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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

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

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 7 October 2020

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. Outcome of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation.
4. Current situation and trends in inland water transport:
 - (a) Impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on inland navigation and actions to be undertaken under the framework of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe;
 - (b) Ongoing projects and activities in the sector.
5. Workshop “Circular economy in inland water transport”.
6. European inland waterway network:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;

* 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).

** Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=aaH7xk>. 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 (+41 22 917 2432) or by email (sc.3@un.org). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website <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, revision 2).
- 7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5);
 - (b) Technical and safety requirements for daily trip vessels;
 - (c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2);
 - (d) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised).
- 8. Automation in inland navigation.
- 9. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport.
- 10. Promotion of River Information Services as well as other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
 - (a) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 63, revised);
 - (b) International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (annex to resolution No. 79);
 - (c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services.
- 11. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
- 12. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, revision 4) and the Guidelines to resolution No. 40;
 - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.
- 13. Harmonization of the pan-European legal framework for inland navigation.
- 14. Tentative list of meetings for 2021.
- 15. Theme topic for the sixty-fifth session of the Working Party.
- 16. Other business.
- 17. 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-fourth session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/212, Informal document SC.3 No. 1 (2020)

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-second session (25–28 February 2020) 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/294 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/74 and Add.1, ECE/ADN/49, ECE/ADN/53

3. Outcome of the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

SC.3 will be informed about the outcome of the informal virtual meeting of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) and the fifty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3 that will be held on 7 October in the morning, back-to-back with the sixty-fourth session of SC.3.

SC.3 may wish to consider and endorse the report of the fifty-sixth session and the decisions of the fifty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/1

4. Current situation and trends in inland water transport

(a) Impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on inland navigation and actions to be undertaken under the framework of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party may wish to continue the discussion on the challenges related the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inland navigation and the lessons learned, started at the virtual informal meeting of SC.3/WP.3. The Working Party may also wish to consider the steps proposed by SC.3/WP.3 and possible preventive measures and actions to be undertaken under the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), including international agreements and SC.3 resolutions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/2

(b) Ongoing projects and activities in the sector

The Working Party will be informed about the progress reached by the European Commission in the development of future Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) policy and the revision of the TEN-T regulation.

Delegations are invited to exchange information on the current situation and other trends in inland navigation in the ECE region.

5. Workshop “Circular economy in inland water transport”

Following the proposal of SC.3/WP.3 at its virtual informal meeting to postpone the workshop “Circular economy in inland water transport” until the sixty-fourth session of SC.3, delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the circular economy principles, its application in the inland water transport sector, advantages and development prospects. The workshop will address the ongoing work, developments and projects at the national, international and pan-European level, further steps and related issues.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/20

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

SC.3 may wish to propose further amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) and exchange information on the progress reached by member States in implementing the agreement. SC.3 may also wish to continue discussion on how to facilitate the implementation of AGN and increase the number of contracting parties.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

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

The Working Party may wish to approve the amendment to the third revised edition of the Blue Book, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-seventh session as amendment 3.

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 Amends.1–2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/14

(c) Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2)

The Working Party may wish to approve the amendment to the second revision of the Inventory of most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E Waterway Network, preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-seventh session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/14

7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

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

The Working Party may wish to approve the draft amendments to the fifth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) which were preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 in 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/3). SC.3 may also wish to consider the report of the thirty-third meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group held virtually on 23 June 2019 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/4).

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the thirty-fourth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group to be held virtually in the beginning of October 2020.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the comparison of the European Code for Inland Waterways with the Basic Rules for the Navigation on the Danube and the Navigation Rules on the Sava River Basin, prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/15 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/16) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine adopted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine in 2019 at its autumn session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/17) and the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel adopted by the Mosel Commission at its plenary session in 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/5).

SC.3 may wish to note the information on the application of the three-tone signal by vessels navigating by radar in reduced visibility (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/18) and decide as appropriate.

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.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/17 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/18

(b) Technical and safety requirements for daily trip vessels

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on technical provisions for passenger daily trip vessels not exceeding 24 metres in length and authorized to carry up to a maximum of 150 passengers based on the information transmitted by countries (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/6).

Invite Member States are invited to provide statistical data on the fleet of this vessel type, used for commercial purpose.

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, paras. 60–61), the Working Party may also wish to continue discussion on the existing traffic management systems of river day-trip vessels and tourist boats in European cities.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18

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

The Working Party is invited to continue discussion on the draft proposal for a new chapter XX, “Special provisions applicable to electric vessel propulsion”, based on the amendment proposal by the Danube Commission (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/7).

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 at its fifty-seventh session as amendment 2,

which includes amendments to section 1-2, chapters 8, 9, 15 and appendices 1 and 3, as its resolution No. 98 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/8).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18

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

The Working Party may wish to consider the updated list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels and adopt this as an appendix to the annex to resolution No. 21, revision 2, as its resolution No. 99.

The Working Party may also wish to continue discussion on the categorization of waste generated on board inland navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/29).

Documentation

TRANS/SC.3/150 and Adds. 1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/11, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/27 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/28

8. Automation in inland navigation

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210, para. 67), the Working Party is invited to continue discussion on automation in inland navigation: (a) a follow-up of resolution No. 95, “Enhancing international cooperation to support the development of automation in inland navigation”, (b) the existing terms and definitions and (c) ongoing projects and activities in this field. In particular, SC.3 may wish to take note of the Position statement on autonomous shipping by the European Boating Association (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/26).

SC.3 may wish to continue discussion 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.3/211, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/13, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/26

9. Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport

The Working Party will be informed about the progress made in the development of the Glossary of terms and definitions related to inland water transport. SC.3 may wish to consider comments on the draft, if any, and to provide its guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/16

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

(a) International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 63, revised)

The Working Party may wish to adopt the revised annex to resolution No. 63, containing the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways, which was preliminarily approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions

(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/21/Rev.1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/22) as its resolution No. 100.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/17,
Informal document SC.3 No. 2 (2020)

(b) International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (annex to resolution No. 79)

The Working Party may wish to consider and possibly adopt the revised annex to resolution No. 79, containing the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting (ERI) in Inland Navigation, which was considered by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/23), based on the draft prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the Chair of the CESNI¹/TI ERI Temporary Expert Group as its resolution No. 101.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/18, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/23

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

The Working Party may wish to come back to the status of resolutions Nos. 57 and 58 and decide as appropriate.

SC.3 will be informed about (a) the progress made in the evaluation of Directive 2005/44/EC on Harmonized River Information Services and (b) the outcome of the CESNI RIS² Week held online from 23 to 26 June 2020.

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

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

Following the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, paras. 88, 91 and 92), the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on updating resolution No. 31, based on proposals from member States and other key stakeholders. In particular, SC.3 may wish to consider the CESNI standards for medical fitness for crew members on inland navigation vessels and for models of crew-related documents (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/24 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/19). SC.3 may also wish to provide guidance to the secretariat on a possible revision of the relevant provisions of the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2.

Member States and River Commissions are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about recent progress in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/19, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/9,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/11,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/13 and
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/24

¹ European Committee for drawing up Standards in Inland Navigation.

² River Information Services.

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 note that the consolidated version of resolution No. 40 with amendments 1 and 2 is available on the SC.3 website.

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

Delegations are invited to provide updates to resolution No. 40, if any, and other relevant information.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4

(b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation

The Working Party will be informed about the current activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation, in particular, on developing modules for the CEVNI knowledge tests. Sc.3 may wish to provide its guidance to the Informal Working Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2020/20

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

The Working Party may wish to provide updates on the current status of legal instruments relevant to inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/19). The Working Party may wish to invite governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further modifications or additions to the document.

The Working Party may also wish to provide updates on the current status of ECE resolutions and their application (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/20) and invite governments to accept the resolutions, if they have not yet done so.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/19, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/20

14. Tentative list of meetings for 2020

The Working Party may wish to approve the following tentative list of meetings for the year 2021:

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| 17–19 February 2021 | Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-eighth session); |
| 23–25 June 2021 | Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (fifty-ninth session); |
| 3–5 November 2021 | Working Party on Inland Water Transport (sixty-fifth session). |

15. Theme topic for the sixty-fifth session of the Working Party

SC.3 may wish to decide on the theme topic for its sixty-fifth session. The proposed topics are (a) cybersecurity in inland water transport (postponed until 2021 according to the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-seventh session) and (b) resilience of inland water transport to climate change.

16. Other business

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

17. 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-fourth 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, 7 October | 3.00 – 6.00 p.m. | Agenda items 1–4 |
| Thursday, 8 October | 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | Agenda item 5 |
| | 2.30 – 5.30 p.m. | Agenda items 6–8 |
| Friday, 9 October | 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. | Agenda items 9–14 |
| | 3.00 – 6.00 p.m. | Agenda items 15–17 |