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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION ^{*/}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 June 2007

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| 2. Election of officers | |
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Amends. 1-2 |

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

Item 2. Election of officers

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

Item 3. Further amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI)

3. The Working Party may wish to take note of resolution No. 62 on amendment of CEVNI, as set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.2/Amend.2, adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport at its fiftieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, para. 35). It may wish also to note that in accordance with the request of the Working Party SC.3 the secretariat intends to issue a consolidated text of the third revised edition of CEVNI incorporating the amendments introduced by resolutions Nos. 54 and 62 by the fifty-first session of SC.3. In the meanwhile, the delegates may wish to update their loose-leaf editions of CEVNI using replacement pages put by the secretariat on the SC.3 website at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3fdoc.html>.

4. It may proceed with consideration of proposals on further amendments to CEVNI as follows:

(a) Chapter 1, "General Provisions"

5. The Working Party may wish to decide whether the list of documents in article 1.10 of CEVNI should be supplemented with a document confirming the nationality of the vessel and its registration, as discussed by the Working Party at its thirtieth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/60, para. 4(vi)).^{1/}

6. It is recalled that the Working Party SC.3, at its fiftieth session, invited Governments to express themselves of the proposal by the secretariat in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/4/Add.2 concerning different possible ways to proceed with the introduction of the unique European Vessel Identification Number (ENI) (through the amendment of the annex to resolution No. 61; amendment of CEVNI; and amendment of the Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels of 1965). The Working Party will be informed of the reaction by Governments, if any, and may wish to decide whether any modifications should be made to CEVNI as a result of introduction of ENI.^{2/}

^{1/} As of 12 March 2007, the following Governments informed the secretariat of their acceptance of the proposed modification: Romania, Switzerland.

^{2/} As of 12 March 2007, the following Governments informed the secretariat of their acceptance of introducing of ENI in CEVNI: Belarus, Romania, Switzerland.

(b) Chapter 6, “Rules of the road”

7. It is recalled that, at its thirtieth session, the Working Party considered the proposal of the Danube Commission on regulation of the navigation of small craft vis-à-vis commercial traffic (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2006/1/Add.1) and agreed to come back to possible reformulation of article 6.01*bis*, with due regard to the wording of article 6.01 of the Rhine Police Regulations appearing in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2006/1, para. 9 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/60, para. 4(viii)). The Working Party may wish to continue the discussion of this question and decide as appropriate.

(c) Annex 5, “Intensity and range of signal lights on vessels”

8. At its fiftieth session, the Working Party SC.3 considered the proposal of Germany in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/4/Add.1 on possible adaptation of CEVNI with a view to bringing it in line with the newly adopted standard EN 14744:2005 on navigation lights for inland navigation and sea-going vessels and asked the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 to study the above-mentioned document and present its recommendations on possible amendment of CEVNI as proposed by Germany (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, paras. 37 and 38). The Working Party may wish to attend to the above request by SC.3 and decide as appropriate. Any comments and proposals by Governments and river commissions in this regard will be circulated by the secretariat as soon as they are available.^{3/} The secretariat intends also to issue the text of the standard EN 14744:2005 in all UNECE working languages as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/9.

(d) Other amendments to CEVNI

9. The Working Party may wish to consider any other proposals on amendment of CEVNI that might be presented by Governments or River Commissions.

(e) Possible upgrading of CEVNI status

10. It is recalled that, at its fiftieth session, the Working Party SC.3 discussed the proposal by Austria (issued subsequently as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2007/1) on possible upgrading of CEVNI to an international agreement and expressed its generally positive attitude to the proposal, being not sure however if CEVNI should, as a result, be converted into a binding legal instrument. It was agreed to come back to this issue at the fifty-first session of SC.3 with due regard to the reaction by Governments and River Commissions and possible recommendations of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, para. 40).

11. Comments by Governments and River Commissions on this item have been circulated by the secretariat as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/1. The Working Party may wish to consider the above-mentioned proposal of the Government of Austria in the light of comments by Governments and River Commissions and agree on possible recommendations on the issue for the Working Party SC.3.

^{3/} As of 12 March 2007, the following Governments informed the secretariat of their support for the alignment of CEVNI with EN 14744:2005: Romania.

Item 4. Amendments of the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to resolution No. 61)

12. The Working Party may wish to note the publication by the secretariat, as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172, of the UNECE Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels adopted by SC.3 at its special session in March 2006.

(a) Specific requirements for sea-going vessels, recreational craft and sea-river vessels

13. It may also wish to note that the Working Party SC.3, at its fiftieth session, envisaged to go on with updating the Recommendations in order to keep them harmonized with annex II of the Directive 87/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels and repealing Council Directive 82/714/EEC (hereafter, Directive 87/2006/EC). To this purpose, the Working Party SC.3 invited its Group of Volunteer experts, in particular, to elaborate missing chapters 20 “Specific requirements for sea-going vessels” and 21 “Specific requirements to recreational craft”, as well as to consider possible ways to elaborate specific recommendations for sea-river vessels based on the proposal by the Russian Federation in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/8 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, para. 33).

14. The Working Party will be informed of the progress in the work of the Group of Volunteers. In the meanwhile, it may wish to note the publication by the secretariat of Chapters 21, “Specific Requirements applicable to recreational craft” of the EC Directive (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/2), “Specific provisions related to the issuance of annotated additional community certificate» (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/3) and Chapter 20 on sea-going vessels of the Rhine Vessels Inspection Regulations (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/4). The Working Party may have a preliminary exchange of views on their possible adaptation for the annex to resolution No. 61. It may wish also to consider comments and proposals on the discussion paper presented by the Russian Federation on possible ways and methodology for the elaboration of technical requirements for sea-river vessels that will be issued under the symbol ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/5 as requested by SC.3 in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, para.32.

(b) Amendment of Chapter 2

15. The Working Party may wish also to consider and decide upon possible amendment of Chapter 2 of the annex to resolution No. 61 “Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels” regarding the introduction of provisions concerning the unique European Vessel Identification Number (ENI), similar to articles 2.17 and 2.18 of Annex II to the EC Directive 87/2006/EC appearing in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/4/Add.2.

(c) Amendment of Appendix 1

16. It is recalled also that the Working Party SC.3, at its fiftieth session, requested the secretariat to prepare for consideration by SC.3/WP.3, draft amendments to Appendix 1 of resolution No. 61 concerning the division of inland waterways into three navigable zones, with a view to bringing the Appendix in line with relevant provisions of Annex I to the Directive

87/2006/EC. The draft amendments will be issued by the secretariat under the symbol ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/6. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft amendments and recommend the Working Party SC.3 to adopt them.

Item 5. Reciprocal recognition of ship's certificates and boatmaster's licenses

(a) Elaboration of harmonized procedure for consideration of applications for recognition of ship's certificates and boatmasters' licenses

17. It is recalled that the Working Party SC.3, at its forty-ninth session, felt that the question of recognition of ship's certificates and boatmaster's licenses throughout Europe should be included into its Programme of Work. A reference was made in this regard to the recommendation of the Group of Volunteers on Legislative Obstacles in TRANS/SC.3/2005/1, para. 42; document of CCNR in TRANS/SC.3/2005/5/Add.1; and the CCNR-DC negotiations on this issue (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/168, para.15).

18. The Working Party may wish to consider the draft Procedure and Conditions for the Recognition of Ship's Certificates and Boatmasters' Licenses (document TRANS/SC.3/2005/5/Add.1) that is currently under consideration within CCNR and decide whether this document may serve as a basis for relevant UNECE instrument.

(b) Updating the Recommendation on Minimum requirements for the Issuance of boatmasters' Licences in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 31)

19. At its thirtieth session, the Working Party invited Governments and River Commissions to transmit their comments and proposals regarding the method of updating the Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmasters' Licenses in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic as reflected in TRANS/SC.3/131 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/60, para.23). The Working Party may wish to have an exchange of views on the way and methodology for updating the Recommendations in the light of comments by Governments and River Commissions to be received by the secretariat.

Item 6. Requirements for prevention of water pollution from vessels

20. At its fiftieth session, the Working Party SC.3 took note of the draft resolution on prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels prepared by the delegation of Hungary (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/9) and invited Governments to comment on the text of the draft. The Working Party SC.3/WP.3 was asked to consider the draft in detail taking into account the comments and proposals by Governments and submit the final text of the draft resolution for consideration and adoption by SC.3 at its fifty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, paras. 42 and 43). The Working Party may wish to attend to the request by SC.3 with due regard to comments by Governments, if any.

Item 7. Further amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of international importance (AGN)

21. The Working Group may wish to note that the AGN Agreement as amended in accordance with TRANS/SC.3/168/Add.1 is going to be put at the UNECE website: <http://www.unece.org/trans/conventn/legalinst.html>. At its fiftieth session the Working Party

SC.3 agreed on further amendment of AGN as reflected in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174/Add.1 and requested the secretariat to transmit this new amendment to the depository for circulation among the Contracting Parties. The Working Party SC.3 had an exchange of views on possible further amendment of AGN with provisions concerning the protection of the network of inland waterways of international importance from intentional external influence (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/7 and Add.1) and invited Governments to transmit their comments and proposals in this regard so that they could be considered by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, paras. 17-22).

22. The Working Party may wish to proceed with the consideration of the proposed amendments to AGN including a draft Annex IV to the Agreement taking into account the comments by Governments, reproduced in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/7 and advise SC.3 as appropriate. In doing so, The Working Party may also wish to take into account Annex 4 to the EC Communication on enhancing supply chain security, which deals with warehouse, storage facility or inland terminal operations (including inland ports), issued by the secretariat as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2007/8.

Item 8. Common principles and technical requirements for Pan-European River Information Services (RIS)

23. The Working Party may wish to note that the secretariat has finalized and published the updated texts of the following resolutions adopted by SC.3 with a view to establishing RIS on E waterways:

- Resolution No. 48, Revision 1, Recommendation on Electronic Chart Display and Information System for Inland Navigation (Inland ECDIS) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.1);
- Resolution No. 60, International standards for notices to skippers and for electronic ship reporting in inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/175);
- Resolution No. 63, International Standards for Tracking and Tracing in Inland Waterways (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176).

24. It may wish to discuss the need for updating the above resolutions in view, in particular, of possible proposals by relevant International Expert Groups.

Item 9. Other business

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

Item 10. Adoption of the report

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