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Working Party on Inland Water Transport

Working Party on the Standardization of Technical
and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation
(14-16 March 2001)

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

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 March 2001

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| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/41 |
| 2. | Election of officers | |

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| 3. | Amendment of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for inland navigation vessels (annex to No. 17, revised) | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/6
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/5
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2000/1 resolution and Add.1 and Corr.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2000/2
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2001/1
(other documents relating to this item are mentioned in annex 1 to this provisional agenda) |
| 4. | Harmonization of the requirements concerning anchors for inland navigation vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/39
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/11
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/10
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/8
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/3 and Add.1-3
TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.3 |
| 5. | Requirements for technical means for prevention of pollution from vessels | TRANS/SC.3/153
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/3
TRANS/SC.3/2000/2 |
| 6. | Requirements of manoeuvrability of inland navigation vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/7
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/1 and Add.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/5
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.60/Rev.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2000/2 |
| 7. | Minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland navigation | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/4 and Add.1-2
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/2/Add.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/4
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/7 |
| 8. | Consideration of measures aimed at prevention of air pollution from inland navigation vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/9
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/2
TRANS/SC.3/1999/1 and Add.1
TRANS/SC.3/1998/8 and Add.1-2 |
| 9. | Other business | |
| 10. | Adoption of the report | |

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Annex 1: Documentation related to item 3 of the provisional agenda.

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

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-first session may wish to re-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 will be informed of the progress made by the informal Ad hoc group of experts and by the group of volunteers on the amendment of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised, and may wish to give further guidance to their work.

The Working Party may wish to take note that the amended chapters 2-6 of the annex were provisionally approved by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, at its forty-fourth session, as set out in TRANS/SC.3/2000/1 and Corr.1 (TRANS/SC.3/153, para. 17). It may also wish to consider the text of new draft amended chapters 9, 10A, 10B, 11 and 12 of the annex prepared by the group of volunteers and subsequently transmitted to the Working Party SC.3/WP.3, at its nineteenth session, by the Ad hoc group of experts (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/1 and Add.1 and Corr.1 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2000/2) in the light of comments and remarks by Governments (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/6), amend them as it deems appropriate and submit them to the Working Party SC.3 for approval.

The secretariat received from the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine the text of a new annex I to the Regulations on the Inspection of the Rhine Vessels (RVBR) concerning the safety signs on board vessels and circulated it as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/5. The Working Party may to consider the document submitted by CCNR and decide on possible amendment of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised, accordingly.

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

It was recalled that, at its nineteenth session, the experts of Hungary and Ukraine together with the Chairman offered to try to develop a general concept for the anchor equipment requirements for the types of vessels other than self-propelled cargo vessels and make their considerations available for the Working Party at its twenty-first session (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/39, para. 13). The considerations of the Ukrainian delegations in this regard have been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/10. The Working Party may wish to continue its work on this item using the above proposal of Ukraine and all other relevant documentation available (TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.3; TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/6; TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/3/Add.1-3).

The Working Party may also wish to come back to the remarks of the Government of Ukraine concerning possible difficulties in the application of a newly-adopted resolution No. 36 on anchor equipment of self-propelled cargo vessels (TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.3) to the existing fleet of vessels, as reflected in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/3/Add.2. In so doing it may wish to use the comments received from the Government of Slovakia (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/8) and additional considerations by the Ukrainian delegation (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/11).

5. REQUIREMENTS FOR TECHNICAL MEANS FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM VESSELS

It is recalled that, at its forty-fourth session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport considered the draft resolution on prevention of water pollution (TRANS/SC.3/2000/2) prepared by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 and decided to return it to SC.3/WP.3 for further consideration with a view to (i) taking into account additional comments received from the Government of Germany supported by a number of delegations; (ii) taking into account the note by the secretariat relating to paragraph 18-2.1; and (iii) changing the dates for application of the resolution to newly-built and existing vessels, taking into account existing time constraints (TRANS/SC.3/153, para. 24).

The comments of the Government of Germany have been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/3. The Working Party may wish to come back to this item taking into account the above instructions of SC.3 and decide as appropriate.

6. REQUIREMENTS OF MANOEUVRABILITY OF INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

At its nineteenth session, the Working Party took note of the draft chapter X prepared by the group of volunteers and approved by the Ad hoc group (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2000/2) and felt that the chapter had been drafted in accordance with its own instructions, i.e. as a set of general trunk rules in line with the provisions of the draft EC Directive and RVBR and that it was to be completed with appendices reflecting concrete basin-dependant manoeuvrability test procedures/criteria to ensure the compliance of vessels with the framework rules of the chapter. The Working Party asked Governments and river commissions to submit their proposals for supplementing the chapter with relevant basin-dependant rules. At the same time, Governments were invited to give their opinion with regard to the possible merger of the draft chapter X with the provisions of the document TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.60/Rev.1 prepared by the Working Party some time ago. The proposals from Governments have been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/7.

The Working Party may wish to come back to the consideration of this item taking into account the above-mentioned proposals of Governments as well as the considerations submitted earlier (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/5 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/1 and Add.1).

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

At its nineteenth session, the Working Party had a detailed exchange of views on the text of the draft recommendations on minimum manning requirements (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/4) and modified it taking into account the proposals of Governments, as set out in

TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/1. The Working Party invited Governments to comment on the above text as well as on the form of a model of a service record to be annexed to the draft recommendations taking into account the models received from the CCNR and from the Government of Lithuania (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/2/Add.1 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/7, respectively, TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/39, paras. 21 and 22).

The comments by Governments and river commissions have been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/4 and Add. 1 and 2. The Working Party may wish to proceed with further consideration of the draft recommendations taking into account the above-mentioned documentation.

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

At its nineteenth session, the Working Party agreed to start the consideration of the problems related to air pollution by inland navigation vessels with a view to elaborating its common position on it. Governments and river commissions were requested to study the documentation received from relevant international organizations (TRANS/SC.3/1999/1 and Add.1, TRANS/SC.3/1998/8 and Add.1-2, Informal Document No.2 containing the Protocol of 1997 to the MARPOL Convention) and submit their proposals on the issue (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/39, paras. 23 and 24).

The proposals of Governments and river commissions have been circulated by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/2 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2001/9. The Working Party may wish to consider the above proposals and decide as appropriate.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

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

10. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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

Annex 1

**DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO PARTICULAR CHAPTERS OF THE ANNEX TO
RESOLUTION NO. 17, REVISED**

Chapter of annex	Reflected in :	Relevant Regulations for the Inspection of the Rhine Vessels (RVBR)	Comments by Governments and river commissions
1	2	3	4
Chapter 7: Hoisting gear, rigging and equipment	TRANS/SC.3/104 and Adds.1-4	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.110/Add.1
Chapter 8: Anchoring, towing and mooring	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.110/Add.1
Chapter 9: Liquefied gas installations	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 10: Steering gear and wheelhouse	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 11: Special wheelhouse arrangements for radar steering by one person	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	
Chapter 11bis: Hoisting devices of wheelhouses	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	
Chapter 12: Fire protection	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5 and Corr.1	
Chapter 13: Life-saving appliances	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 14: Pushers, self-propelled pusher vessels, pushed barges and pushed convoys	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	
Chapter 15: Special provisions for passenger vessels	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 16: Automation	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	
Chapter 17: Crew accommodation and working spaces	ditto	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9

Chapter of annex	Reflected in :	Relevant Regulations for the Inspection of the Rhine Vessels (RVBR)	Comments by Governments and river commissions
1	2	3	4
Manoeuvrability	No annex chapter	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/R.109 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/8 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2000/1
Special provisions for seagoing ships	No annex chapter	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.2 Chapter 20 of RVBR	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/1
Possible structure of the amended annex	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/1		TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/2
Amended chapters 2-6 provisionally approved by the Working Party SC.3	TRANS/SC.3/2000/1 and Corr.1		
Draft proposals of the group of volunteers on chapters 10A, 10B, 11, 12 and X	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2000/1 and Add.1 and Corr.1 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2000/2		TRANS/SC.3/WP.3//2001/6 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3//2001/7
Draft proposals of the group of volunteers on chapters 11 <u>bis</u> and 13	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2001/1		



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