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**RECOMMENDATIONS ON A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF TRAFFIC
GUIDANCE ON EUROPEAN INLAND WATERWAYS**

Addendum 2

Transmitted by the Government of Ukraine

1. The Ukrainian Government supports the initiative taken by the Netherlands in producing draft Guidelines and Criteria for Vessel Traffic Services on Inland Waterways (VTS) (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/20). Final judgement on the draft cannot be passed, however, until it has been revised in the light of possible comments by the Permanent International Association of Navigational Congresses (PIANC) and the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA).

2. When it receives the corrected draft, the Ukrainian Government will be ready to consider it in detail, due regard being had to the similar recommendations for coastal waters, estuaries and sea harbours produced by the International Maritime Organization, the observations received to date from Austria, Germany and the Russian Federation (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/21 and Add.1/Rev.1), and observations submitted to the secretariat by any other countries.

3. At the twentieth session of the Working Party, delegations can exchange opinions on this topic only in general terms. No attempt at a detailed evaluation of the corrected draft, or decision on it by ECE, can realistically take place before the twenty-second session of the Working Party in 2001.

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