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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION $^{1\prime}$

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 October 2003

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- 6. Inland waterway infrastructure
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- Work of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation
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 - (c) Requirements for prevention of pollution from vessels
 - (d) Minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland navigation
- 8. Harmonization of requirements concerning international inland waterway transport and facilitation of its operations, including the study of legal provisions
 - (a) Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI)

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	(b)	Consideration of the possibility of introducing a common legal regime for the limitation of the liability of owners of inland navigation vessels on a Europe-wide basis	TRANS/SC.3/R.130
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EXPLANATORY NOTES ^{2/}

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. ACTIVITIES OF ECE BODIES OF INTEREST TO THE WORKING PARTY

The Working Party will be informed of the decisions of the Inland Transport Committee taken at its sixty-fifth session (18-20 February 2003) as they relate to the work of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/152, paras. 17-18 (transport and security); 22 (status of application of international UNECE transport agreements and conventions); 81-91 (inland water transport); 113-126 (carriage of dangerous goods by inland waterway) and 139 (electronic maps of inland transport networks).

It will equally be informed of the activities and results of work of the Working Parties on Combined Transport (TRANS/WP.24/97 and -/99) and on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/15) of interest to it.

 $[\]frac{2}{2}$ For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of the documents mentioned in this provisional agenda to the meeting. There will be no documentation available in the meeting room. Any missing documents may be obtained from the Documents Distribution Section (Room C.111, first floor, Palais des Nations.)

3. TRANSPORT AND SECURITY

It is recalled that in response to the request of the Inland Transport Committee (ECE/TRANS/139, para. 19) the Working Party, at its forty-sixth session, requested the secretariat to prepare a synthesis of the initiatives in the field of transport and security undertaken within relevant international organizations of relevance to inland navigation (TRANS/SC.3/158, para. 4).

The Working Party may wish to take note of the synthesis paper prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/SC.3/2003/12) and decide on possible action in this regard.

4. STUDY OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND TRENDS IN INLAND WATER TRANSPORT IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

The Working Party may wish to have an exchange of views on the current situation and prospects for inland navigation in the UNECE region based on a succinct report on this item to be prepared by the secretariat (TRANS/SC.3/2003/11 and Add.1).

5. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON MEASURES AIMED AT PROMOTING TRANSPORT BY INLAND WATERWAY

The Working Party may wish to pursue its work on follow-up to the Pan-European Conference on Inland Water Transport (Rotterdam, 5 and 6 September 2001), as reflected in resolution No. 250 of the Inland Transport Committee in ECE/TRANS/139, annex 2. Keeping in mind the text of the Rotterdam Declaration (TRANS/SC.3/2001/10), the Working Party may wish in particular:

- To consider an Inventory of existing legislative obstacles that hamper the establishment of a harmonized and competitive Pan-European inland navigation market, prepared at its request by the Group of volunteers (TRANS/SC.3/2003/8), modify it as it deems appropriate and invite the Group of volunteers to complete the Inventory with recommendations as to how to overcome the obstacles identified;
- To take note of resolution No. 252 of the Committee (ECE/TRANS/152, annex 2) on the Implementation of the AGN Agreement and invite Governments and intergovernmental organizations concerned to communicate to the secretariat the texts of unilateral, bilateral or multilateral action plans and agreements envisaging measures aimed at elimination of particular bottlenecks and completion of missing links on particular E waterways crossing the territories of countries concerned;
- To take note of the proposal of the Governments of the Russian Federation and Ukraine on the development of a river-sea route: River Don Azove Sea Black Sea Dnieper Danube (TRANS/SC.3/2003/3) and invite other Governments to formulate proposals on other sea-river routes within the context of the AGN Agreement;

• To explore possibilities for launching studies on the establishment of inter-basin waterway connections i.e. : Danube-Oder-Elbe, Rhine-German Canals-Vistula-Dnieper and Daugava-Dnieper taking into account the views of Governments concerned (TRANS/SC.3/2003/13 and Add.1).

6. INLAND WATERWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)

The Working Party will be informed of the current status of the AGN Agreement (ECE/TRANS/120 and Corr.1) which entered into force on 26 July 1999. Governments which have not yet acceded to the Agreement may wish to inform the Working Party of the prospects for their States of also becoming Contracting Parties to the Agreement.

The Working Party may wish to consider a possibility of drafting amendment provisions of AGN enabling the secretariat to collect and file data concerning: (i) the engagement of Governments and intergovernmental groupings to eliminate bottlenecks and complete missing links in the E waterway network (see item 5, second bullet, above) and the establishment of sea-river routes (see item 5, third bullet, above).

(b) <u>European recreational navigation network</u>

It is recalled that the Working Party, at its forty-sixth session, took note of the map of European Inland Waterways prepared at the request of the International Touring Alliance (AIT), the European Inland Waterways (VNE) and the European Boating Association (EBA) as a demonstration of the possible Pan-European recreational navigation network and agreed that the network presented on the map may serve as a basis for drafting an appropriate UNECE document on this question, subject to the views of Governments. The AIT, VNE and EBA were requested to prepare, with the help of the secretariat, a draft resolution on the establishment of the European recreational navigation network to be submitted for consideration by the Working Party SC.3 (TRANS/SC.3/158, paras. 16 and 17).

The Working Party may wish to proceed with the consideration of the draft resolution circulated as TRANS/SC.3/2003/2.

(c) <u>Inventory of main standards and parameters of the E waterway network ("blue book")</u>

The Working Party may wish to take note of the publication by the secretariat of its resolution No. 49 containing in its annex the Inventory of the most important bottlenecks and missing links in the E waterway network (TRANS/SC.3/159). It may also wish to request the secretariat to issue a corrigendum to the publication as suggested by the Governments of Belgium and Romania in TRANS/SC.3/2003/14.

The Working Party may also wish to take note of document TRANS/SC.3/144/Add.3 containing modifications and rectifications to be made to the "blue book" as suggested by Governments concerned and invite Governments to continue to keep it informed of any possible modifications and/or corrections concerning relevant data in the "blue book" before its complete re-editing in 2005.

(d) Updating the map of European inland waterways

The Working Party may wish to reiterate its invitation to Governments and river commissions to continue to transmit to the secretariat any modifications or corrections to be made to the three maps of European inland waterways last published in 1999.

7. WORK OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE STANDARDIZATION OF TECHNICAL AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS IN INLAND NAVIGATION

The reports of the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 on its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions have been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/51 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52. The Working Party SC.3 may wish to consider the main activities carried out by SC.3/WP.3 as mentioned below, endorse or comment on them and give guidance where necessary.

(a) <u>Amendment of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels</u> (annex to resolution No. 17, revised)

It is recalled that, at its previous sessions, the Working Party provisionally approved the text of amended chapters 2-6, 9, 10A, 11, 11bis, 12 and 13 of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised, as reflected in TRANS/SC.3/2000/1 and Adds.1-2 and TRANS/SC.3/2000/1/Corrs.1-2. It was agreed that these amended chapters would be made operational once the rest of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised, has been amended.

At its twenty-fifth session, the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 approved a few editorial corrections to the text of the above-mentioned chapters as indicated in TRANS/SC.3/2000/1/Corr.3 and TRANS/SC.3/2000/1/Add.1/Corr.1. It further considered and approved the amended texts of chapters 7 "Hoisting gear, rigging and equipment", 10B "Wheelhouse" and 14 "Pushers, pushed barges and pushed and towed convoys" of the annex as reproduced in TRANS/SC.3/2000/1/Add.3. The Working Party may wish to consider the above texts of amended draft chapters and provisionally approve them.

The Working Party may also wish to take note of the texts of new draft amended chapters 16 "Automation", 17 "Crew Accommodation" and Z (a part of the former chapter 17) "Working Spaces" of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised, as prepared by the Group of volunteers and appearing in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/2003/1 and Add.1 and remind Governments and river commissions to transmit to the secretariat their comments and proposals on the above-mentioned draft amended chapters for consideration by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 at its twenty-seventh session (17-19 March 2004).

(b) <u>Updating the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) and the Signs and Signals on</u> <u>Inland Waterways (SIGNI)</u>

The Working Party may wish to take note of a draft resolution on amendment of CEVNI, prepared by the secretariat under the instructions of the Working Party for its twenty-eighth session for final reading (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/2) and comment on it if necessary.

At its twenty-sixth session, the Working Party SC.3/WP.3, taking into account the text of the draft article 4.05(1) "Radar" appearing in the text of amendments to CEVNI in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/2, requested the secretariat to prepare for the Working Party SC.3 a draft annex 10 to CEVNI containing the above-mentioned general technical specifications for radar equipment and asked the Working Party SC.3 to decide whether the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 should continue its work on this item within the amendment of CEVNI or instruct otherwise (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52, para. 20). The draft annex 10 to CEVNI containing general technical parameters for radar installations has been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/2003/5. The Working Party may wish to consider the question and instruct the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 as appropriate.

At its twenty-sixth session, the Working Party approved the draft amendments to SIGNI aimed at bringing them in line with the revised CEVNI and requested the secretariat to prepare a draft resolution on amendment of SIGNI and transmit it to the Working Party SC.3 for further consideration and adoption (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/52, para. 11). The Working Party may wish to consider the draft resolution (TRANS/SC.3/2003/4), adopt it and decide on the need for preparation by the secretariat of a new revised publication of SIGNI.

(c) <u>Requirements for prevention of pollution from vessels</u>

The Working Party may wish to take note that the resolution No. 50 on technical requirements for the prevention of pollution from vessels adopted at its forty-sixth session has been issued by the secretariat as document TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.5.

It is recalled, that at its forty-fifth session, the Working Party took note of the text of the revised resolution No. 21 on prevention of water pollution (TRANS/SC.3/2002/2) prepared by the delegate of Hungary with due regard to the text of the CCNR Convention on Collection, Retention and Disposal of Waste Generated during Navigation on the Rhine and Other Inland Waterways of 1996 and invited Governments and River Commissions to study it and transmit their comments and proposals on the draft revised resolution so that it could start consideration of the text at its forty-seventh session (TRANS/SC.3/158, para. 33). The comments and proposals of Governments will be circulated as TRANS/SC.3/2003/9. The Working Party may wish to continue the consideration of this item based on the above documentation.

It may also wish to take note of a set of amendments to the publication concerning the availability on European inland waterways of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board ships circulated as TRANS/SC.3/150/Add.3 and ask Governments and river commissions to

continue to keep the secretariat informed of any information to be added to, or updated in TRANS/SC.3/150 and Adds.1-3.

(d) <u>Minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland</u> navigation

The Working Party may wish to note that, at its twenty-fifth session, the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 provisionally agreed on the text of the draft recommendations on minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland navigation (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2004/1). Given a continued lack of a unique Pan-European standard of manning and watch keeping in inland navigation, the Working Party may wish to invite the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 to finalize its work on this item as soon as possible and transmit the draft recommendations to SC.3 together with a model of a crew members' service record for consideration and adoption.

8. HARMONIZATION OF REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT AND FACILITATION OF ITS OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE STUDY OF LEGAL PROVISIONS

(a) <u>Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway (CMNI)</u>

The Working Party may wish to note the publication by the secretariat of the CMNI Convention together with the text of a Final Act of the Diplomatic Conference in all five official languages (publication ECE/TRANS/NONE/2002/34), which is equally available at the website of UNECE: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/cmniconf/cmni.pdf.

At its forty-sixth session, the Working Party requested the secretariat to prepare a draft resolution calling for a facultative application by Governments who may wish to do so, of the provisions of the two Protocols formerly annexed to the draft CMNI Convention subject to possible corrections of an editorial nature to be made by the secretariat in accordance with the proposals appearing in the documentation received so far from member Governments (TRANS/SC.3/158, para.38). The draft resolution of SC.3 with the text of the two ex-protocols to CMNI Convention annexed to it has been circulated as TRANS/SC.3/2003/6. The Working Party may wish to consider the text of the draft resolution and adopt it.

(b) <u>Consideration of the possibility of introducing a common legal regime for the limitation of the</u> <u>liability of owners of inland navigation vessels on a Europe-wide basis</u>

The Working Party will be informed of any new accessions to the Strasbourg Convention of 1988 (TRANS/SC.3/R.130), which have taken place since its previous session, may wish to take note of them and decide as appropriate.

(c) <u>Circulation of information concerning existing bilateral and multilateral agreements for</u> international inland water transport

The Working Party may wish to invite Governments to keep the secretariat informed of any further rectifications or additions to be made to the table in TRANS/SC.3/2000/7 and Add.1.

9. IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTIONS AND APPLICATION OF RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO INLAND NAVIGATION

At its forty-fifth session, the Working Party took note of a consolidated document on the status of UNECE legal instruments on inland navigation (TRANS/SC.3/2001/6) and noted that the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Inland Waterway (CVN), of 1976, as amended by the Protocol of 1978 (ECE/TRANS/20 and ECE/TRANS/33) has not yet entered into force and has only one Signatory State and one Contracting Party. The secretariat was requested to prepare and circulate a questionnaire with a view to identifying what difficulties might have prevented accession to CVN of UNECE member States and what action should be taken in this regard (TRANS/SC.3/155, paras. 40 and 41).

A summary of responses by Governments to the questionnaire (TRANS/SC.3/2002/9) concerning the CVN Convention, is available as document TRANS/SC.3/2003/10. The Working Party may wish to consider the summary of responses by Governments to the above questionnaire and decide if there is a need for any follow-up action in this regard.

Keeping in mind a call by the Rotterdam Conference for elimination of legislative obstacles to the development of inland water transport in Europe, the Working Party may also wish to undertake an analysis of the implementation of UNECE Conventions in force in the field of inland navigation, i.e.:

- Convention relating to the Unification of Certain Rules concerning Collisions in Inland Navigation, of 15 March 1960;
- (ii) Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels, of 25 January 1965; and
- (iii) Convention on the Measurement of Inland Navigation Vessels, of 15 February 1966.

The analysis could reflect the experience of States Contracting Parties in implementing the above instruments, problems faced and benefits derived from these instruments. It may also outline the concerns of States who are not yet Parties to the above-mentioned Conventions, etc.

The Working Party may equally wish to proceed with consideration of the situation regarding the application by Governments of its resolutions on the basis of documents TRANS/SC.3/2002/5 and Add.1 prepared by the secretariat and invite Governments to accept the resolutions if they have not yet done so and inform the secretariat accordingly.

10. WORKSHOPS ON INLAND NAVIGATION MATTERS

The Working Party, at its forty-sixth session, endorsed the Minutes of the Workshop on Practical Application of Inland ECDIS which was held on board an inland navigation passenger vessel on her way from St. Petersburg to Moscow from 7 to 13 September 2002 and asked the secretariat to issue the Minutes as a formal SC.3 document in all three working languages of UNECE (TRANS/SC.3/158, paras. 43 and 44). The Working Party may wish to note that the Minutes of the Workshop are now available as TRANS/SC.3/2003/1.

The Working Party may wish to consider organization of further Workshops on subjects which may need to be preliminarily discussed in an informal atmosphere by all interested parties concerned.

11. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2004-2008 AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Working Party may wish to examine and approve its draft programme of work for 2004-2008 and a tentative list of meetings for 2004 prepared by the secretariat (document TRANS/SC.3/2003/7).

12. OTHER BUSINESS

The Working Party may wish to discuss any other questions under this agenda item.

13. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt a concise report on its fortyseventh session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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