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REPORT
from the 19th Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

January 26-27, 2010
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 19th Session (as a regular session) in Zagreb, on January 26-27, 2010. Representatives of the Parties to the FASRB – members and deputy members of the Sava Commission attended the Session: Mr. Branko Bačić (Croatia) – Member, Ms. Ružica Drmić (Croatia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Kemal Karkin (B&H) – Member, Mr. Miladin Avramov (Serbia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Aleksander Čičerov (Slovenia) – Deputy Member.

Ms. Sanja Genzić (Cro), Mr. Janko Brnardić (Cro), Ms. Marina Ivica-Matkovac (Cro), Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Ser) and Mr. Robert Kojc (Slo) attended the Session as experts, Ms. Irma Popović (NGO Green Action Croatia), Ms. Irene Lucius (WWF) and Ms. Duška Dimović (WWF) attended the Session as the observers.

II Chairmanship

Mr. Branko Bačić (Croatia) chaired the Session.

III Adoption of the agenda

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

Conclusion:

1. The agenda is amended and adopted (Doc. No. 1S-19-O-10-1/3-2) 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. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009

3.1 Water Management issues

- 3.1.1 Work of the PEG for River Basin Management
- 3.1.2 Work of the PEG for Accident Prevention and Control
- 3.1.3 Work of the PEG for Flood Prevention

3.2 Navigation issues

- 3.2.1 Work of the PEG for Navigation

3.3 Information Management

- 3.3.1 Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for GIS

3.4 Hydrological and Meteorological issues

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

3.5 Projects

3.6 Meetings and cooperation

3.7 Promotion activities

3.8 Protocols to the FASRB

4. Preliminary consideration of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010

5. Celebration of the Sava Day 2010

6. Internal issues (closed session)

7. Other business

7.1 Application of the Republic of Macedonia for the observer status at the ISRBC

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 took note that the Decision 28/09 on establishment of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for River Information Services – RIS (Ad-hoc Expert Group for RIS) was adopted in written procedure on October 27th 2009.**

2. *The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 29/09 related to Acceptance of the Grant Contract between the European Commission (Directorate General Environment) and the International Sava River Basin Commission, proposed by the European Commission, with reference number 22.0207011/2009/547132/SUB/D1, entitled "Support to the International Sava River Basin Commission in preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan" was adopted in written procedure on November 24th 2009.*
3. *The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 30/09 on amendment of the Terms of Reference for the purpose of preparation and printing of publications of the Sava Commission, adopted on March 5, 2009, by Decision 09/09 was adopted in written procedure on December 2nd 2009.*
4. *The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 31/09 on Amendments of the Rules of Procedure of the Sava Commission was adopted in written procedure on December 8th 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-19-O-10-2/1-3).*
6. *The Sava Commission shall ask for the Executive Summary of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study related to the multipurpose canal Dunav-Sava, which is to be delivered by the Ministry of sea, transport and infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia.*

AD. 3 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009

3.1 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-19-O-10-3/1-2) for the water management issues.*
2. *In regard to organization of a meeting with the high level country representatives in order to discuss and gain support for all further activities and related water management issues, the Secretariat shall circulate an Invitation Letter to the Sava Commission listing the potential meeting participants, tentative venue and agenda of the meeting, with grounds for discussion on the meeting, in beginning of February 2010. Thereof, the Sava Commission representatives shall deliver their standpoint in regard to the meeting concerned by February 15th 2010, with tentative term of the meeting to be held by March 15 2010, at latest.*
3. *The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-19-O-10-3/2-2) for the water management issues.*

3.1.1 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-19-O-10-4/1-2).*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 14th Meeting of the PEG RBM (Doc. No. 3-09-15/3-2-PEG RBM).*

3.1.2 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-19-O-10-5/1-2).*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 11th Meeting of the PEG APC (Doc. No. 4-09-9/2-2-PEG APC).*

3.1.3 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-19-O-10-6/1-2).*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 12th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-09-16/3-2-PEG FP).*

3.2 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-19-O-10-7/1-2) for the navigation issues.*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-19-O-10-7/2-2) for the navigation issues.*
3. *Considering that the Marking Plan of the Sava River for year 2010 is already prepared and approved by the PEG NAV, the Sava Commission shall pass decision on its adoption in written procedure.*
4. *The Sava Commission took note on Conclusions of the Meeting of Port Master' Offices Captains in the Sava River Basin held in Ljubljana (Slo) on October 01-02 2009.*
5. *Ms. Irene Lucius (WWF) delivered the presentation on the NGO point of view with regard to sustainable development of navigation in the Danube Basin.*
6. *With regard to next steps on Rehabilitation and Development of the Sava River Waterway, the Sava Commission passed Decision 01/10.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 01/10

- ❖ **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia and Republic of Serbia shall undertake all necessary measures and activities to realize the following objectives:**
 - **Completion of development and approval of all necessary documentation for execution of works on rehabilitation and development of the Sava River Waterway from Belgrade to Sisak by end of 2012, at latest, with preceding Analysis of Impact of the Dunav – Sava Canal construction to the transport volume on the Sava River;**
 - **Provide for the financial assets for execution of works on rehabilitation and development of the Sava River Waterway from Belgrade to Sisak by end of 2012, at latest;**
 - **Beginning of works on rehabilitation and development of the Sava River Waterway from Belgrade to Sisak by mid 2013, at latest.**
- ❖ **Republic of Croatia and Republic of Slovenia, in cooperation with the Sava Commission, shall, based on the existing documentation, develop an Action Plan for extension of the Sava River Waterway from Sisak to Brežice, by end of year 2011, at latest.**
- ❖ **Each Party to the FASRB shall designate the competent body to be coordinator for realization of this Decision and to inform the Sava Commission, on regular basis, on the measures and activities undertaken, at least every six months.**
- ❖ **For implementation of this Decision, the Parties to the FASRB shall, if necessary, conclude additional bi- or multi-lateral arrangements.**
- ❖ **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 February 27, 2010.
- ❖ **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.**

3.2.1 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-19-O-10-8/1-2).***

2. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 11th Meeting of the PEG NAV (Doc. No. 2-09-2/20-2-PEG NAV).*

3.3 Information Management

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-19-O-10-9/1-2) in regard to Information Management.*

3.3.1 Work of the Ad-hoc EG for GIS

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-19-O-10-10/1-2).*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 3rd Meeting of the Ad-hoc GIS EG (Doc. No. 3-09-19/2-2-GIS EG).*

3.4 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-19-O-10-11/1-2) in regard to Hydrological and Meteorological Issues.*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues (Doc. No. 1S-19-O-10-11/2-2).*

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

Conclusion:

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-19-O-10-12/1-2).*

3.5 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-19-O-10-13/1-2) in regard to projects.*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Information regarding the project “Technical assistance for the preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan”.*
3. *The Sava Commission took note on Information regarding the project BIOSED.*

- 4. The Sava Commission took note on Information regarding the project WACOSS.**
- 5. The Sava Commission representatives shall be periodically up-dated (on the sessions and more frequently, if necessary) with regard to all projects that the Sava Commission implements.**
- 6. With regard to project “Technical assistance for the preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan”, the Secretariat shall deliver all relevant information and corresponding proposals to the Sava Commission, following the 15th Meeting of the PEG RBM.**

3.6 Meetings and cooperation

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2009 (Doc. No. 1S-19-O-10-14/1-2) in regard to Meetings and Cooperation.**

3.7 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-19-O-10-15/1-2) in regard to promotion activities.**
- 2. The Sava Commission acknowledges the success in implementation of the project “Our beautiful Sava” jointly accomplished with Ministry of regional development, forestry and water management, Ministry of sea, transport and infrastructure and HBC Coca-Cola from Croatia.**
- 3. The Sava Commission also noted the accomplishment of the website of the Sava Commission reached within the VIDI Awards, according to which it was selected within the TOP 10 WEB Pages in its category.**

3.8 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-19-O-10-16/1-2) in regard to Protocols to the FASRB.**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on information stating that Bosnia and Herzegovina already ratified the Protocol on prevention of water pollution caused by navigation to the FASRB.**
- 3. The Protocol on flood protection should be signed by June 1st – Sava Day, at latest.**

4. *The Sava Commission representatives shall inform in written on status of the draft Protocol on emergency situations in the countries by February 15, 2010, and readiness for negotiations.*

AD. 4 – Preliminary consideration of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission considered the Proposal of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-19-O-10-17/1-2) and proposed certain changes and amendments. Thereof, the Sava Commission concluded that once the amended draft Work Plan was confirmed by the PEGs, it would be delivered to the Sava Commission for adoption in written procedure.*

AD. 5 – Celebration of the Sava Day 2010

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission member from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall inform the Secretariat of the location for the central celebration of the Sava Day on June 1st in the host country by end of February 2010.*
2. *The Sava Commission accepted the initiative to coordinate and harmonize the activities on celebration of the Sava Day and Danube Day.*

AD. 6 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 7 – Other Business

7.1 Application of the Republic of Macedonia for the observer status at the ISRBC

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission considered the Proposal on granting observer status at the ISRBC to the Republic of Macedonia (Doc. No. 1S-19-O-10-27/1-2), and, thereof, passed Decision 04/10 on granting the permanent observer status at the International Sava River Basin Commission to the Republic of Macedonia.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 04/10

On

- ❖ **Granting the permanent observer status at the International Sava River Basin Commission to the Republic of Macedonia.**

AD. 8 – Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the Sava Commission

Conclusions:

1. 20th Session of the Sava Commission will be tentatively held on March 25, 2010, with following tentative agenda:

(a) Adoption of the Budget for FY 2010

2. 21st Session of the Sava Commission will be tentatively held on May 18-19 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. Information management**
 - 3.4. Hydrological and meteorological issues**
 - 3.5. Projects**
 - 3.6. Meetings and cooperation**
 - 3.7. Promotion activities**
 - 3.8. Protocols to the FASRB**
- 4. Celebration of the Sava Day 2010**
- 5. Internal issues**
 - 5.1. Financial issues**
 - 5.1.1. Realization of the Budget for FY 2009**
 - 5.1.2. Non-binding outline of the Budget for FY 2011 and 2012**
 - 5.2. Legal issues**
 - 5.3. Other internal issues**
- 6. Other business**
- 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 19th Session.