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REPORT
from the X Special Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

June 05, 2008,
held on board during navigation on the section Šabac – Belgrade

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the X Special Session on the Sava River, on June 05, 2008. Representatives of the State Parties to the FASRB - members and deputy members of the Sava Commission attended the Session: Mr. Kemal Karkin (B&H) – Chairman, Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) – Member, Ms. Ružica Drmić (Croatia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Dušan Pajkić (Serbia) – Deputy Member.

Mr. Željko Ostojić (Cro) and Urška Kramberger (Slo) attended the Session as experts.

II Chairmanship

Mr. Kemal Karkin, the Chairman (Bosnia and Herzegovina), chaired the Session.

III Adoption of the agenda

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

Conclusion:

1. The agenda (Doc. No. 1S-10-O-08-1/1-3) is adopted as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC**
- 3. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Progress Report**
 - 3.1. Water Management issues**

- 3.1.1. Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC and other issues

3.2. Navigation issues

- 3.2.1. Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC and other issues

3.3. Protocols to the FASRB

3.4. Promotion activities

- 3.4.1. Sava Day 2008
- 3.4.2. Promotion material

3.5. Nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups

4. Granting the Observer status to the ICPDR

5. Other business

6. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC

7. Adoption of the Report from the Session

IV Conclusions

AD. 2 – Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-10-O-08-2/1-3) presented by Mr. Komatina.**
- 2. In regard to conclusion 4.1.2(3) from the 9th Special Session, the Sava Commission concluded that the meetings with the representatives of the ministries of the member countries relevant for preparation of the Sava RBM Plan would firstly be organized for each country individually, in order to discuss specific problems in each country, and thereafter the joint meeting of the mentioned representatives will be organized.**
- 3. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 30/08 on Placing the Assets from the Reserve Fund on a Time Deposit was adopted in written procedure on May 30th 2008.**

AD. 3 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Progress Report

3.1 Water Management issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC and other issues (Doc. No. 1S-10-O-08-3/1-3).**

- 2. The Sava Commission took note on preparation of applications for the South East Europe Transnational Programme. The Secretariat shall deliver update in regard to project financing mechanism and possible forms of countries' participation by means of co-financing. The Sava Commission shall make decision on its involvement in the second phase of the call for applications, when countries' participation in co-financing is confirmed.*

3.2 Navigation issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC and other issues (Doc. No. 1S-10-O-08-4/1-3).*
- 2. The Secretariat shall develop the draft project proposal for preparation of the Master Plan for Tourism Development in the Sava River Basin.*
- 3. The Secretariat shall deliver to the Sava Commission the most recent information on preparation of a new edition of the UNECE "White Paper on trends in and development of inland navigation and its infrastructure".*

3.3. Protocols to the FASRB

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on development of protocols to the FASRB (Doc. No. 1S-10-O-08-5/1-3).*
- 2. In regard to Protocol on Transboundary Impact, the Sava Commission representatives from Bosnia & Herzegovina shall investigate the standpoint of B&H in regard to ratification of the "Espoo Convention" and signing of the "Bucharest Agreement". Based on this input, the ad-hoc Legal Expert Group shall develop proposal on next actions to be taken. Thereof, the Sava Commission shall pass its final decision in regard to further work on this Protocol.*
- 3. The work of the Secretariat and Expert Groups on further development of the draft Protocol on Sustainable Sediment Management (previously Protocol on exploitation of stone, gravel, sand and clay) shall be intensified in the forthcoming period. All available means of communication and work shall be used in order to finalize the draft Protocol as soon as possible.*

3.4. Promotion activities

3.4.1 Sava Day 2008

Conclusions:

- 1. The Secretariat shall, as soon as possible, prepare a comprehensive Notice on Sava Day 2008 to be distributed to the Governments of the Parties as a conclusion of activities related to the Sava Day 2008 celebration.*
- 2. The Secretariat shall prepare the analysis and report on organization and celebration of the Sava Day 2008, jointly with the costs analysis.*

3. *Once the complete costs of the Sava Day 2008 celebration are known, the Sava Commission shall, if the amount exceeds the assets provided by the sponsors, pass decision on use of the Reserve Fund assets for covering the excess amount.*
4. *In all future cases, the distribution of promotion materials related to the Sava Day shall be organized in all member countries.*
5. *The Secretariat shall develop proposal on cooperation with “Coca-Cola” in the forthcoming period, taking into account the principles on which the FASRB is based.*

3.4.2 Promotion material

Conclusion:

1. *The Secretariat shall report on distribution of the promotion material during the Sava Day 2008 celebration.*

3.5 Nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups

Conclusions:

1. *All outstanding nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups of the Sava Commission shall be completed by end of June 2008.*
2. *The Sava Commission passed the Decision 31/08 on amendments of the Decision 19/06 related to establishment of the Ad Hoc Legal Expert Group.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 31/08

- ❖ **On amendment of the Decision – 19/06 related to establishment of the Ad Hoc Legal Expert Group.**
The stated Decision is amended in part referring to nomination of the member of the Expert Group from Bosnia and Herzegovina, so item 1 of the paragraph 2 now states:

“1. Ms. Branka Mujić from Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

AD. 4 - Granting the Observer status to the ICPDR

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission took note and reconsidered the application of the ICPDR for Observer status by the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-10-O-08-6/1-3). Thereof, the Sava Commission adopted Decision 32/08 on granting the permanent Observer status to the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR).*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 32/08

- ❖ **On granting the permanent Observer status to the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR).**

AD. 5 – Other Business

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on information related to signing of the Joint Statement on cooperation in the field of nature protection in the Dynaric Arc, signed in Bonn (Germany) on May 20, 2008, by Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia.***
- 2. The Secretariat shall investigate possibilities in regard to establishment of the Sava Water Partnership as a means of permanent link with the business sector in the Sava River Basin, taking into account the European Water Partnership as a comparative exemplar.***
- 3. The Sava Commission took note on information on Status of regular contributions and other funds for FY2008.***
- 4. The Sava Commission took note on information related to purchase of a car. Once the agreement on car dealer is made, the Sava Commission shall pass decision in written procedure.***

AD. 6 – Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the Sava Commission

Conclusion:

- 1. The next Session of the Sava Commission shall be tentatively held in third week of July 2008.***

AD. 7 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission shall adopt the Report from the X Special Session within a week as of its delivery.***