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REPORT
from the 13th Special Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

September 22-23, 2009
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 13th Special Session in Zagreb, on September 22-23, 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. Aleksandar Prodanović (Serbia) – Member, Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) – Member.

Ms. Sanja Genzić (Cro), Ms. Marina Ivica-Matkovac (Cro) and Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Ser) 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-13-O-09-1/2-3) 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. Recapitulation of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009**

4.1. Water Management issues

- 4.1.1. Work of the PEG for River Basin Management
- 4.1.2. Work of the PEG for Accident Prevention and Control
- 4.1.3. Work of the PEG for Flood Prevention

4.2. Navigation issues

- 4.2.1. Work of the PEG for Navigation

4.3. Information Management

4.4. Hydrological and Meteorological issues

- 4.4.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues

4.5. Projects

4.6. Meetings and cooperation

4.7. Promotion activities

4.8. Protocols to the FASRB

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

5. Activities on celebration of the Sava Day 2010

6. Internal issues (closed session)

7. Other business

7.1. Applications for the observer status at the ISRBC

- 7.1.1. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- 7.1.2. NGO “Green Action” (Republic of Croatia) – extension

7.2. Information on memo related to Sava project, submitted by the Municipality Babina Greda (Republic of Croatia)

7.3. Consideration of the project on irrigation development in the Republic of Croatia

7.4. Information on the initiative related to the “Savica” branch of the Sava river, submitted by the Environmental NGO “Ada Savica” (Republic of Serbia)

7.5. Information on the project on multipurpose canal Dunav-Sava – Environmental Impact Assessment Study

7.6. Information on the Ministerial Conference of the ICPDR

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

9. 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 12th Special Session of the Sava Commission.***
- 2. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 20/09 on Adoption of Annual Report on work and activities of the International Sava River Basin Commission for Financial Year 2008 was adopted in written procedure on June 12th 2009.***
- 3. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 21/09 related to Detailed Design of the Sava River Waterway was adopted in written procedure on July 7th 2009.***
- 4. 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-13-O-09-2/1-2).***
- 5. The Secretariat shall deliver the adopted Work Plan of the Sava Commission for Financial Year 2009 to the Sava Commission members.***

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

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Information on Recapitulation of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-3/1-2).***
- 2. The Secretariat shall deliver the adopted Declaration of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to all bodies responsible for implementation of the FASRB.***

AD. 4 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009 – Status Report

4.1 Water Management issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-5/1-2) for the water management issues.***
- 2. The Sava Commission accepted the Sava River Basin Analysis Report, prepared in line with the EU WFD, as a good basis for further activities on the development of the Sava River Basin Management Plan.***
- 3. After finalizing the technical preparation of the document, the Secretariat shall distribute the Report to the national institutions responsible for implementation of the FASRB in the Parties, in the***

paper form. Digital version of the Report shall be uploaded on the ISRBC web site.

- 4. The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-5/2-2) for the water management issues.*

4.1.1 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-13-O-09-6/1-2).*
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 12th Meeting (Doc. No. 3-09-8/2-3-PEG RBM) and 13th Meeting (Doc. No. 3-09-13/3-2-PEG RBM) of the PEG RBM.*

4.1.2 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-13-O-09-7/1-2).*
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 10th Meeting of the PEG APC (Doc. No. 4-09-6/2-2-PEG APC).*

4.1.3 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-13-O-09-8/1-2).*
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 11th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-09-11/3-2-PEG FP).*

4.2 Navigation issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-9/1-2) for the navigation issues.*
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-9/2-2) for the navigation issues.*
- 3. The Sava Commission reconsidered the proposal of the Secretariat related to termination of work of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for the Hydrological Issues Related to Navigation (Ah HIN EG) and, thereof, adopted the Decision 22/09 related to termination of work of the respective Expert Group.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 22/09

- ❖ Decision 34/07 on establishment of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for the Hydrological Issues Related to Navigation (Ah HIN EG), passed by the Sava Commission on its 8th Special Session on November 13, 2007, hereby, shall cease to apply.
- ❖ Chairman of the Ah HIN EG shall deliver all documents regarding the work of the Ah HIN EG to the Chairman of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues (Ah HM EG).
- ❖ The Ah HM EG shall implement all remaining tasks of the Ah HIN EG in its Work Programme in which the definition of low and high navigation water levels on the Sava river water level gauges shall be the first and an urgent task of Ah HM EG.

4.2.1 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-13-O-09-10/1-2).*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 10th Meeting of the PEG NAV (Doc. No. 2-09-2/10-2-PEG NAV).*

4.3 Information Management

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-11/1-2) in regard to Information Management.*
2. *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-13-O-09-11/2-2).*

4.4 Hydrological and Meteorological issues

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-12/1-2) in regard to Hydrological and Meteorological Issues.*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-12/2-2).*

4.4.1 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-13-O-09-13/1-2).*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 2nd Meeting of the Ad-hoc HM EG (Doc. No. 3-09-12/2-2).*

4.5 Projects

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-14/1-2) 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 Sava Commission passed the Decision 23/09 on Submission of the application to the European Commission for financial support for preparation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan in form of direct grant to the Sava Commission, under the framework of the project of the European Commission “Technical assistance for the preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan”.*
3. *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 by October 15th 2009.*
4. *The Secretariat shall, based on the information gathered from the respective national institutions, prepare the Review of the activities with holders and timelines for implementation of the project on Rehabilitation of the Sava River Waterway. Accordingly, the Secretariat shall prepare the respective Decision for adoption by the Sava Commission in written procedure.*
5. *The Sava Commission took note on List of priority projects of the Sava Commission (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-14/2-2).*
6. *The Sava Commission took note on the Summary on the project related to Hydrology Report for the Sava River Basin Analysis (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-14/3-2).*
7. *The Sava Commission took note on the Summary on the project related to Preparation of the Sava River Basin Analysis Report – Hydromorphology Part (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-14/4-2).*
8. *The Sava Commission took note on the Summary on the project related to Preparation of implementing documents of the Sava GIS (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-14/5-2).*
9. *The Sava Commission took note on the Information on the Sava International Conference, to be organized by the LIFE – 3rd Countries Project „Protection of Biodiversity of the Sava River Basin Floodplains“ (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-14/6-2). The Secretariat shall send the organizer a letter related to the participation at the conference.*
10. *In regard to PLATINA project (Platform for the implementation of NAIADES), the Secretariat shall deliver the Manual with the Secretariat’s comments to the Sava Commission members.*

- 11. The Sava Commission took note on the Information on the Drina River Project (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-14/7-2).**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 23/09

- ❖ **On submission of the application to the European Commission for financial support for preparation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan in form of direct grant to the Sava Commission, under the framework of the project of the European Commission “Technical assistance for the preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan”.**
- ❖ **The application for the grant is attached to this decision and forms its integral part.**
- ❖ **Upon approval of the grant by the European Commission, the Secretariat of the Sava Commission shall develop Proposal of the grant realization for the Sava Commission to be reconsidered and approved by the Sava Commission.**

4.6 Meetings and cooperation

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-15/1-2) in regard to Meetings and Cooperation.**
- 2. The Secretariat shall respond the memo of the OSCE in terms of the future cooperation with the Sava Commission.**
- 3. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the International Workshop on Integrated Transboundary Water Resources Management in South-Eastern Europe held in Sarajevo, on May 18-20, 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-15/2-2).**
- 4. The Sava Commission took note on Draft Report from the 1st Training Workshop on Integrated Inland Waterway Transport Planning held in Zagreb, on June 9-10, 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-15/3-2).**

4.7 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 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-16/1-2) in regard to promotion activities and Report on the celebration of the Sava Day 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-16/2-2).**
- 2. The Sava Commission members shall nominate the country PR contacts by October 30 2009.**

- 3. The Secretariat shall prepare the working material on PR activities of the Sava Commission to be reconsidered and further developed on the meeting with the nominated PR contacts.*

4.8 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 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-17/1-2) in regard to Protocols to the FASRB.*
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on information stating that the Parties will, most probably, be ready for running the negotiations on the draft Protocol on Flood Protection in December 2009, and on the draft Protocol on Emergency Situations in January 2010, at latest.*
- 3. The Secretariat shall address Invitations for organization of the negotiations to the Parties in accordance with the specified timelines.*

4.9 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 its member to the Ad-hoc Expert Group for River Information Services (RIS) by September 30th 2009.*

AD. 5 – Activities on celebration of the Sava Day 2010

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission reconsidered the Proposal of the activities to be performed within the Sava Day 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-13-O-09-18/1-2) and thereof, concluded that the proposed activities would be further developed in cooperation with the respective bodies for implementation of the FASRB.*

AD. 6 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 7 – Other Business

7.1 Applications for the observer status at the ISRBC

7.1.1 World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission reconsidered the Proposal on granting observer status at the ISRBC to the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Thereof, the Sava Commission passed Decision 26/09 on granting the ad hoc observer status to the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) for the period of two years.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 26/09

On

- ❖ **Granting the ad hoc observer status to the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) for the period of two years.**

7.1.2 NGO “Green Action” (Republic of Croatia) – extension

Conclusion:

1. ***The Sava Commission reconsidered the Proposal on extension of the observer status at the ISRBC to the NGO “Green Action” from Republic of Croatia. Thereof, the Sava Commission passed Decision 27/09 on extension of the ad hoc observer status to the NGO “Green Action” from Republic of Croatia for the period of two years.***

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 27/09

On

- ❖ **Extension of the ad hoc observer status to the NGO “Green Action” from Republic of Croatia for the period of two years.**

7.2 Information on memo related to Sava project, submitted by the Municipality Babina Greda (Republic of Croatia)

Conclusion:

1. ***The Sava Commission took note on Information memo related to Sava project, submitted by the Municipality Babina Greda (Republic of Croatia). The Secretariat shall provide guidelines to the Municipality Babina Greda (Republic of Croatia) in terms of contacts for realization of their project.***

7.3 Consideration of the project on irrigation development in the Republic of Croatia

Conclusion:

1. ***The Sava Commission took note on Information related to the project on irrigation development in the Republic of Croatia. Thereof, the representatives of the Republic of Serbia made no remarks to the presented information considering that the stipulated consumption of the water quantity has no significant impact to the water regime, and representatives of the Republic of Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina made no comments.***

7.4 Information on the initiative related to the “Savica” branch of the Sava river, submitted by the Environmental NGO “Ada Savica” (Republic of Serbia)

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Information on the initiative related to the “Savica” branch of the Sava river, submitted by the Environmental NGO “Ada Savica” (Republic of Serbia). The Secretariat shall forward the received Letter to the respective authorities of the Republic of Serbia.***

7.5 Information on the project on multipurpose canal Dunav-Sava – Environmental Impact Assessment Study

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Information related to the multipurpose canal Dunav-Sava in regard to the Environmental Impact Assessment Study by representatives of the Republic of Serbia, which was previously addressed by the competent bodies of the Republic of Croatia.***
- 2. The Sava Commission shall address the Croatian Agency for Inland Waterways in order to ask them to prepare the respective information on this project for the Sava Commission, which should be sent to the Sava Commission members as soon as possible.***

7.6 Information on the Ministerial Conference of the ICPDR

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Information on the Ministerial Conference of the ICPDR presented by Mr. Mitja Bricelj, and agreed that the Sava Commission should prepare the well oriented approach for its presentation of sub-regional activities.***

AD. 8 – 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, January 26-27 2010, 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. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009 – Status Report**
 - 3.1 Water Management issues**
 - 3.2 Navigation issues**

- 3.3 Projects**
- 3.4 Protocols to the FASRB**
- 3.5 Information management**
- 3.6 Promotion activities**
- 4. Celebration of the Sava Day 2010**
- 5. Internal issues**
 - 5.1 Financial issues**
 - 5.1.1 Status of realization of the budget**
 - 5.1.2 Proposal of the Budget for FY 2010**
 - 5.1.3 Amendments of the Financial Rules of the Sava Commission**
 - 5.2 Legal issues**
 - 5.3 Other internal issues**
- 6. Other business**
 - 6.1 Information on the project on multipurpose canal Dunav-Sava – Environmental Impact Assessment Study**
- 7. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC**
- 8. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

AD. 9 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission adopted the Report from the 13th Special Session.***