the secretariat based on the decisions of the CEVNI Expert Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/3

(d) **Revision of chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels”**

In accordance with the decision of the forty-third session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 25), the CEVNI Expert Group finalized at its twenty-first session the amendment proposal for Chapter 10, “Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste occurring on board vessels” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, annex, para. 8).

The Working Party will be invited to consider the draft revised Chapter 10, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/4, prepared by the secretariat based on the decisions of the CEVNI Expert Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/4

(e) **Amendments to Annexes 1–8**

The Working Party will be invited to consider the amendment proposals to annexes to CEVNI, presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/5 and prepared by the secretariat based on the decisions of the CEVNI Expert Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/5

(f) **Website on CEVNI and regional and national special requirements**

In accordance with the decision of the SC.3 fifty-seventh session to also publish the next revised edition of CEVNI in an electronic format (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 52), the Working Party may wish to discuss the appropriate layout and structure for online provisions of CEVNI and the information on the existing regional and national special requirements, currently available in the annual report to SC.3 on implementation of CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/5).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/5

7. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised)

(a) **Status of amendments to Resolution No. 61**

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-seventh session, SC.3 approved amendment proposals to the first revised edition of Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61),

agreed by SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-second and forty-third sessions, and requested the secretariat to include these amendments into the next package of amendments to the resolution (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, paras. 35–36).

The consolidated list of the amendment proposals, adopted up to now, is presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/6, in order to facilitate the delegations' discussion on further amendments to the resolution.

The Working Party may wish to note that SC.3 asked for an additional verification of the amendment to Section 2–7.3 “Data for the identification of a vessel” concerning Maritime Mobile Service Identifiers (MMSI) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 39). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the additional opinions of the delegations on this issue, if any.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/6

(b) Amendment proposals to Chapter 4 “Safety clearance, freeboard and draught marks”

At its forty-third session, the Working Party invited Governments to consider the draft amendments to Chapter 4, prepared by the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61 (hereafter, the Group of Volunteers) with due regard to the relevant provision of EU Directive 2006/87/EC laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels (Directive 2006/87/EC) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 32).

The Working Party will be invited to consider the draft amendments and the comments received from the delegations and presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/7.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/7

(c) Draft proposal of Chapter 15a “Specific requirements for passenger sailing vessels”

At its forty-third session, the Working Party invited Governments to consider the draft amendments to Chapter 15, prepared by the Group of Volunteers with due regard to the relevant provision of Directive 2006/87/EC (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 32).

The Working Party will be invited to consider the draft amendments and the comments received from the delegations and presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/8.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/8

(d) Draft proposal of Chapter 22a “Specific requirements applicable to craft longer than 110 m”

At its forty-third session, the Working Party invited Governments to consider the draft amendments to Chapter 22a, prepared by the Group of Volunteers with due regard to the relevant provision of Directive 2006/87/EC (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 32).

The Working Party will be invited to consider the draft amendments and the comments received from the delegations and presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/9.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/9

(e) **Amendment proposals to Chapter 23 “Crew”**

At its forty-third session, the Working Party took note of the considerations of the secretariat on possible revision of chapter 23 “Crews” based on the work carried out by DC in this field (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/12) and decided to transmit this document for consideration of the Group of Volunteers and the IEG. SC.3/WP.3 also invited delegations to submit their comments on the proposals contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/12 to the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 33).

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed of new developments, if any, related to the amendments of chapter 23 and the comments received from the delegations.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends. 1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/12

8. Establishment of common principles and technical requirements for pan-European River Information Services (RIS)

(a) **Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) (Resolution No. 57)**

Following its decision to consider the revision of Resolution No. 57 in 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 43), the Working Party may wish to discuss the amendment proposals to the resolution, and, in particular, the proposal of the Russian Federation to complement the resolution with the RIS-related definitions, contained in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 17 (2013).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 (2013) No. 17

(b) **International standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in inland Navigation (Resolution No. 60)**

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-seventh session SC.3 decided that, since within the EU, the Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation were maintained by two different international expert groups, Resolution No. 60 should be separated into two resolutions. SC.3 requested the secretariat to prepare draft versions of these resolutions accordingly (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 37).

The Working Party may wish to use this opportunity to discuss any further amendments to these standards, which could be introduced in the new resolutions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/175

(c) **International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63)**

At its forty-third session, the Working Party considered the draft revised International Vessel Tracking and Tracing (VTT) Standard (Resolution No. 63) prepared by the Chair of the Expert Group on VTT (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/14) and the comments received from the Russian Federation and CCNR. SC.3/WP.3 requested the secretariat to ask Governments to provide their comments with a view to possibly further adapting the draft revised Resolution No. 63 accordingly (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, paras. 37–40).

The Working Party will be invited to consider the comments received from the delegations and the draft revised proposal on the amendment of the Standard (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/10).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/10

9. Recreational navigation

(a) Status of Resolution No. 40

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-seventh session, SC.3 adopted the third revised edition of Resolution No. 40. In doing so, SC.3 reaffirmed that the International Certificate (international card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 14) had been superseded by Resolution No. 40. Acknowledging that several member States still apply Resolution No. 14 or apply simultaneously both resolutions, SC.3 requested the secretariat to contact Governments to encourage them to apply only Resolution No. 40 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, para. 45).

In this context, SC.3/WP.3 will be informed by the secretariat on the publication of third revision edition of Resolution 40 and the first results of the exchange with the member States on the use of Resolution No. 14, as well as on any new development with respect to the implementation of the resolution.

Documentation

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

(b) Draft Guidelines to Resolution No. 40

At its forty-third session, SC.3/WP.3 considered the draft guidelines on the application of Resolution No. 40, prepared by the European Boating Association, and invited delegations to provide their comments on the proposed text (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/86, para. 48). The comments received from the Governments and the updated draft guidelines are contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/11.

The Working Party may wish to finalize the text of the guidelines and transmit it to SC.3 for approval at its fifty-eighth session. In doing so, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to discuss the most appropriate solution for including in the guidelines the reference to the list of the countries who have accepted the resolution and the competent national authorities can be found, currently contained in Annex IV of Resolution No.40.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/11

(c) Map of the European recreational inland navigation network

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat of the status of the Map of the European recreational inland navigation network and, in particular, of the requests for corrections, if any, submitted by the Governments.

10. Other business

(a) Diesel engine exhausts

In its questionnaire circulated for the forty-third session, the secretariat had invited UNECE member States to advise on the current application of the provisions of chapter 8a of the annex to Resolution No. 61, revised, "Exhaust and Pollutant Particulate Emissions from Diesel Engines". Inputs received from the delegations were collected by the secretariat in order to prepare a discussion paper on diesel engine exhausts. The Working Party may wish to take note of the final paper on this issue, presented in Informal document No. 1.

Documentation

Informal document SC.3/WP.3 (2014) No. 1

(b) Theme topic for the next SC.3 session

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-seventh session, SC.3 approved the proposal of SC.3/WP.3 to introduce theme topics for SC.3 sessions and retained the topic "Making jobs of crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive" as the theme of the fifty-eighth session of SC.3 from a policy perspective (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/195, paras. 57–58).

The Working Party may wish to discuss the modalities of the preparation of this policy discussion. In doing so, it may wish to consider how these preparations can be combined with and build upon the planned first session of the first meeting of the IEG, planned for June 2014.

11. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Tuesday, 11 February 2014	CEVNI Expert Group	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5
	CEVNI Expert Group	2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 5
Wednesday, 12 February 2014	SC.3/WP.3	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–4
	SC.3/WP.3	3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 6–9
Thursday, 13 February 2014	SC.3/WP.3	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 5
	SC.3/WP.3	2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 5
Friday, 14 February 2014	SC.3/WP.3	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Adoption of the report

12. Adoption of the report

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