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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 6 November 2019

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Activities of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe bodies of interest to the Working Party.
3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport:
 - (a) Revision of the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe;
 - (b) High-level events relevant to European inland water transport.
4. Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”.
5. Workshop “Integration of Inland Water Transport in Multimodal Transport and Logistics Chains”.

* 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 ECE Sustainable 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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6. European inland waterway network:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
 - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”).
7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (resolution No. 24, revision 5);
 - (b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2);
 - (c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised).
8. Automation in inland navigation.
9. Promotion of River Information Services as well as other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
 - (a) Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (resolution No. 48, revision 3);
 - (b) International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 80);
 - (c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services.
10. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
11. Traffic management of river cruise vessels in European cities.
12. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, revision 4) and the Guidelines to resolution No. 40;
 - (b) National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft.
13. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation:
 - (a) Status of international conventions and agreements affecting inland navigation;
 - (b) Application of resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on inland navigation.
14. E-inland waterway statistics.
15. Terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
16. Programme of work:
 - (a) Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2020–2021;
 - (b) Implementation of the Inland Transport Committee Strategy.
17. Tentative list of meetings for 2020.
18. Other business.
19. 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-third session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/209, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2019)

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

SC.3 will be informed about decisions of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Inland Transport Committee (ITC) taken at its eighty-first session (19–22 February 2019) that are relevant to the Working Party.

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

ECE/TRANS/288 and Add.1 and 2, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/70 and Corr.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/72, ECE/ADN/49, ECE/ADN/51, ECE/TRANS/WP.24/145, ECE/TRANS/WP.5/66, ECE/TRANS/WP.6/177

3. Current situation and trends in inland water transport

(a) Revision of the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe

The Working Party is invited to consider and adopt the draft of the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe for the next 10-year period based on the draft prepared by the consultant and comments from member States, river commissions and other stakeholders.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on the current situation and trends in inland navigation in the ECE region.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/3 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/4

(b) High-level events relevant to European inland water transport

The Working Party may wish to take note of the outcome of the ministerial conferences of 2018 that are dedicated to the milestone dates for inland navigation in Europe: (a) the ministerial declaration “150 years of the Mannheim Act – the driving force behind dynamic Rhine and inland navigation” adopted at the sixth congress of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) (17 October 2018; Mannheim, Germany), and (b) Communiqué of the ministerial conference on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the signing of the Belgrade Convention (29 June 2018, Belgrade).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/5

4. Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”

Following the decision of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) at its fifty-fifth session to revise the draft proposal on monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the Wroclaw Conference (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, para. 75), the Working Party may wish to finalize and approve the amended draft.

SC.3 may wish to propose other actions as a follow-up to the declaration.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/6

5. Workshop “Integration of Inland Water Transport in Multimodal Transport and Logistics Chains”

Following the decision of the Working Party at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 95), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop “Integration of Inland Water Transport in Multimodal Transport and Logistics Chains”.

6. European inland waterway network**(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance**

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on how to facilitate the implementation of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) and increase the number of contracting parties. Started by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-fifth session, the Working Party may wish to consider a draft road map for accession to AGN prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, para. 41).

SC.3 may wish to propose further amendments to AGN and exchange information on the progress reached by member States in implementing the agreement.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/7

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

The Working Party may wish to approve Amendment 2 to the third revised edition of the Blue Book based on the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, para. 42).

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/26

7. 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 approve the draft amendments to CEVNI proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its twenty-ninth meeting and the special session held on 7 and 8 February 2019. SC.3 may also wish to consider the report of the thirtieth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group held on 18 June 2019 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/8).

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the thirty-first meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group to be held on 5 November 2019, back-to-back with its sixty-third session.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) adopted by CCNR in 2019 at its spring session and the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel adopted by the Mosel Commission at its plenary session on 23 May 2019 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/9).

The Working Party may wish to take note of the comparison of chapters 1 to 4 of CEVNI, revision 5, including amendments 1 and 2, and chapters 1 to 4 of RPNR as of 1 December 2018, prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Member States and river commissions are invited to update the information on the implementation of CEVNI on their inland waterways.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amends.1–2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/9 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15

(b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2)

The Working Party may wish to adopt the amendments to the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, para. 64, and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, paras. 57 and 58): (a) chapter 8C, “Special provisions applicable to craft equipped with propulsion or auxiliary systems operating on fuels with a flashpoint equal to or lower than 55°C”, (b) chapter 10A, “Ramps and ramp equipment”, (c) modifications to appendix 1 and (d) Appendix 10, “Supplementary provisions applicable to craft operating on fuels with a flashpoint equal to or lower than 55° C” as its resolution No. 93 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/10).

The Working Party will be informed about the preparation of the Russian translation of the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2019.

Member States may wish to continue discussion on the draft chapter 15B to the annex to resolution No. 61 on specific requirements to passenger daily trip vessels not exceeding 24 m in length and authorized to carry up to a maximum of 150 passengers, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18

(c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised)

The Working Party may wish to adopt the amended annex to resolution No. 21, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, para. 65) by its resolution No. 94 as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/11.

SC.3 may wish to note that, at its fifty-fifth session, SC.3/WP.3 preliminarily approved the proposal on updating the appendix to resolution No. 21, “Reception facilities for the transfer of waste generated on board ships on European inland waterways” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/3), and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179, TRANS/SC.3/150, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/11 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/19

8. Automation in inland navigation

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, paras. 70–71), the Working Party may wish to consider and adopt a resolution to support the development of automation in inland navigation as resolution No. 95. SC.3 may also wish to approve a road map for international cooperation on the promotion and development of autonomous shipping (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/12).

SC.3 may wish to take note of the proposal on policy issues where a common approach is needed to facilitate automation in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/13) and decide as appropriate.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the ongoing work on automation in inland navigation based on the questionnaire prepared by the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/13, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/20

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

(a) Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (resolution No. 48, revision 3)

The Working Party may wish to adopt the revised annex to resolution No. 48, containing the Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation, which was preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, para. 79) as its resolution No. 96.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/14, Informal document SC.3 No. 2 (2019)

(b) International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 80)

The Working Party may wish to adopt the revised annex to resolution No. 80, containing the International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation, which was preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, paras. 81–82) as its resolution No. 97.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/17, Informal document SC.3 No. 3 (2019)

(c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services

The Working Party will be informed about the current status of the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (resolution No. 57), the International

Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (resolution No. 63) and the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 79) and may provide guidance to the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/166/Rev.3,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198

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

The Working Party may wish to exchange information on recent developments in this sphere by member States, the European Commission and the European Committee for drawing up Standards in Inland Navigation (CESNI). In particular are the adoption of the delegated act supplementing Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the standards on competences and the corresponding knowledge and skills, the practical examinations, the approval of simulators and medical fitness.

11. Traffic management of river cruise vessels in European cities

Following the decision of the Working Party at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 95), delegations are invited to take part in the panel discussion on the existing traffic management systems of river cruise vessels in European cities and the principles of their application.

12. Recreational navigation

(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, revision 4) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40

The Working Party may wish to adopt an amendment to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/18). Delegations are invited to provide further updates, if necessary.

SC.3 will be informed about updates to the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/18

(b) National legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft

Delegations are invited to provide updates to the national legal acts governing navigation of recreational craft and other relevant information.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/16

13. 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. 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.3/2019/19

(b) Application of resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe on inland navigation

The Working Party may wish to consider the status of ECE resolutions and their application (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/21) and invite governments to accept the resolutions, if they have not yet done so.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/20

14. E-inland waterway statistics

The Working Party will be informed about the ongoing work by the secretariat based on the discussions at the seventieth session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics on an E-inland waterway census and the fifty-fifth session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, paras. 88–89), and may wish to decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/14

15. Terms and definitions related to inland water transport

The Working Party will be informed about the ongoing work on the glossary of terminology on inland water transport and provide guidance to the secretariat.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the relevant decisions of the Group of Experts on Benchmarking Transport Infrastructure Construction Costs at its the ninth session (30 September–1 October 2019).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/15-ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/24

16. Programme of work

(a) Programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2020–2021

SC.3 may wish to note the decision of ITC to discontinue the preparation of programme documents with a biennial coverage, including evaluation and monitoring, since they would no longer be relevant for the new programme cycle.

Further to that decision, SC.3 will be invited to consider whether the biennial programme of work and the 4-year plan be maintained and, if so, in which format. A proposal made by the secretariat for the draft programme of work and biennial evaluation for 2020–2021 and long-term programme of work is contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/21. SC.3 may wish then to set up its biennial work plan.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/21

(b) Implementation of the Inland Transport Committee Strategy

Following the decision of ITC at its eighty-first session, which mandated its subsidiary bodies to review their work in order to align their activities to its newly adopted strategy, the

Working Party may wish to discuss this issue based on the proposal made by the secretariat and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/21

17. Tentative list of meetings for 2020

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2020:

12–14 February 2020	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-sixth session);
24–26 June 2020	Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-seventh session);
7–9 October 2020	Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-fourth session).

18. Other business

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

19. Adoption of the report

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-third 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, 6 November	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	3.00 – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 4–5
Thursday, 7 November	9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 6–8
	2.30 – 5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 9–13
Friday, 8 November	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 14–17
	3.00 – 6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 18–19