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### Inland Transport Committee

#### Working Party on Inland Water Transport

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

###### Forty-sixth session

Geneva, 18–20 February 2015

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

###### Adoption of the agenda

### Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session<sup>1, 2</sup>

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 18 February 2015

#### I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Results of the fifty-eighth session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
4. Inland waterway infrastructure:
  - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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).

<sup>2</sup> Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <http://tiny.cc/ta8npx>. 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.html](http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html).

- (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);
  - (c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised).
5. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation: First meeting of the International Expert Group.
6. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised):
7. Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
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;
  - (c) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63).
9. Recreational navigation.
10. Other business:
  - (a) Theme topic for the next SC.3 session;
  - (b) High-level international conference on inland navigation.
11. 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.3/91

### **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-sixth and forty-seventh sessions.

### **3. Results of the fifty-eighth 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 12 to 14 November 2014.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/197

### **4. Inland waterway infrastructure**

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

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

#### **Documentation**

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

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

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about new amendment proposals to the Blue Book.

#### **Documentation**

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

#### **(c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised)**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress in eliminating bottlenecks and completing missing links based on information submitted by Governments. The Working Party may wish to consider revising the list of most important bottlenecks and missing links, as set out in the annex of Resolution No. 49, revised, on the basis of available information.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.1

### **5. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation: third meeting of the International Expert Group**

The Working Party may wish to note that at its fifty-eighth session, SC.3 agreed to devote a half-day of the forty-sixth session of SC.3/WP.3 to the third meeting of the International Expert Group on Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters’ Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation (IEG). The Working Party may wish to note also that SC.3 adopted the work plan of IEG as presented in the annex to document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/90 and suggested that the provisional agenda of the third IEG meeting be the same as the agenda of the second meeting.

The provisional agenda of the third meeting of IEG lists the following items:

1. Exchange of information on boatmasters' certificates in inland navigation and professional requirements in inland navigation in the ECE region.
2. Proposal on means and measures to make the professions of boatmaster and other crew members employed in inland navigation more attractive and to bring these professions into line with modern requirements (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/1).
3. Analysis of existing national, regional and international instruments relating to the mutual recognition and modernization of professional qualifications in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/2).
4. Local knowledge requirements: drawing up criteria to help determine the conditions where local knowledge requirements could be necessary.
5. Discussion on establishing the procedures of expert training and examination within ECE region, on the basis of the synthesis of the information submitted by UNECE member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/15) and the Standards of Training and Certification for personnel in Inland Navigation (STCIN) developed by PLATINA (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/16 and its corrigenda).
6. Other business.
7. Next meeting.

The Group of Experts may wish to conduct its discussions on the basis of this agenda.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/2

### **6. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised): fifth revised edition**

The secretariat will inform the Working Party about the adoption by SC.3 of the consolidated amendment proposal to Resolution No. 24 (CEVNI 5) and about the publication of the paper version and online version of CEVNI in its fifth revised edition.

The secretariat will also inform the Working Party about the decision of SC.3 concerning the status of the CEVNI Expert Group and about the information received concerning the application Resolution No. 24 in its fifth revised edition by River Commissions and UNECE member States.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5

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

It is recalled that SC.3 adopted at its fifty-eighth session new amendments to Resolution No. 61, revised, and that the secretariat would include those amendments, as consolidated in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/6, into the next package of amendments to the Resolution.

The Working Party may consider document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/6/Corr.1 presenting corrections to language discrepancies in approved amendments to chapter 4 of Resolution No. 61. These corrections have been adopted by SC.3 at its fifty-eighth session.

The Working Party may wish to approve other corrections to language discrepancies in amendments to chapters 15, 22a and appendix 1 of Resolution No. 61, as presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/3.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1 and 2; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2015/3

### **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)**

It is recalled that at its fifty-eighth session, SC.3 adopted as pending the draft addition to the annex to Resolution No. 57, as presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/10, prior to adopting a new package of amendments to Resolution No. 57.

Following the 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 other changes to the Resolution.

#### **(b) International standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in inland Navigation**

It is recalled that at its fifty-eighth session, SC.3 adopted the division of former Resolution No. 60 into two resolutions, International Standards for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 79) and International Standards for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 80).

##### *1. International Standards for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 79)*

The Working Party may wish to discuss any further amendments to these standards, which could be introduced in Resolution No. 79.

##### *2. International Standards for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 80)*

The Working Party may wish to discuss any further amendments to these standards, which could be introduced in Resolution No. 80.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/175 and Amend.1; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198; ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199

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

The secretariat informed the Working Party that the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) agreed that a reference be made in Resolution No. 57 to their RIS related definitions.

It is recalled that at its fifty-eighth session, SC.3 adopted as pending the addition of this reference to the annex to Resolution No. 57, as presented in document

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/10, prior to adopting a new package of amendments to Resolution No. 57.

The Working Party may wish to discuss any further amendments to this Resolution.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2014/10

### **9. Recreational navigation**

It is recalled that at its fifty-eighth session, SC.3 adopted the fourth revised edition of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40) as presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4. During this session, SC.3 adopted also the guidelines to Resolution No. 40, as presented in informal document SC.3 No. 3 (2014).

The Working Party may wish to discuss any further amendments to this Resolution.

#### **Documentation**

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4; informal document SC.3 No. 3 (2014)

### **10. Other business**

#### **(a) Theme topic for the next SC.3 session**

It is recalled that at its fifty-eighth session, SC.3 approved the decision of SC.3/WP.3 on the theme of the fifty-ninth session of SC.3 which will be “The development of the Dniepr-Vistula section of the E40 waterway”.

The Working Party may wish to discuss the modalities for preparing the discussion.

#### **(b) High-level international conference on inland navigation**

It is recalled that at its fifty-eighth session, SC.3 agreed on the key topics suggested by SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/197, para. 10).

The Working Party may wish to make suggestions for the organization of the conference and discuss on how to prepare the different topics.

### **11. Adoption of the report**

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

## **III. Tentative timetable**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 18 February 2015	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–5
	3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 6–7
Thursday, 19 February 2015	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 8
	2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 9–10
Friday, 20 February 2015	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Adoption of the report