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Working Party on Inland Water Transport,
Special session (15-16 March 2006)**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ^{1/}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 15 March 2006

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| 1. Adoption of the agenda | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/170 |
| 2. Amendment of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to resolution No. 17, revised) | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/1
TRANS/SC.3/2005/3 |
| 3. Resolution No.40 on International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft | TRANS/SC.3/147 and Corr.1
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/2 |
| 4. Workshops on inland navigation matters | ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/3 |
| 5. Other business | |
| 6. Adoption of the report | |

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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. AMENDMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS (ANNEX TO RESOLUTION NO. 17, REVISED)

It is recalled that, at its fifty-fifth session, the UNECE Inland Transport Committee requested the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), to continue its efforts towards a full reciprocal recognition of ship's certificates and, to this end, pursue the updating of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels together with the unification of procedures and rules for the inspection of vessels (ECE/TRANS/97, para. 104).

Since then, the Working Party has undertaken the amendment of the annex to resolution No.17, revised, chapter by chapter, with due regard to the Regulations on the Inspection of Rhine Vessels (RVBR) and, later on, to the draft revised Directive 82/714/EEC. It was agreed that, once all the chapters of the annex are amended, the Working Party would adopt a resolution with the revised Recommendations annexed to it (TRANS/SC.3/158, para. 27).

At its forty-ninth session, the Working Party provisionally approved the last portion of the draft amended chapters (see TRANS/SC.3/2004/1 and Add. 1-4) and asked the Group of volunteer experts, in cooperation with the secretariat, to prepare a consolidated text of the amended annex to resolution No.17, revised with a structure as close to the structure of the draft revised Directive 82/714/EEC as possible. The consolidated text of the amended annex should then be presented for further consideration and adoption in all three languages together with the draft resolution at the special session of the Working Party SC.3 to be held in Geneva on 15 and 16 March 2006 (TRANS/SC.3/168, para. 38).

The Working Party may wish to consider the consolidated text of the draft amended Recommendations finalized by the Group of Volunteers and circulated by the secretariat as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/1 and adopt them. It may also wish to consider and adopt the resolution on the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe- Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels on the basis of a draft circulated by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/2005/3 which is to replace resolution No. 17, revised.

^{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.337, third floor, Palais des Nations.). The documentation is also available and may be copied from the UNECE website: www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/...

3. RESOLUTION NO. 40 ON INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE FOR OPERATORS OF PLEASURE CRAFT

The Working Party, at its forty-ninth session, was approached by the delegation of the European Boating Association (EBA) with a proposal to improve the wording of the resolution No. 40 with a view to avoiding its possible misinterpretation. The Working Party asked the secretariat to issue for its session in March 2006, in cooperation with EBA, a formal document in this regard.

The proposal of EBA may be found in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/2. The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal and adopt a relevant corrigendum to the text of the resolution No. 40 appearing in TRANS/SC.4/147 and Corr.1.

4. WORKSHOPS ON INLAND NAVIGATION MATTERS

The Working Party, at its forty-ninth session, was briefed on the outcome of the Workshop on inland navigation issues organized jointly by UNECE/ECMT/CCNR/DC in Paris on 22 and 23 September 2005 and asked the secretariat to make the findings or main conclusions of the Workshop available. The report of the Workshop will be circulated by the secretariat as document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2006/3.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

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

6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt a list of decisions taken at its session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

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