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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session^{*, **, ***}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
12 February 2020

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Outcome of the sixty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
4. Workshop on the Sustainable Development Goals and how they can be achieved in inland waterways.
5. Inland waterways infrastructure:
 - (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/wp3/wp3doc_2020.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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- (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).
6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (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).
 7. Provisions for passenger daily trip vessels.
 8. River-sea transport in Europe.
 9. Promotion of River Information Services and 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;
 - (d) Danube Information Services Conference.
 10. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
 11. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, fourth revision);
 - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation.
 12. Theme topic for the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party.
 13. Other business.
 14. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) may wish to adopt the agenda of its fifty-sixth session on the basis of the provisional agenda, supplemented by the list of working and informal documents as set out in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2020).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/111, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2020)

2. Election of officers

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for its fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions.

3. Outcome of the sixty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its sixty-third session (6–8 November 2019).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210

4. Workshop on the Sustainable Development Goals and how they can be achieved in inland waterways

Following the decision of the Working Party at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, para. 95), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the activities in the inland water transport sector which have a direct impact on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The workshop will address ongoing work, developments and projects at the national, international and pan-European level as well as cooperation with other transport modes.

Participants are also invited to take part in the round table discussions on the priorities and measures aimed to facilitate to the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the role of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), further steps and related issues.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/279, Ministerial declaration “Inland Navigation in a Global Setting”¹

5. Inland waterways infrastructure

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

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about the progress reached in the implementation of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

¹ www.unece.org/trans/cd.html.

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 consider any new amendment proposals, transmitted by member States, to the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).

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

6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation**(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5)**

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider and preliminarily approve the draft amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its the thirtieth and thirty-first meetings held on 18 June 2019 and 5 November 2019, back-to-back with the sessions of SC.3/WP.3 and SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/8 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/1).

The Working Party may wish to note that amendment 3 to CEVNI revision 5, approved by SC.3 at its sixty-third session, and the consolidated version of amendments 1 to 3 are available on the SC.3 website.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the outcome of the thirty-second meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group to be held on 11 February 2020, back-to-back with the fifty-sixth session of SC.3/WP.3.

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on updating CEVNI based on the comparison with the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/2) as well as the navigation rules of the Danube Commission and the International Sava River Basin Commission and provide guidance for the CEVNI Expert Group.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the preparatory work for the sixth revision of CEVNI and may wish to provide further guidance to the CEVNI Expert Group and the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/2

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

The Working Party may wish to note that amendment No. 1 to the annex to resolution No. 61, revision 2, adopted by SC.3, is available on the SC.3 website.

The Working Party may wish to consider (a) the draft of a new chapter on special provisions for electrical propulsion systems and other amendment proposals to the annex to resolution No. 61, following its decision on aligning the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/3), and (b) amendment proposals to the annex to resolution No. 61, appendix 1 “List of European inland waterways divided geographically into zones 1, 2 and 3” by member States (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/4).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/3 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/4

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

Following the decision at its fifty-fifth session to update the appendix to resolution No. 21 “Reception facilities for the transfer of waste generated on board ships on European inland waterways”, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, para. 65), the Working Party may wish to start the discussion on this issue. Member States are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 on any updates to the list of reception facilities on their national inland waterways.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1, TRANS/SC.3/150 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/3

7. Provisions for passenger daily trip vessels

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on special provisions for passenger daily trip vessels, based on the amendment proposal to the annex to resolution No. 61 on a draft new chapter 19A, “Special provisions applicable to passenger vessels not exceeding 24 m in length and authorised to carry up to a maximum of 150 passengers” by the Confederation of European Maritime Technology Societies (CEMT).

SC.3/WP.3 may also wish to continue discussion on the various aspects related to passenger daily trip vessels, including traffic management systems, responsible authorities and traffic regulation rules, which was begun at the sixty-third session of SC.3, and to consider follow-up steps.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/210,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18

8. River-sea transport in Europe

Following the decision at its fifty-fifth session to discuss the outcome of the workshop on river-sea transport held on 11 September 2019 in Duisburg (Germany) by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) and the overview of the CCNR thematic report on river-sea-transport at its fifty-sixth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, para. 17), the Working Party may wish to consider the main conclusions made at the workshop and the main findings of the thematic report transmitted by CCNR, complement this information with additional data as well as consider and provide recommendations for SC.3 for the promotion and development of river-sea transport in Europe.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/5 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/6

9. Promotion of River Information Services and 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 discuss proposals on updating resolution No. 63, revised, “International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT)” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/7 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/8), transmitted by the Chair of the International VTT Expert Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/7,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/8 and Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2019)

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

The Working Party may wish to start discussion on updating the annex to resolution No. 79, “International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation”, based on Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1744 on technical specifications for electronic ship reporting in inland navigation of 17 September 2019 (Informal document SC.3 No. 5 (2019)) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198, Informal document SC.3 No. 5 (2019)

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

SC.3 took note of the information about (a) the Support Study for the Evaluation of the RIS Directive by the European Commission, (b) the next RIS Week to be held from 25 to 29 November 2019 in Liege (Belgium) and (c) and encouraged all stakeholders to take part.

The Working Party will be informed about the updated status of the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (resolution No. 57) and may wish to 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

(d) Danube Information Services Conference

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the Danube Information Services Conference – DISC’19 held in Timisoara (Romania) on 17 and 18 December 2019 on the topic of “Innovative Solutions for a good navigation status – INNOways4WW”.

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

At its fifty-fourth session, the Working Party decided to consider updating the Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster’s Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (resolution No. 31, revised) and asked the secretariat to hold consultations with the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI) on this issue (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, paras. 37-38). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to start the discussion on updating provisions of the annex to resolution No. 31 based on the standards for qualifications in inland navigation professional requirements, included in the European Standard for Qualification in Inland Navigation (ES-QIN), adopted in 2018.

For this purpose, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the standards of competence and the standards for technical and functional requirements applicable to simulators and radar simulators transmitted by the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation and provide guidance to the secretariat. The Working Party may also wish to come back to the outcome of the workshop “Education standards and professional requirements in inland navigation” held at its fifty-fourth session and discuss follow-up steps.

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/WP.3/108, 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 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/13

11. Recreational navigation**(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, fourth revision)**

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about updates to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4 and the progress in developing the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amends.1–2

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

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the progress thus far of the group and the outcome of its fifth meeting, planned back-to-back with the fifty-sixth session, in particular, the progress made in the development of test modules for the knowledge of CEVNI. The Working Party may wish to provide guidance on further activities of the group.

12. Theme topic for the fifty-seventh session of the Working Party

It is recalled that the theme topic for the sixty-fourth session of SC.3 will be cyber security in inland water transport. The Working Party may wish to decide on a theme topic for its fifty-sixth session or to choose from previous proposals: (a) Building an inland waterway infrastructure that is resilient to climate change, and (b) Inland water transport and sustainable cities.

13. Other business

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

14. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its fifty-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, 12 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–3
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 3
Thursday, 13 February	9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 4–7
	2.30–5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 8–9
Friday, 14 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 10–13
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 14