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12th SPECIAL SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.3 – Organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB		
3. The materials for the 2 nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB shall be sent to the Parties to the FASRB by May 15 th 2009.	The material was sent to the Parties on May 15, 2009.	
AD.4 – Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for FY 2008		
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.	The amended Draft Annual Report was delivered to the ISRBC members, for adoption in written procedure, on June 4, 2009. The decision entered into force on June 12, 2009. The Annual Report, translated into all official languages of the ISRBC, was placed on the web-site and distributed to the ISRBC members by ordinary mail (June 19, 2009).	
AD.5 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Status Report		
AD.5.2 – 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	The ISRBC members from Republic of Croatia and Bosnia & Herzegovina provided the information needed. The Secretariat prepared the Draft Decision and delivered it to the ISRBC members on June 29, 2009, for adoption in written procedure. The Decision (No. 21/09) was passed on July 7, 2009, and entered into force on August 8, 2009.	

<p>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.</p>		
<p><i>Decision 12/09 (paragraphs 3 and 4)</i> 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.</p>	<p>The procurement procedure has been finalized. A detailed information will be presented at the 13th Special Session (AD.4.5).</p>	
<p>AD.5.2.1 – Work of the PEG for Navigation (PEG NAV)</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>The letter was sent to the HM Institute of Serbia on May 26, 2009. Following a positive response of the Director of the Institute, a meeting on this issue is planned to be held on September 11, 2009.</p>	
<p><i>Decision 13/09 (the last paragraph)</i> The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.</p>	<p>The Parties have been notified of the entry into force of the Decision by diplomatic mail (July 8, 2009).</p>	
<p>AD.5.3 – Projects</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>The additional information was delivered to the ISRBC members by e-mail on August 24, 2009. The draft Decision on the submission of the grant application to the EC was prepared and delivered to the ISRBC members on September 1, 2009, for adoption in written procedure. As the ISRBC member from B&H requested additional clarification on the application (September 7), and the Secretariat responded to the request on September 8, the written procedure is still running at the moment of preparation of this Report.</p>	
<p>3. The Secretariat shall prepare the Summary on Hydrology Report</p>	<p>The Summaries on „Hydrology Report for the Sava River Basin</p>	

for the Sava River Basin Analysis, as well as for all other related projects, to be delivered to the Sava Commission.	Analysis“ and „Hydromorphology Part of the Sava River Basin Analysis Report“ have been prepared and attached as a part of the material for the 13 th Special Session (AD.4.5).	
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.	Based on the information received from the competent authorities of Bosnia & Herzegovina and Republic of Serbia, the Project fiche has been resubmitted to the EU IPF.	
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.	There is still pending information from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republic of Slovenia on competent institutions and contact persons for the project.	The ISRBC members from B&H and Slovenia will be requested to provide the information at the 13 th Special Session (AD.4.5).
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.	The required information is under preparation, as some of the project fiches are still to be discussed by the ISRBC expert groups. The status will be presented at the 13 th Special Session (AD.4.5).	
AD.5.4 – 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.	The procedures in the Parties, necessary for final harmonization of the two draft protocols, are not yet completed.	The ISRBC members will be requested to report on the status of the procedures at the 13 th Special Session (AD.4.8).
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 2 nd Meeting of the Parties.	The Protocol was signed on the 2 nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB (Belgrade, June 1, 2009).	
AD.5.6 – Public participation and stakeholder 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.	The issue was considered by the PEG RBM. The proposal of the Secretariat, based on the standpoint of the PEG RBM, will be presented at the 13 th Special Session (AD.4.1.1).	
AD.5.7 – 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	The draft conclusions from the Budapest meeting were distributed to the ISRBC members on May 22, 2009. No comments were submitted until June 8. The final version of the Report was distributed to the ISRBC members on July 14, 2009.	

<p>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.</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>The ISRBC was represented by Mr. Bricelj and Mr. Komatina, who delivered presentation, which was previously delivered to the ISRBC members for information. The report from the meeting is attached as a part of the material for the 13th Special Session (AD.4.6).</p>	
<p>AD.5.8 – Promotion activities for 2009</p>		
<p>2. The Secretariat shall deliver both brochures planned for publishing in year 2009 to the Sava Commission once the texts are developed.</p>	<p>As for the brochure on the rehabilitation and development of navigation in the Sava river basin, the first draft was delivered to the ISRBC members on July 17, 2009, and the second draft, on September 3, 2009. The brochure on the SRB Analysis will be prepared upon acceptance of the SRB Analysis by the ISRBC at the 13th Special Session. This brochure is planned to be prepared from the EC grant (for preparation of the Sava RBM Plan), in order to reduce costs of the ISRBC.</p>	
<p>AD.5.9 – Nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>There is still pending nomination from Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p>	<p>The ISRBC members from B&H will be requested to provide nomination at the 13th Special Session (AD.4.9).</p>
<p>AD.6 – Sava Day 2009</p>		
<p>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.</p>	<p>The Report on the activities performed within the celebration of the Sava Day 2009 is attached as a part of the material for the 13th Special Session (AD.4.7).</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The proposal has been prepared and attached as a part of the material for the 13th Special Session (AD.5).</p>	

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

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 ISRBC expert groups.	The Work Plan has been amended in accordance with the conclusion.	
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5th REGULAR SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
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 that the Secretariat via respective ministries of the countries or, if necessary, the Sava Commission members should communicate and resolve this issue.	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> themselves will be collected in the course of preparation of the Flood Mapping Study. 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.4.2.4 – 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.	The document has been translated into all official languages and posted on the ISRBC web-site (August 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.	The document has been translated into all official languages and posted on the ISRBC web-site (August 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 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 13 th Special Session (AD.4.7).	The ISRBC members will be requested at the 13 th Special Session to provide

the Parties and determine forms of future cooperation in realization of PR activities.		official nominations of PR contacts for all ISRBC-related issues (AD.4.7).
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, but pending further instructions and clarifications, to be discussed at the 13 th Special Session (AD.5).	

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 has been addressed, on a general level, in the „Report on implementation of the FASRB and work of the ISRBC for the period April 1, 2007 – March 31, 2009“, and in the Declaration adopted at the 2 nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB. The meeting in Serbia, where this issue will be discussed, will be held on September 11, 2009.	For organization of the meeting in B&H, the Secretariat needs information on contact persons and potential participants of the meeting.

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), following the acceptance of the ISRBC at the 4 th Regular Session. The contact was repeated after the OSCE's participation at the 2 nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB (June 3, 2009). The official response of the OSCE (received on July 20), is attached as a part of the material for the 13 th Special Session (AD.4.6).	

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		
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 meetings have been initiated by the City of Zegreb so far.	