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AMENDMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TECHNICAL
REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

(annex to Resolution No. 17, revised)

Transmitted by the Government of Slovakia

Note: At the fiftieth session of the Working Party it was felt that in order to facilitate the work on the amendment of the Recommendations, a structure or an outline of the future instrument should be drawn up (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30, para. 8). The proposal made by the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the possible structure of the annex to Resolution No. 17, revised, was distributed as document TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/1. The views of the Government of Slovakia concerning the proposal made by the Russian Federation are set out below.

1. The Government of Slovakia supports the idea contained in the proposed new structure of the annex to Resolution No. 17, revised, that the annex should extend to vessels operated in inland waterway zones 1, 2 and 3 and to mixed-navigation (river-sea) vessels, in keeping with the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), which was signed by Transport Ministers at the third Pan-European Conference in Helsinki in 1997. We also support the proposal that the annex should apply to all types of vessel, including fishing vessels, dredgers and their support vessels, pleasure craft and recreational and other vessels, in the light of European Commission directives Nos. 82/714 and 94/25.

2. Accordingly, we propose the following adjustments to the structure of the annex presented by the Russian Federation.

Part II. CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT AND FITTINGS

3. In chapter 1 (Hull), article 1.4 should be reworded as follows:

"1.4 Special provisions applicable to special-purpose vessels (dry-cargo vessels, tankers, container vessels, mixed-navigation (river-sea) vessels, tugs, pushers and convoys, passenger vessels, fishing vessels, dredgers and their support vessels, pleasure craft and recreational and other vessels."

4. In chapter 2 (Stability, insubmersibility, freeboard and safety distances), article 2.5 should be reworded and an article 2.6 added, as follows:

"2.5 Special provisions applicable to special-purpose vessels (dry-cargo vessels, tankers, container vessels, mixed-navigation (river-sea) vessels, tugs, pushers and convoys, passenger vessels, fishing vessels, dredgers and their support vessels, pleasure craft and recreational and other vessels.

"2.6 Information concerning stability and instructions for the boatmaster."

5. In chapter 3 (Manoeuvrability), article 3.3 should be reworded and an article 3.4 added, as follows:

"3.3 Navigability while going ahead and going astern: steadiness on course, ability to take evasive action, stopping, braking, steering qualities in specific sailing conditions.

"3.4 Information concerning steering qualities and instructions for the boatmaster."

6. In chapter 9 (Systems and piping), article 9.7 should be modified as follows:

"9.7 Ventilation and air-conditioning system."
