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Working Party on the Standardization of Technical
and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation
(Twenty-seventh session, 17-19 March 2004)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION ^{*/}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 March 2004

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/53 |
| 2. | Election of officers | |
| 3. | Amendment of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for inland navigation vessels (annex to resolution No. 17, revised) ^{1/} | TRANS/SC.3/161
TRANS/SC.3/2004/1 |

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^{1/} The current status of amendment of the UNECE Recommendations and the documentation relating to this exercise may be seen in annex 1 to this provisional agenda.

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| (a) Work of the Group of Volunteers on amendment of the annex | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/3
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| (b) Other amendments to the annex | TRANS/SC.3/156
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| (c) Transport and security | TRANS/SC.3/161
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| 4. Harmonization of the requirements concerning anchors for inland navigation vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/51
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| 6. Minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland navigation | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/1
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| 7. Consideration of measures aimed at prevention of air pollution from inland navigation vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/8
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/2 and Add.1 |
| 8. Other business | |
| 9. Adoption of the report | |

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Annex 1: Provisions of the annex to resolution no. 17, revised, still to be amended and documentation relating thereto.

Annex 2: Conference registration forms and plan of Villa les Feuillantines.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party at its twenty-seventh session may wish to elect a Chairman and, possibly, a Vice-Chairman.

3. AMENDMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS (ANNEX TO RESOLUTION NO. 17, REVISED)

The Working Party may wish to note that, on the instruction by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, a consolidated text of the draft amended chapters 2-7, 9, 10A, 10B, 11, 11bis and 12-14 of the annex as provisionally approved by the Working Party have been issued by the secretariat under the symbol TRANS/SC.3/2004/1 with a view to facilitating their finalization by Governments and the Group of Volunteers.

(a) Work of the Group of Volunteers on amendment of the annex

The Working Party will be informed of the progress made by the group of volunteers on the amendment of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised, and may wish to give further guidance to its work keeping in mind the instructions of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport in this regard (see TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 37). Attention is drawn, in particular, to the text of amended chapters 18 "Prevention of water pollution" and ZZ "Special requirements for high-speed vessels" of the annex prepared by the Group of Volunteers and circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2004/1. The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to study the above texts and transmit their comments on them to the secretariat, so that it could consider the texts in detail at its twenty-ninth session in 2005.

It may also wish to consider the text of new draft amended chapters 16 "Automation", 17 "Crew accommodation" and Z "Working Spaces" of the annex prepared by the Group of Volunteers and circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2003/1 and Add.1 in the light of comments and remarks by the Governments (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/7).

Reaction by the Group of Volunteers to the proposals by the Government of Ukraine in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/7 on modifications of a substantial character to be made to the texts of chapters 2-6, 9, 10A and 11, provisionally approved already by the Working Party SC.3, have been issued by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/3 for consideration and approval by the Working Party.

(b) Other amendments to the annex

At its twenty-fifth session, the Working Party took note of the draft article 22 ter of the Regulations for the Inspection of the Rhine Vessels (RVBR) “Special provisions for high-speed craft” received from the CCNR (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/4) and found it appropriate that similar or identical provisions should find their place in the amended annex to resolution No.17, revised. It was agreed to revert to this item at the twenty-seventh session of the Working Party and, depending on the reaction from Governments, to decide on the way to proceed with the amendment of the annex, possibly, with the help of the Group of Volunteers. The comments by Governments will be issued as soon as they are received by the secretariat. In the meanwhile, the Working Party may wish to consider a proposal of the Group of Volunteers on a new chapter ZZ of the annex “Special requirements for high-speed craft” appearing in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2004/1 and decide as appropriate.

The attention of the Working Party is also drawn to the amendments to articles 1.01 “Definitions” and 7.06 “Wheelhouse” of RVBR recently adopted by CCNR concerning the application on the Rhine of Inland ECDIS Standard (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/4/Add.1). The Working Party may wish to consider introduction in the annex of similar provisions, keeping in mind the adoption in 2001 by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of resolution No. 48 on the Inland ECDIS Standard as set out in TRANS/SC.3/156 and taking into account the comments by Governments in this regard, if any.

The Working Party may wish to note that Annex B to RVBR containing a model of the Rhine Inspection Certificate has been issued by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/6. It may also wish to consider updating the model of UNECE Ship’s Certificate (annex to resolution No. 33 in TRANS/SC.3/131) with due regard to the text of draft amended chapters of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised, and the model of the Rhine Inspection Certificate appearing in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/6.

The Working Party may wish to consider a draft resolution, prepared by the secretariat at its request (see TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/51, para. 11), concerning the safety signs and signals on board vessels, appearing in document TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/4, approve it and submit to SC.3/WP.3 for adoption.

(c) Transport and security

It is recalled that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its forty-seventh session, asked the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 to consider possible amendment of the AGN Agreement, the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels and/or any other UNECE instruments concerning inland navigation with provisions aimed at enhancing security on board vessels when under way and in ports with due regard to the activities undertaken in other international organizations (TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 11). The Working Party may wish to take into account

the above request of the Working Party SC.3 in the course of the ongoing amendment of the annex to resolution No.17, revised, and instruct the Group of Volunteers accordingly.

4. HARMONIZATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING ANCHORS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

At its twenty-fifth session, the Working Party took note of the analysis and proposal of the Russian Federation on anchor equipment (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/5) and, after an exchange of views on its substance, invited Governments and river commissions to study the proposal and transmit their views on it to the secretariat (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/51, paras. 14 and 15). Comments and proposals by Governments will be issued as soon as they are received by the secretariat. The Working Party may wish to continue the consideration of this question based on the documentation available.

5. MANOEUVRABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

At its twenty-fifth session, the Working Party noted the draft chapter X on manoeuvrability (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/2) prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairman and felt that the draft should be further looked at by the Group of Volunteers with a view to better reflecting the concrete manoeuvrability criteria applied in different river basins. The Working Party will be informed of the views of the Group of Volunteers on the draft of the secretariat and may wish to continue the consideration of this document.

6. MINIMUM MANNING REQUIREMENTS AND WORKING AND REST HOURS OF CREWS OF VESSELS IN INLAND NAVIGATION

At its twenty-fifth session, the Working Party had an exchange of views on the text of the draft recommendations on minimum manning requirements, modified it as indicated in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/51, para. 20 and invited Governments and river commissions to submit their comments and proposals on the new modified text of the draft recommendations, as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/1 giving particular attention to the text left in square brackets.

The comments by Governments have been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/5 and Add.1-2. The Working Party may wish to proceed with further consideration of the draft recommendations taking into account the above-mentioned documentation. In so doing, it may wish to note that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, at its forty-seventh session, urged the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 to finalize its work on the text of the draft recommendations as soon as possible with a view to providing a standard of manning and watch keeping on European inland navigation and requested the secretariat to provide the Working Party with relevant legislative acts of the European Union (TRANS/SC.3/161, para. 45). Copies of EC Directives 93/104/EC and 2000/34/EC on this issue, received from the European Commission, will be put on the website of the forthcoming session of the Working Party and circulated at that session as Informal Document No.1 in English and French for consultation by delegates.

7. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES AIMED AT PREVENTION OF AIR POLLUTION FROM INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

At its twenty-fifth session, the Working Party had an exchange of views on this item, taking into account the documentation received from Governments, CCNR and EUROMOT. It was informed that the European Commission had presented the Commission's Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 97/68/EC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to measures against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants from internal combustion engines to be installed in non-road mobile machinery (COM(2002)765) including, for the first time, inland navigation vessels. The Working Party asked the secretariat to prepare for its twenty-seventh session, a succinct draft resolution reflecting the exhaust emissions standards for diesel engines used in inland navigation for its consideration (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/51, paras. 22-26). The draft resolution will be issued as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/8 while the text of a new CCNR resolution amending article 8 bis of RVBR with stage II exhaust emission limits appears in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/2/Add.1. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft resolution and decide as appropriate.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

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

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report of its twenty-seventh session on the basis of the draft to be prepared by the secretariat.

Annex 1**PROVISIONS OF THE ANNEX TO RESOLUTION NO. 17, REVISED,
STILL TO BE AMENDED AND DOCUMENTATION RELATING THERETO ^{2/}**

Provisions of annex still to be amended	Existing text reflected in:	Relevant Regulations for the Inspection of Rhine Vessels (RVBR)	Comments and proposals by Governments, River Commissions and Group of Volunteers
1	2	3	4
Chapter 1 bis: Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels	TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.4	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.53/Add.4	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.53 and Add.1-5
Chapter 8: Anchoring, towing and mooring	TRANS/SC.3/104 and Add.3	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/3	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/5 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/10 and Add.1
Chapter 15: Special provisions for passenger vessels	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 16: Automation	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2003/1
Chapter 17: Crew accommodation and working spaces	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2003/1 and Add.1
Chapter 18: Prevention of water pollution	TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.62	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2004/1
Manoeuvrability	No annex provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.64 and Corrs. 1-2 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.99 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.99/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/2
Minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland navigation	No annex provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2002/4 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/4/Add.1 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/2/Add.1	Draft recommendations in: TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/1
Special provisions for high-speed craft	No annex provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2003/4	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2004/1
Exhaust and pollutant particle emissions from diesel engines	No annex provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/2 and Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/8
Special provisions for seagoing vessels	No annex provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.2	
Ship's certificate	Resolution No.33 in TRANS/SC.3/131	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/6	
Safety signs on board vessels	No annex provisions	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/4
Possible structure of the amended annex	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/1		TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/2

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The text of amended chapters 2-7, 9, 10A, 10B, 11, 11bis, and 12-14 of the annex have already been provisionally approved by the Working Party SC.3 and their consolidated text may be found in TRANS/SC.3/2004/1.



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