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REPORT
from the 12th Special Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

May 6-7, 2009
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 12th Special Session in Zagreb, on May 6-7, 2009. Representatives of the State Parties to the FASRB – members and deputy members of the Sava Commission attended the Session: Mr. Branko Bačić (Croatia) – Croatia, Mr. Kemal Karkin (B&H) – Member, Mr. Savo Gluvić (B&H) – Deputy Member, Mr. Miladin Avramov (Serbia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) – Member.

Ms. Sanja Genzić (Cro) and Ms. Marina Ivica-Matkovac (Cro) attended the Session as experts.

II Chairmanship

Mr. Branko Bačić (Croatia) chaired the Session.

III Adoption of the agenda

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

Conclusion:

1. The agenda (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-1/1-3) is adopted as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the ISRBC**
- 3. Organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 4. Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for FY 2008**

5. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008

5.1. Water Management issues

- 5.1.1. Work of the PEG for River Basin Management
- 5.1.2. Work of the PEG for Accident Prevention and Control
- 5.1.3. Work of the PEG for Flood Prevention
- 5.1.4. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues

5.2. Navigation issues

- 5.2.1. Work of the PEG for Navigation
- 5.2.2. Adoption of the Amendments to the Decision 26/06 on Detailed Parameters for Waterway Classification on the Sava River

5.3. Projects

5.4. Protocols to the FASRB

5.5. Information Management

- 5.5.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* GIS EG

5.6. Public participation and stakeholders involvement

5.7. Meetings and cooperation

5.8. Promotion activities

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

6. Sava Day 2009

7. Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009

8. Internal issues

9. Other business

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

11. Adoption of the Report from the Session

IV Conclusions

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

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission adopted the Report from the 5th Regular Session of the Sava Commission.***
- 2. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 09/09 on use of the Reserve Fund assets in amount of 16,000.00 EUR for covering the costs for the Development of the promotion materials of the Sava Commission was adopted in written procedure on March 5th 2009.***
- 3. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 10/09 on adoption of the draft text of the Protocol on Flood Protection to the Framework***

Agreement on the Sava River Basin was adopted in written procedure on March 6th 2009.

- 4. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 11/09 on adoption of the draft text of the Protocol on Emergency Situations on to the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin was adopted in written procedure on March 6th 2009.*
- 5. 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-12-O-09-2/1-2).*

AD. 3 – Organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on information related to organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties presented by Mr. Komatina.*
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on information related to level of the meeting presented by the Sava Commission members stating that the country delegations will be led by the respective ministers from the Parties to the FASRB.*
- 3. The materials for the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB shall be sent to the Parties to the FASRB by May 15th 2009.*
- 4. The Sava Commission adopted the draft Report on implementation of the FASRB and Work of the Sava Commission for the period April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2009, and draft Declaration for the 2nd Meeting of the Parties.*

AD. 4 – Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for FY 2008

Conclusion:

- 1. Draft Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2008 shall be amended in accordance with the on-the-session discussion and, thereof, delivered to the Sava Commission for adoption in written procedure.*

AD. 5 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Status Report

5.1 Water Management issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-4/1-2) for the water management issues.*
- 2. The Expert Groups are encouraged to use the mechanisms relating to the recommendations and proposals for specific issues for reconsideration, approval and implementation by and via the Sava*

Commission, especially taking into account the Article 10 paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Sava Commission.

5.1.1 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for River Basin Management (PEG RBM)

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the PEG RBM performed since the previous session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-5/1-2).**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 11th Meeting of the PEG RBM (Doc. No. 3-09-4/5-2-PEG RBM).**

5.1.2 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for Accident Prevention and Control (PEG APC)

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the PEG APC performed since the previous session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-6/1-2).**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 9th Meeting of the PEG APC (Doc. No. 4-09-3/2-2-PEG APC).**

5.1.3 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for Flood Prevention (PEG FP)

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the PEG FP performed since the previous session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-7/1-2).**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Reports from the 8th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-09-2/4-2-PEG.3), 9th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-09-2/3-2-PEG.3) and 10th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-09-6/5-2-PEG.3).**

5.1.4 Work of the Ad-hoc EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues (Ad-hoc HM EG)

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc HM EG performed since the previous session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-8/1-2).**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 1st Meeting of the Ad-hoc HM EG (Doc. No. 3-09-3/2-2).**
- 3. The Sava Commission supports development of hydrological-meteorological yearbook for the Sava River Basin to be prepared by the Hydro-meteorological Services of the Parties to the FASRB in electronic form ready for upload to the Sava Commission's website.**

5.2 Navigation issues

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-9/1-2) for the navigation issues.*
2. *The Sava Commission supported the Conclusions of the Meeting of the representatives responsible for transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Serbia and Republic of Slovenia, and International Sava River Basin Commission, held in Zagreb on March 12 2009, in regard to rehabilitation and development of navigation on the Sava River. Following the Conclusions passed on the Meeting held on March 12 2009 in Zagreb, the Sava Commission members from Republic of Croatia shall state their standpoint in regard to design of the Sava River Waterway according to class Va on the section of the waterway from Račinovci (rkm 207) to Šamac (rkm 305), and Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Serbia shall deliver their standpoint in regard to financing of the Detailed Design of the waterway section from the river mouth to Brčko by May 18th 2009. Hereof, the Secretariat shall prepare and deliver the Draft Decision for adoption in written procedure.*
3. *The Sava Commission reconsidered the proposal of the Secretariat related to development of the project “Detailed Design and Prototype Installation for the River Information Services on the Sava River”, and, thereof, adopted Decision 12/09 in regard to development of the project “Detailed Design and Prototype Installation for the River Information Services on the Sava River”.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 12/09

- ❖ **On acceptance of the proposal of representatives of the ministries responsible for transport from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, and Republic of Serbia on development of the project “Detailed Design and Prototype Installation for the River Information Services on the Sava River”, officially considered and agreed on the meeting held on March 12, 2009, in Zagreb.**
- ❖ **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, and Republic of Serbia shall finance development of the project “Detailed Design and Prototype Installation for the River Information Services on the Sava River” in amount up to maximum 400,000.00 EUR on an equal basis, meaning up to maximum 133,333.33 EUR per country, as the respective ministries have approved in written.**
- ❖ **The tender procedure will be conducted in accordance with the respective regulations of the Sava Commission. The Secretary is authorized to conduct tender procedure and sign the Contract for development of the project on behalf of the Sava Commission.**
- ❖ **The ministries responsible for transport from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, and Republic of Serbia shall designate their representatives to act as members of the Evaluation Committee to be**

established for purpose of conducting the tender procedure. The Evaluation Committee shall approve the tender documentation prior to its publishing.

- ❖ Payment will be realized through the bank account of the Sava Commission established for the scope of this project.

5.2.1 Work of the PEG for Navigation (PEG NAV)

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the PEG NAV performed since the previous session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-10/1-2).**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 9th Meeting of the PEG NAV (Doc. No. 2-08-2/29-2-PEG NAV).**
- 3. The Sava Commission reconsidered and accepted the draft Letter in regard to establishment of hydrological stations on the Sava River in the area of Drina River mouth to be addressed to the Hydro-Meteorological Institute of Republic of Serbia.**

5.2.2 Adoption of the Amendments to the Decision 26/06 on Detailed Parameters for Waterway Classification on the Sava River

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission reconsidered the draft Amendments to the Decision 26/06 on Detailed Parameters for Waterway Classification on the Sava River. Thereof, the Sava Commission adopted Decision 13/09 on adoption of the Amendments to the Decision 26/06 on Detailed Parameters for Waterway Classification on the Sava River as set out in Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-31/1-2.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 13/09

On

Adoption of the Amendments to the Decision 26/06 on adoption of the Detailed Parameters for Waterway Classification on the Sava River

- ❖ **Text of the Amendments to the Decision 26/06 on adoption of the Detailed Parameters for Waterway Classification on the Sava River and Consolidated text of the Detailed Parameters for Waterway Classification on the Sava River are attached to this Decision as its integral parts.**
- ❖ **Parties shall adopt the measures necessary to implement this Decision and notify the Sava Commission.**
- ❖ **This Decision shall be binding for the Parties unless any of the Sava Commission members withdraws his vote within 30 days after the decision has been adopted, or informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State.**

- ❖ **If any of the Sava Commission members withdraws his vote within 30 days after the decision has been adopted, or informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State, the Sava Commission Secretariat shall, thereof, inform all other Sava Commission members.**

If no member withdraws his vote nor informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State, the Decision shall enter into force on June 7, 2009.

- ❖ **Upon entry into force, this Decision shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in the Parties.**
- ❖ **The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.**

5.3 Projects

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-11/1-2) in regard to projects.**
- 2. In regard to project Technical assistance for the preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan – project section related to grant, the Secretariat shall deliver additional information to the Sava Commission, and, if necessary, draft Decision on next steps to be taken for reconsideration by the commission in written procedure.**
- 3. The Secretariat shall prepare the Summary on Hydrology Report for the Sava River Basin Analysis, as well as for all other related projects, to be delivered to the Sava Commission.**
- 4. In regard to the project “Detailed Design for the Sava River Waterway”, the Sava Commission concluded that the updated Project fiche should be resubmitted to the EU Infrastructure Projects Facility (IPF) Fund by Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Serbia.**
- 5. In regard to the project Master Plan for development of the nautical tourism in the Sava River Basin, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Slovenia shall deliver list of competent institutions and contact persons to the Sava Commission in next 15 days.**
- 6. The Secretariat shall prepare the accompanying materials for the Draft List of Priority Projects of the Sava Commission and Project fiches for each project individually for next session of the Sava Commission.**

5.4 Protocols to the FASRB

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-12/1-2) in regard to Protocols to the FASRB.**

- 2. The Sava Commission will be informed on preparedness of the Parties for running the negotiations on the draft Protocol on Flood Protection and draft Protocol on Emergency Situations.**
- 3. Draft Protocol on prevention of water pollution caused by navigation will be initialized once all the Parties have written consents, and its signing is expected on the 2nd Meeting of the Parties.**

5.5 Information Management

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-13/1-2) in regard to Information Management.**

5.5.1 Work of the Ad-hoc GIS EG

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc GIS EG performed since the previous session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-14/1-2).**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 2nd Meeting of the Ad-hoc GIS EG (Doc. No. 3-09-7/4-2-GIS_EG).**

5.6 Public participation and stakeholders' involvement

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-15/1-2) in regard to Public Participation and Stakeholders Involvement.**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on the Information on proposal for development of the Analysis of Stakeholders for the Sava River Basin and, thereof, concluded that the Secretariat should deliver the proposal on next steps to be taken following the provided standpoint of the PEG RBM.**

5.7 Meetings and cooperation

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-16/1-2) in regard to Meetings and Cooperation.**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the Follow-up meeting on the implementation of the „Joint Statement on Navigation Development and Environmental Sustainability in the Danube River Basin“ (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-29/1-2) held in Budapest on January 29-30, 2009. After the Secretariat receives the draft conclusions from the said meeting, the latter shall be distributed to**

the Sava Commission with the comments of the Secretariat for further approval.

- 3. In regard to Water Conference to be organized by the Regional Cooperation Council in Sarajevo, the Sava Commission agreed to confirm its participation on the conference, whereof, it would be represented by the Sava Commission member (Mr. Prodanović or Mr. Bricelj) and Mr. Komatina would deliver presentation on behalf of the commission, which would previously be delivered to the Sava Commission for information.*

5.8 Promotion activities for 2009

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-17/1-2) in regard to promotion activities.*
- 2. The Secretariat shall deliver both brochures planned for publishing in year 2009 to the Sava Commission once the texts are developed.*

5.9 Nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission urges the Sava Commission members from Bosnia and Herzegovina to nominate their members to Ad-hoc Expert Group for River Information Services (RIS) by end of May 2009.*

AD. 6 – Sava Day 2009

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Information on the promotion activities planned to be performed within the Sava Day 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-18/1-2).*
- 2. The Secretariat of the Sava Commission shall follow-up the activities in celebration of the Sava Day 2009 organized in the countries within the capacities of the Secretariat and taking into account the objectives of the FASRB.*
- 3. The Secretariat shall develop proposal on central celebration of the Sava Day of the Sava Commission for next years, which will be organized by the commission itself, and deliver it to the Sava Commission for consideration on the next session.*

AD. 7 – Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission considered the Proposal of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for year 2009 prepared by the Secretariat, and gave instructions for its amendment. Thereof, the Sava Commission passed Decision 14/09 on adoption of the Work Plan of the International Sava River Basin Commission for year 2009 as amended and set out in Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-19/2-2, which also includes the Programmes of Work of the expert groups of the Sava Commission.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 14/09

On

- ❖ **Adoption of Work Plan of the International Sava River Basin Commission for year 2009 as set out in Doc. No. 1S-12-O-09-19/2-2, which also includes the Programmes of Work of the expert groups of the Sava Commission. Work Plan of the International Sava River Basin Commission for year 2009 is attached to this Decision as its integral part.**

AD. 8 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 9 – Other Business

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Information stating the Department for geography of the Faculty of Arts of the Ljubljana University and the Department for geography of the Faculty of Science of the Zagreb University have concluded the Contract for development of the project on sustainable regional development along the Sava River – case on transboundary section Brežice (Slo) – Zagreb (Cro).*
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on information delivered by Mr. Bačić related to realization of the project on Expert grounds for definition of the waterway from Sisak (Cro) to Bregana (Slo), which would be delivered to the Sava Commission and Republic of Slovenia.*

AD. 10 – Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the Sava Commission

Conclusion:

- 1. Next Session of the Sava Commission will be tentatively held on September 22-23, 2009, with following tentative agenda:*

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the ISRBC**

- 3. Recapitulation on the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009 – Status Report**
 - 4.1 Water Management issues**
 - 4.2 Navigation issues**
 - 4.3 Projects**
 - 4.4 Protocols to the FASRB**
 - 4.5 Information management**
 - 4.6 Promotion activities**
- 5. Activities on celebration of Sava Day**
- 6. Internal issues**
 - 6.1 Financial issues**
 - 6.2 Legal issues**
 - 6.3 Other internal issues**
- 7. Other business**
- 8. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC**
- 9. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

AD. 11 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission adopted the Report from the 12th Special Session.***