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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the sixty-first session* **

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 October 2017

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) bodies of interest to the Working Party.
3. Workshop “Inland Navigation Rules: implementation of the European Code for Inland Waterways”.
4. Exchange of information on measures aimed at promoting transport by inland waterway.

* 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/sc3age.html. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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5. European inland waterway network:
 - (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) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised).
6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revision 5);
 - (b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revision 2);
 - (c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised);
 - (d) Provisions for berthed vessels and floating objects (floating hotels, floating restaurants and similar structures);
 - (e) Modernization and renovation of inland navigation vessels.
7. Second meeting of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport.
8. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
9. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation:
 - (a) Recommendation on Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 48), International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 63), International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 79) and International Standard for Notices to Skippers (Resolution No. 80);
 - (b) Cooperation with the GIS Forum Danube.
10. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:
 - (a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation;
 - (b) Application of UNECE Resolutions on inland navigation.
11. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) Activities of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation;
 - (b) National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft;
 - (c) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40;
 - (d) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (Resolution No. 52, revised).

12. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2018-2019.
13. Tentative list of meetings for 2018.
14. Other business.
15. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, hereafter the Working Party or SC.3, may wish to adopt the agenda of its sixty-first session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/204, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2017)

2. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) bodies of interest to the Working Party

SC.3 will be informed about relevant decisions of the UNECE Inland Transport Committee (ITC) taken at its seventy-ninth session (21-24 February 2017) and side events.

SC.3 will be informed about the activities and work results of the Joint Meeting of Experts on the Regulations annexed to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN Safety Committee) and of the ADN Administrative Committee.

The Working Party will be informed about the activities of the Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics (WP.24), the Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics (WP.5) and the Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6).

Documentation

Documents: ECE/TRANS/270, ECE/TRANS/2017/R.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/62, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/64, ECE/ADN/40, ECE/ADN/42, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/139, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/62

3. Workshop “Inland Navigation Rules: implementation of the European Code for Inland Waterways”

Following the decision taken by SC.3 at its sixtieth session, the workshop dedicated to the implementation of the fifth revised edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) will be held in order to monitor the progress in the implementation of CEVNI by Governments, highlight recent developments in the navigation rules in European river basins, keep Governments informed about the regional and national special requirements deviating from CEVNI and related issues.

Documentation

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

4. Exchange of information on measures aimed at promoting transport by inland waterway

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on strategies, measures and projects aimed at promoting transport by inland waterway on the basis of the document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/1 prepared by the secretariat.

The Working Party will be informed about the progress reached in developing the Good Navigation Status (GNS) concept for the European inland waterways and the outcome of the second pan-European workshop on GNS held on 12 July 2017 in Brussels as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/2.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/2

5. European inland waterway network

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

The Working Party will be invited to consider draft amendments to AGN (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/3) that emanate from the updates identified in the course of the third revision of the Blue Book. The draft amendments had been considered and provisionally approved by the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) at its fiftieth and fifty-first sessions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/100, para. 9, and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, para. 9). SC.3 may wish to consider and formally adopt the draft amendments as reflected in the above document and request the secretariat to transmit it to the depositary.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to exchange information on the progress reached by member States in implementing AGN.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/3

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

The Working Party will be informed about the release of the third revised edition of the Blue Book and the status of the Blue Book database.

The Working Party may wish to consider and approve draft amendments to the third revised edition of the Blue Book discussed by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-first session as well as other proposals submitted by member States if any (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/4).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/4

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

The Working Party will be invited to consider the consolidate draft of the second revision of the Annex to the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revised) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/5), prepared on the basis of the third revised edition of the Blue Book and proposals of member States, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fiftieth and updated fifty-first sessions

(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/100, para. 13, and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, paras. 18 and 19). SC.3 may wish to adopt the Annex by Resolution No. 87.

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the consultations held by the secretariat with the European Commission (EC) and European coordinators of the TEN-T core network corridors on streamlining Resolution No. 49 with the list of bottlenecks of the TEN-T core network corridors set out in Regulation (EU) No. 1316/2013 and with a view to establish a harmonized GIS¹ database and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/5,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/9

6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revision 5)

The Working Party may wish to consider and approve the draft amendments to CEVNI proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its twenty-fifth meeting (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/7). SC.3 will be also informed about the decisions of the twenty-sixth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group.

The Working Party may wish to consider draft amendments to CEVNI for vessels using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) as a fuel (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/8) and start discussion on a new annex “LNG bunkering checklist” on the basis of the Standard for a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Bunker Checklist, Truck to Ship, Edition 1.0, of the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/9) and other amendment proposals (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/10).

SC.3 will be informed about the answers to the online questionnaire on signals of fixed lights and will decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/8,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/10

(b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revision 2)

The Working Party will be invited to consider the draft of the third revision of SIGNI Resolution No. 22, revised) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11).

SC.3 will be informed about the answers to the questionnaire on regional and special requirements deviating from SIGNI and may wish to consider and approve a proposal on the new Chapter to SIGNI on the basis of the answers received (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/12).

SC.3 may wish to adopt the revised regulations as Resolution No. 88.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/12

¹ Geographic Information System.

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

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the workshop on the Rules and Regulations for inland navigation vessels and river-sea vessels held at the fiftieth session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/100, paras. 25-39) and answers to the questionnaire on the Rules and Regulations (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/13) and may wish to decide as appropriate.

SC.3 will be informed about the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61 to be held on 2-3 October 2017 in Geneva.

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposals for harmonizing the technical prescriptions for inland vessels in Resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN standard) as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/14 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/15 and provide guidance to the secretariat and the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 as appropriate.

SC.3 will be informed of the adoption of a new version of the European standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN 2017) and the progress in the preparation of the Russian language text of ES-TRIN by the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to consider the preparation of the consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 on the basis of the adopted amendments, as recommended by SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-ninth session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1-3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/13, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/15, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2017)

(d) **Provisions for berthed vessels and floating objects (floating hotels, floating restaurants and similar structures)**

Following the recommendation of SC.3/WP.3 to keep the provisions for berthed floating establishments in the agenda of the sixty-first session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, para. 41), the Working Party may wish to consider the information about the legislative framework and technical prescriptions for berthed vessels and floating objects (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/16) and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/16

(e) **Modernization and renovation of inland navigation vessels**

SC.3 may wish to consider the overview of the approaches, existing practice and legislative basis for modernization and renovation of inland navigation fleet (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/17) and continue discussion on this issue started at the fiftieth and fifty-first sessions of SC.3/WP.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/17, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/6

7. Second meeting of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of consultations and/or virtual meeting of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport and the progress reached.

The ad hoc group will be invited to continue discussion of the draft ministerial resolution, the preparatory work for the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport and related matters.

SC.3 may wish to provide guidance to the ad hoc group on further actions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/19

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

The Working Party will be informed about the progress in revising Directive 96/50/EC, recent developments of the Working Group on professional qualifications of the European Committee for drawing up Standards in Inland Navigation (CESNI) and related issues.

9. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation

- (a) **Recommendation on Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 48), International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 63), International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 79) and International Standard for Notices to Skippers (Resolution No. 80)**

The Working Party will be informed about the progress reached by the International Expert Groups in updating the Standard for Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Inland ECDIS), the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT), the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (ERI) and the International Standard for Notices to Skippers (NtS). Based on this progress, SC.3 may wish to consider updating Resolutions Nos. 48, 63, 79 and 80.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by Governments and River Commissions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199

- (b) **Cooperation with the GIS Forum Danube**

The Working Party will be informed about the decision of SC.3/WP.3 on possible ways of cooperation between the GIS Forum Danube and UNECE and may wish to decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/20

10. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation

(a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation

The Working Party may wish to take note of information on the current status of legal instruments relevant to inland navigation, adopted both within and outside UNECE, as well as the progress in the number of Contracting Parties since the Bucharest Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport of 2006 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/18). The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further modifications or additions to the document.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/18

(b) Application of UNECE Resolutions on inland navigation

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of UNECE resolutions and their application on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/19 and invite Governments to accept the resolutions if they have not yet done so.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/19

11. Recreational navigation

(a) Activities of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation

Documentation

The Working Party may wish to adopt the Terms of Reference of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/20).

SC.3 will be informed about the outcome of the first meeting of the Group (2-3 August 2017, Geneva). The Working Party may wish to provide guidance on further activities of the Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/20

(b) National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft

The Working Party may wish to update information on national legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft on national waterways and on where these acts can be found based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/16 and updates provided by the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation. SC.3 may wish to invite Governments to submit this information to the secretariat if they have not yet done so.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/16

(c) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40

The Working Party may wish to adopt the amendment to Annex IV of Resolution No. 40, fourth revision (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/21), approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-first

session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, para. 80). Member States may wish to provide further updates to Annex IV, if any.

The Working Party may wish to adopt the consolidated text of the revised Guidelines to Resolution No. 40 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/22) prepared by the secretariat based on the amendments approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, para. 82).

SC.3 may wish to exchange the information on any new development with respect to the implementation of Resolution No. 40 as well as transmit their national models of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft to be uploaded into the SC.3 database.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/21, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/22

(d) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (Resolution No. 52, revised)

The Working Party may wish to adopt the amendment to the map of the European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (AGNP) (Annex II to Resolution No. 52, revised) as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/23 based on the proposal preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, para. 85).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/23

12. Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2018-2019

The Working Party may wish to recall that, at its fifty-ninth session in November 2015, it had approved indicators of achievement for the measurement of its expected accomplishments in 2016 and 2017 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201, para. 66). In accordance with the decision of ITC to review its programme of work every two years, the next review being in 2018, the Working Party may wish to review and adopt its programme of work for 2018-2019 based on its new strategy adopted at its sixtieth session and endorsed by ITC at its seventy-ninth session in February 2017. SC.3 may also wish to adopt the relevant parameters allowing for its biennial evaluation. The draft programme of work for 2018-2019 and the expected accomplishments are contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/24.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/24

13. Tentative list of meetings for 2018

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2018:

14-16 February 2018	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-second session);
27-29 June 2018	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-third session);
3-5 October 2018	Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-second session).

14. Other business

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

15. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, prepared by the secretariat.

In line with established practice and in accordance with the decision of ITC (ECE/TRANS/156, para. 6), the Working Party will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-first session on the basis of a brief summary prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the secretariat. Following the session, the secretariat, in cooperation with the Chair, will draw up a report on the outcome of the session.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 4 October	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1-5
	3.00 – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 6 and 11
Thursday, 5 October	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 7-10
	2.30 – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 12-14
Friday, 6 October	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda item 15
