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CLASSIFICATION OF EUROPEAN INLAND WATERWAYS

Transmitted by the Government of Finland

Note: The secretariat reproduces below a proposal of the Government of Finland for a technical correction to be made to the text of the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) (ECE/TRANS/120).

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**PROPOSAL FOR A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT
ON MAIN INLAND WATERWAYS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE (AGN),
DONE AT GENEVA ON 19 JANUARY 1996**

1. According to Annex iii of the Agreement, sub-paragraph (a)(ii) "Only waterways meeting at least the basic requirements of class IV (minimum dimensions of vessels 85 m x 9.5 m) can be considered as E waterways."

2. In table 1 of the same annex, however, different requirements are given for waterways of class IV: maximum length 80-85 m, maximum beam 9.5 m. It is therefore unclear, whether waterways for which the maximum vessel length is 80 m do fullfil the requirements of class IV.

3. This unclarity may be due to a technical error in the above-mentioned sub-paragraph (a)(ii). The Finnish Government is of a view that the sub-paragraph should be redrafted as follows and proposes the corresponding correction to the text:

"(ii) Only waterways meeting at least the basic requirements of class IV (minimum dimensions of vessels 80 m x 9.5 m) can be considered as E waterways."
