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5th REGULAR SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.3 – Organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB		
2(b) The Sava Commission should prepare the letter to be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia by February 6 th 2009 in context of the expected level of the 2 nd Meeting of the Parties and other related issues.	The letter has been prepared and sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia. The organizational issues will be addressed at the 12 th Special Session (AD.3).	
2(d) The Country Reports on Implementation of the FASRB should be delivered by February 15 2009, at latest.	The Country Reports have been submitted with a delay.	
AD.4 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Status Report		
1. In future cases, Summary on the Meetings of the Experts Groups shall be prepared and delivered to the Sava Commission for consideration under respective agenda items.	The Summaries on the meetings of the expert groups have been prepared and delivered to the Sava Commission as a part of the material for the 12 th Special Session.	
3. The Sava Commission remarked that the existing regulations under the Rules of Procedure of the Sava Commission related to adoption of the report should be also applied to work of the expert groups of the Sava Commission.	The existing regulations have been applied to all expert groups of the Sava Commission.	
AD.4.1 – Water Management issues		
2. The Secretariat underlined the issue related to collection of the necessary data from the countries for preparation of the joint Flood Mapping Study for free. Thereof, the Sava Commission concluded	As presented at the 5 th Regular Session, the information about <u>availability of the data</u> is essential at this moment, while the <u>data</u> will be collected in the course of preparation of the Flood Mapping Study.	

that the Secretariat via respective ministries of the countries or, if necessary, the Sava Commission members should communicate and resolve this issue.	The issue has been addressed with the ISRBC member from Croatia and will be discussed with the ISRBC members from other countries.	
AD.4.2 – Navigation issues		
AD.4.2.3 – Adoption of the Marking Plan for the Sava River and its navigable Tributaries for Year 2009		
2. The Marking Plan for the Sava River and its navigable tributaries for year 2009 will be translated as soon as possible.	The Marking Plan for the Sava River and its navigable tributaries for year 2009 has been translated and posted on the ISRBC web-site.	
<i>Decision 02/09 (the last paragraph)</i> The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.	The Parties have been notified of the entry into force of the Decision by diplomatic mail (March 3, 2009).	
AD.4.2.4 – Adoption of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard		
2. Translation of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard will be realized in accordance with conclusions relating to translation of adopted documents of the Sava Commission.	Translation of the document has been finalized and the proof-reading of the translation is in process. The English version of the document has been posted on the ISRBC web-site.	
<i>Decision 03/09 (the last paragraph)</i> The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.	The Parties have been notified of the entry into force of the Decision by diplomatic mail (March 3, 2009).	
AD.4.2.5 – Adoption of the Inland ECDIS Standard		
2. Translation of the Inland ECDIS Standard will be realized in accordance with conclusions relating to translation of adopted documents of the Sava Commission.	Translation of the document has been finalized and the proof-reading of the translation is in process. The English version of the document has been posted on the ISRBC web-site.	
<i>Decision 04/09 (the last paragraph)</i> The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.	The Parties have been notified of the entry into force of the Decision by diplomatic mail (March 3, 2009).	
AD.4.3 – Projects		
2. In regard to Master Plan for development of the nautical tourism in the Sava river basin, the Sava Commission members shall deliver list of contact authorities and persons for next steps in realization of this project by February 20 th 2009.	The contact information has been submitted by Serbia so far.	The ISRBC members from B&H, Croatia and Slovenia will be requested to provide the information at the 12 th Special Session (AD.2).
3. The Secretariat shall prepare and deliver Summary Report on presentation of the World Bank representatives held under the session and the related presentation of the World Bank including topics and activities that should be further elaborated and agreed by the Sava Commission members. After the Sava Commission members agree upon materials for discussion, the latter shall be	All the necessary preparations have been done and the meeting has been held (March 12, 2009). A more detailed information on the meeting will be presented at the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.2).	

sent to representatives of the respective ministries. The tentative term for the next Meeting of the Sava Commission and respective ministries with the World Bank representatives is March 10 th 2009.		
4. The Secretariat shall contact the World Bank representative in order to find out if the World Bank could perform Analysis of feasibility for the section of the Sava River Waterway Brežice (Slo) – Sisak (Cro).	Upon request of the Secretariat, the World Bank performed the analysis and presented the results at the meeting with representatives of the ministries responsible for transport, held on March 12, 2009, in Zagreb.	
AD.4.5 – Protocols to the FASRB		
2. In regard to the draft text of the Protocol on Prevention of the Water Pollution caused by Navigation, the Sava Commission concluded that the Meeting of the countries' delegations for negotiating the draft text of the Protocol on Prevention of the Water Pollution caused by Navigation would be tentatively held on March 24-25 2009.	The meeting for harmonization of the Draft Protocol has been held as planned. A more detailed information on the meeting will be presented at the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.4).	The Protocol could be initialized at the 12 th Special Session, if the procedure is completed in B&H, Croatia and Serbia by the date of the Session.
3. Based on the recommendation of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Legal Expert Group to develop separate Protocol regulating the water protection issues, the Sava Commission obliged the PEG for River Basin Management and PEG for Accident Prevention and Control to consider need for development of such protocol.	The issue has been considered by PEG RBM and PEG APC at their last meetings, and their standpoint will be presented at the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.1.1 and AD.5.1.2).	
4. The Sava Commission concluded that the draft text of the Protocol on flood protection and draft text of the Protocol on emergency situations would be passed in written procedure, once the final drafts were agreed.	The draft Protocols have been adopted in written procedure (March 6) and sent to the Parties by diplomatic mail (March 10). A courtesy translation has been sent to the ISRBC members upon request (March 15, 2009).	Proposed dates of the meetings for final harmonization of the two protocols are May 5-6 (floods) and May 7-8 (emergency sit.), if the procedures in the Parties are completed by that date.
AD.4.6 – Public participation and stakeholder involvement		
AD.4.6.1 – Establishment of the Sava Water Partnership		
2. The Secretariat shall investigate financial liabilities of the Sava Commission in regard to other activities, which could be realized in cooperation with the GWP Med, and, thereof, inform the Sava Commission.	The GWP-Med has submitted the proposal (March 30, 2009), including the information on financial liabilities of the ISRBC. Accordingly, a proposal of the Secretariat will be prepared and attached as a part of the material for the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.6).	
AD.4.7 – Meetings and cooperation		
3. In regard to Water Conference to be organized by the Regional Cooperation Council in Sarajevo, the Secretariat shall deliver detailed information to the Sava Commission.	The information has been received by the UNECE (co-organizer of the meeting with the RCC), and forwarded to the ISRBC (April 3, 2009).	

AD.4.8 – Promotion activities for 2009		
2. In order to promote the work of the Sava Commission and its Secretariat, the Secretariat shall establish contacts with PR services of the ministries responsible for implementation of the FASRB in the Parties and determine forms of future cooperation in realization of PR activities.	The contact has been established with PR services of some Parties. The activity is in the process of realization. The ISRBC members will be updated at the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.8).	
4. The Secretariat shall develop the Terms of Reference for realization of the promotion activities of the Sava Commission.	The Terms of Reference is under preparation. The ISRBC members will be updated at the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.8).	
AD.4.9 – Nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups		
1. The Sava Commission urges the Sava Commission members from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia to nominate their members to Ad-hoc Expert Group for River Information Services (RIS) by February 13 th 2009.	The <i>Ad-hoc</i> RIS Expert Group member from Slovenia has been nominated meanwhile.	The ISRBC members from B&H will be requested to provide nomination at the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.9).
AD.5 – Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009		
2. The Proposal of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for year 2009 should be amended in accordance with the on-the-session discussion including detailed development of activities and determination of framework timeline of the specified activities and, thereof, delivered to the Sava Commission for adoption.	The Proposal of the Work Plan has been amended in accordance with the conclusion and attached as a part of the material for the 12 th Special Session (AD.7).	
AD.7 – Other business		
AD.7.2 – Proposal to form the Editing Board for the SAVA NewsFlash		
1. The Sava Commission agreed to form the Editing Board for the SAVA NewsFlash, namely one member from each Party to the FASRB. The Sava Commission members shall nominate members to Editing Board for the SAVANewsFlash by February 12 th 2009.	Considering that the Editing Board was established on March 11, 2009, the Secretariat has beforehand started the activities on development of the 3rd issue of the bulletin and, in that context, has prepared the concept of the 3rd issue, but leaving enough room for new articles, alternatively. The latter was sent to the Editing Board after its establishment. Due to tight deadlines, the Editing Board did not meet, but its members were sending their proposals in written and, hereby, provided their contribution to development of the 3rd issue of the bulletin, in which, upon proposal of the Board member from B&H, an article is included.	

11th SPECIAL SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.3 – Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC		
2. In regard to realization of the conclusion 4.1.2(3) from the 9 th Special Session – related to organization of the meetings with the representatives of the ministries of the member countries relevant for preparation of the Sava RBM Plan, the Sava Commission concluded that the Secretariat should prepare a proposal of the meetings to be organized in each country and agreed that the PEG RBM members should participate in the meetings, jointly with the ISRBC members and representatives of the Secretariat. The ISRBC members shall endeavour to provide the best possible representation from the respective bodies of all countries.	Before the 5 th Regular Session of the ISRBC, the meetings have been held in Ljubljana (November 5, 2008) and Belgrade (November 20, 2008). After the 5 th Regular Session, the meeting was held in Zagreb (February 20, 2009). The ISRBC members and PEG RBM members of the host countries, as well as the ISRBC Secretariat staff, were present at the meetings in Ljubljana and Belgrade. Additionally, members of other expert groups of the host country were present at the meeting in Zagreb.	As the SRB Analysis is under finalization, it was agreed with the ISRBC member from B&H to organize the meeting in Sarajevo when the next phase of the RBM Plan development is started.

10th SPECIAL SESSION

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AD. 2 – Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC		
2. In regard to conclusion 4.1.2(3) from the 9 th 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.	The meetings have so far been organized in Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia. As the SRB Analysis is under finalization, it was agreed with the ISRBC member from B&H to organize the meeting in Sarajevo when the next phase of the Sava RBM Plan development is started.	After the meeting in Sarajevo, the need for the joint meeting will be reconsidered.

9th SPECIAL SESSION

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AD. 4 – Implementation of the FASRB		
AD. 4.1 – Water Management issues		
AD. 4.1.1 – Report on realization of the Work Plan for 2007		
2. The members of the Sava Commission and the Secretariat shall contact the relevant authorities in B&H and Serbia to present the importance of the establishment of PIAC centers, which should be operational 24 hours a day.		The issue will be proposed to be addressed at the upcoming 2 nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB.
AD. 4.1.2 – Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC and other issues		
2. All documents and proposals of the Secretariat related to realization of the grant in amount of 300,000.00 EUR within the EC Technical assistance in preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan shall be timely delivered to the representatives of the Sava Commission.	All documents and the correspondence related to the project itself and the possible grant to the Sava Commission, have been delivered to the ISRBC members for their information. The update on this issue is given in the Status Report on the Projects, attached to the material for the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.3).	
AD. 4.5 – Proposal of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008		
2. The <i>Ad-hoc</i> Expert Groups of the Sava Commission having long-term tasks shall develop their annual Programmes of Work and submit them for adoption to the Sava Commission.	The annual Programmes of Work of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Expert Groups for HM issues, GIS and financial issues, have been developed and submitted to the Sava Commission for adoption at the 12 th Special Session.	The annual Programme of Work for the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Legal Expert Group will be delivered to the Sava Commission following the next meeting of the group.

4th REGULAR SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD. 3.2 – Water Management issues		
AD. 3.2.1 – Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC and other issues		
5. ... the Secretariat shall develop proposal on possible forms of future cooperation with the European Water Partnership.		Possibility of cooperation with EWP is associated with the existence of the Sava Water Partnership (SWP). Therefore, possible forms of future cooperation with EWP will be sought in the course of development of the SWP idea and concept.
AD. 5 – Other Business		
AD. 5.1 – Further cooperation with the OSCE		
1. The Sava Commission took note on Proposal on further cooperation with the OSCE (Doc. No. 1R-4-O-08-17/1-3). Thereof, the Sava Commission accepted the list of topics for possible further cooperation with the OSCE, as proposed by the Secretariat, and tasked the Secretariat to continue communication with the OSCE in this regard.	The list of topics for possible further cooperation has been sent to the OSCE (January 11, 2008). Apart from several informal contacts with representatives of OSCE, no official response has been received by the Secretariat so far.	The Secretariat will contact OSCE again, with a repeated request for an official response.
AD. 5.2 – Priority projects of the ISRBC		
1. The Secretariat shall develop List of Priority Projects of the Sava Commission in line with the Draft Strategy on implementation of the FASRB and basic information for each priority project in form of Project fiche / Project description by April 2008 for purpose of presentation and access to international financial resources.	The new List of Priority Projects is being prepared. The first draft has been considered by the PEG RBM, PEG APC and PEG FP. The present version has been attached with the material for the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.3).	

8th SPECIAL SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD. 4 – Implementation of the FASRB		
AD. 4.2 – Water Management issues		
AD. 4.2.1 – Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC		
3. In regard to the LIFE - 3 rd Countries Project “Protection of Biodiversity of the Sava River Basin Floodplains”, the Sava Commission accepted the recommendation given by PEG RBM and gave the mandate to the Secretariat to negotiate and formally agree upon the final list of the supporting tasks with the project representatives and support the project afterwards.	The update on this issue is given in the Status Report on the Projects, attached to the material for the 12 th Special Session (AD.5.3).	
9. In context of possible cooperation with the City of Zagreb, the Secretariat shall participate on the meetings with representatives of the City of Zagreb and competent ministries of the Republic of Croatia (Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management, and Ministry of sea, transport, tourism and development), in order to collect the relevant information and, thereof, inform the Sava Commission.	No contacts have taken place so far in this regard.	