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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE  
INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
Working Party on Inland Water Transport  
(18-20 October 2005)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-NINTH SESSION <sup>1/</sup>**

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,  
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2005

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| 1. Adoption of the agenda  | TRANS/SC.3/167  |
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| 3. Transport and security  | TRANS/SC.3/2005/4<br>TRANS/SC.3/2004/9  |
| 4. Study of the current situation and trends in inland water transport in member countries | TRANS/SC.3/2005/5 and Add.1   |
| 5. Exchange of information on measures aimed at promoting transport by inland waterway     | TRANS/SC.3/2001/10<br>TRANS/SC.3/2005/1   |
| 6. Inland waterway infrastructure  |   |

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| (b) | Inventory of main standards and parameters of the E waterway network (“blue book”)  | TRANS/SC.3/144 and Add.1-4<br>TRANS/SC.3/159 and Corr.1  |
| (c) | Establishment of sea-river and coastal routes in the context of the AGN Agreement   | TRANS/SC.3/2003/3<br>TRANS/SC.3/2004/11  |
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| 7.  | Work of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation  | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/58   |
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| (b) | Updating the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI)   | TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2<br>TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2/Amend.1<br>TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/58 and Add.1                               |
| (c) | Harmonization of waterway signs and marking   | TRANS/SC.3/2005/2<br>TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/56  |
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| 8.  | Harmonization of requirements concerning international inland water transport and facilitation of its operations, including the study of legal provisions |  |

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| (a) | Consideration of the possibility of introducing a common legal regime for the limitation of the liability of owners of inland navigation vessels on a Europe-wide basis | TRANS/SC.3/R.130   |
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES <sup>2/</sup>

### 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.

### 2. ACTIVITIES OF UNECE BODIES OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

The Working Party will be informed of the decisions of the Inland Transport Committee taken at its sixty-seventh session (15-17 February 2005) as they relate to the work of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/162, paras. 95-101 (inland water transport); 118-124 (carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterway); and 133-134 (strategic objectives of the Committee)).

It will equally be informed of the activities and results of work of the Working Parties on Transport Statistics (TRANS/WP.6/149) and on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/19 and Add.1) of interest to it.

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<sup>2/</sup> For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no documentation available in the meeting room. Any missing documents may be obtained from the Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations.). The documentation is also available and may be copied from the UNECE website: [www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/...](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/...)

### **3. TRANSPORT AND SECURITY**

The Working Party will be informed of relevant activities by Governments and international organizations as set out in TRANS/SC.3/2005/4 and decide on possible action in this regard taking into account the instructions of the Inland Transport Committee in ECE/TRANS/162, para. 20. In so doing, it may also wish to consider the proposal of Ukraine in TRANS/SC.3/2004/9, paras. 9-14, on possible security related amendments to the AGN Agreement.

### **4. STUDY OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND TRENDS IN INLAND WATER TRANSPORT IN MEMBER COUNTRIES**

The Working Party may wish to have an exchange of views on the current situation and prospects for inland navigation in the UNECE region based on a succinct report on this item to be prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/SC.3/2005/5 and Add.1).

### **5. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON MEASURES AIMED AT PROMOTING TRANSPORT BY INLAND WATERWAY**

The Working Party may wish to pursue its work on follow-up to the Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport (Rotterdam, 5 and 6 September 2001), as reflected in resolution No. 250 of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/139, annex 2). The Working Party may wish in particular to consider and approve the findings of the Group of Volunteers in TRANS/SC.3/2005/1 concerning legislative obstacles that hamper the establishment of a harmonized and competitive Pan-European inland navigation market together with proposals of the Group for solutions to overcome them. The document has been prepared by volunteer experts pursuant to item 13 of the Rotterdam Declaration (TRANS/SC.3/2001/10). After its approval, the document would be presented to the next Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport to be organized as expected in Bucharest, Romania in September 2006.

### **6. INLAND WATERWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt the draft amendments to the AGN Agreement and to its annexes I, II and III as provisionally agreed at its forty-eighth session. The draft amendments will be circulated under the symbol TRANS/SC.3/2005/6.

#### **(b) Inventory of main standards and parameters of the E waterway network ("blue book")**

It is recalled that, at its forty-eighth session, the Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a revised publication of the "blue book" based on the information received or to be received from the Governments (TRANS/SC.3/163, para. 20). The secretariat envisages to prepare and circulate at the session an informal draft of the Blue book for consideration and approval by delegations before its formal publication as TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.1.

It may also reiterate its invitation to Governments and intergovernmental organizations concerned to communicate to the secretariat, the texts of unilateral, bilateral or multilateral action plans and agreements envisaging measures aimed at the elimination of bottlenecks and the completion of missing links as reflected in the Inventory of the most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E waterway network appearing in TRANS/SC.3/159 and Corr.1.

(c) Establishment of sea-river and coastal routes in the context of the AGN Agreement

The Working Party, at its forty-seventh session, took note of the proposal by the Governments of the Russian Federation and Ukraine on the development of a river-sea route: River Don – Azove Sea – Black Sea – Dnieper – Danube (TRANS/SC.3/2003/3) and invited Governments to formulate similar proposals on other sea-river routes within the context of the AGN Agreement. The information received from Governments and the proposal of Ukraine with regard to a possible model structure for further proposals by Governments on sea-river routes may be found in TRANS/SC.3/2004/11.

(d) Updating the map of European inland waterways

At its forty-eighth session, the Working Party decided to update the Map of European Inland Waterways of 1999 and requested the secretariat to start preparation of the new edition of the map taking into account the information already received and to be received from Governments (TRANS/SC.3/163, para. 33). The secretariat envisages to prepare a first draft of the map by the session of the Working Party for its consideration and approval before issuing it as a formal UN publication.

**7. WORK OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF TECHNICAL AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN INLAND NAVIGATION**

The report of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 on its twenty-ninth session has been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/58. The Working Party SC.3 may wish to consider the main activities carried out by SC.3/WP.3 as mentioned below, endorse or comment on them and give guidance where necessary. It may also wish to consider and adopt a number of resolutions prepared by SC.3/WP.3.

(a) Amendment of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to resolution No. 17, revised)

It is recalled that, at its forty-sixth session, the Working Party considered and provisionally approved the first set of amended chapters of the annex to resolution No.17, revised, prepared by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 at its request and agreed that, once all the chapters of the annex are amended, the Working Party would adopt a resolution with the revised Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels annexed to it. The Working Party SC.3/WP.3 was requested to continue its work on the amendment of the annex to resolution No.17, revised, and, as far as requirements for navigational zone 3 were concerned, to base its work as much as possible on relevant provisions of the draft revised Directive 82/714/EEC of the European Community

(TRANS/SC.3/158, para. 27). At its forty-seventh and forty-eighth sessions, the Working Party provisionally approved new sets of draft amended chapters of the annex and encouraged SC.3/WP.3 to complete the amendment of the annex, so that the whole text of amended UNECE Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels could be adopted at its forty-ninth session in 2005 (TRANS/SC.3/161, para.37).

The draft resolution of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport concerning the adoption of the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels has been circulated by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/2005/3. The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt it together with the consolidated text of draft amended chapters provisionally approved by it earlier (TRANS/SC.3/2004/1 and Corrs.1-2 and TRANS/SC.3/2004/1/Add.1 and Corr.1) and those which have been newly prepared and transmitted to it by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 (TRANS/SC.3/2004/Add. 2-4). It may also wish to request the secretariat to issue the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels and decide on the structure of its amended chapters.

Pursuant to element 02.6.2(b) of its Programme of work, the Working Party may wish to charge its subsidiary body, the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 and the Group of Volunteers on amendment of resolution No.17, revised, to consider a possibility and modality for the elaboration, possibly jointly with IMO, of specific unified technical requirements for sea-river and coastal shipping vessels.

(b) Updating the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI)

The Working Party may wish to note that the set of amendments to the second revised edition of CEVNI adopted by the Working Party by its resolution No.54 has been issued as TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2/Amend.1. Unfortunately, for technical reasons, replacement pages for the loose-leafed 2002 edition of CEVNI resulting from the above-mentioned amendments could not be issued by the relevant UN services. Replacement and/or additional pages of CEVNI are, however, available as an informal document in English, French and Russian at the UNECE website: [www.unece.org/trans/doc/finaldocs/sc3/CEVNI\\_replacement\\_pages\\_E.doc](http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/finaldocs/sc3/CEVNI_replacement_pages_E.doc). Delegates are invited to print them out and replace and/or complement the existing pages of their copies of CEVNI in TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2.

The Working Party will be informed of the work of SC.3/WP.3 with regard to further amendment of CEVNI as reflected in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/58, paras. 23-43 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/58/Add.1.

(c) Harmonization of waterway signs and marking

It is recalled that, at its twenty-eighth session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation approved the text of a draft resolution on the harmonization of waterway signs and marking as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/17 and

TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/15 and modified in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/56, para. 22 and asked the secretariat to transmit it to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport for consideration and adoption (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/56, paras. 22-24).

The text of the draft resolution may be found in TRANS/SC.3/2005/2. The Working Party may wish to consider it and decide as appropriate.

(d) Requirements for prevention of water pollution by vessels

At its forty-seventh session, the Working Party considered the text of the draft revised resolution No. 21 on prevention of water pollution prepared by the delegate of Hungary (TRANS/SC.3/2002/8) and invited the delegations of the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Hungary to jointly agree on the text of the modified draft revised resolution and transmit to it the agreed text for further consideration (TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 43). The proposal of the above delegations will be circulated as soon as it is available to the secretariat. The Working Party may wish to continue the consideration of the above draft and decide as appropriate.

It may also wish to take note of a consolidated text of a revised publication concerning the availability on European inland waterways of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board ships which will be circulated as TRANS/SC.3/150/Rev.1 and ask Governments and river commissions to continue to keep the secretariat informed of any data to be rectified or added to the publication.

(e) Consideration of measures aimed at prevention of air pollution from inland navigation vessels

Resolution no. 55 of the Working Party on exhaust and pollutant particulate emissions from diesel engines has been issued by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.6. The Working Party may wish to instruct the secretariat to include the text of the chapter into the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels mentioned under item 7(a) above.

(f) Minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland navigation

Resolution no. 56 of the Working Party on minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland navigation has been issued by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.6. The Working Party may wish to instruct the secretariat to include the text of the chapter into the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels mentioned under item 7(a) above.

(g) International standards for notices to skippers and for electronic ship reporting in inland navigation

At its twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions, the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 considered Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/21 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/22, respectively, and agreed to transmit both standards to the Working Party SC.3 for adoption. The secretariat was requested to prepare a draft resolution of SC.3 to this effect (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/58, para. 45).

The text of the draft resolution will be issued as TRANS/SC.3/2005/7. The Working Party may wish to consider and adopt it as appropriate.

**8. HARMONIZATION OF REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL INLAND WATER TRANSPORT AND FACILITATION OF ITS OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE STUDY OF LEGAL PROVISIONS**

(a) Consideration of the possibility of introducing a common legal regime for the limitation of the liability of owners of inland navigation vessels on a Europe-wide basis

The Working Party will be informed of any new accessions to the Strasbourg Convention of 1988 (TRANS/SC.3/R.130), which have taken place since its previous session. It may wish to take note of them and decide as appropriate.

(b) Circulation of information concerning existing bilateral and multilateral agreements for international inland water transport

The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further rectifications or additions to be made to the table in TRANS/SC.3/2004/15.

**9. IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTIONS AND APPLICATION OF RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO INLAND NAVIGATION**

The Working Party may wish to note that the up-to-date status of all UNECE Agreements and Conventions on transport issues may be consulted at the Inland Transport Committee's website: [http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agree\\_e.pdf](http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/agree_e.pdf). It may wish to invite its member Governments to accede to the legal instruments of relevance to inland navigation if they have not yet done so.

The Working Party may equally wish to proceed with consideration of the situation regarding the application by Governments of its resolutions on the basis of document TRANS/SC.3/2005/8 prepared by the secretariat and invite Governments to accept the resolutions if they have not yet done so.

**10. WORKSHOPS ON INLAND NAVIGATION MATTERS**

It is recalled that, at its forty-eighth session, the Working Party agreed to organize a Workshop on inland navigation matters and asked the secretariat, together with the secretariats of

ECMT and of the River Commissions, to contribute to the preparation and organization of the Workshop (TRANS/SC.3/163, paras. 59-65).

The delegates will be briefed on the outcome of the Workshop “Pan-European Co-operation towards a Strong Inland Waterway Transport: On the Move” organized jointly by UNECE, ECMT, CCNR and the Danube Commission in Paris on 22 and 23 September 2005 in the framework of preparation of the 2006 Bucharest Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport and may wish to express their views with regard to the items to be dealt with by the Conference.

**11. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2006-2010 AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

The Working Party may wish to examine and approve its draft programme of work for 2006-2010 and a tentative list of meetings for 2006 prepared by the secretariat (document TRANS/SC.3/2005/9).

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Working Party may wish to discuss any other questions under this agenda item.

**13. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

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

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