



AD.2

Working language – *English*

24th Session of the ISRBC
October 26-27, 2010

Secretariat of the ISRBC

Doc. No. 1S-24-O-10-2/2-2
October 12, 2010

Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the ISRBC

23rd SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.2 – Discussion on status of staff members of the ISRBC Secretariat with regard to expiry of their contracts with the ISRBC		
5. The Secretariat shall, for the next session of the ISRBC, develop proposal of long-term five year Program of Work containing actions, activities and timelines for the execution of the latter.	The proposal has been developed and attached to the material for the 24 th Session of the ISRBC (AD.3).	
6. In accordance with the discussion of the ISRBC members relating to their standpoints on opportunity of the simultaneous performance of functions of the Chairman and the Secretary of the ISRBC by persons originating from the same country, the ISRBC passed the following conclusions: a) The Secretariat shall analyze respective legal documents of other international organizations in terms of overlapping of the mandate of the Chairman and the Secretary originating from the same country and, accordingly, prepare analysis of the latter; b) The Secretariat shall review all legal documents – from the FASRB to internal rulebooks of the ISRBC – and, accordingly, prepare respective analysis in terms of functionality of work of the ISRBC and improvement of its regulations. Such analysis shall be discussed and considered by the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Legal Expert Group. The above stated analyses shall be further considered on the next session of the ISRBC.	The analyses have been prepared and submitted to the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Legal Expert Group for consideration at the 13 th <i>Ah L</i> EG meeting, held on 30 September and 1 October 2010.	The analyses, along with the standpoint of the <i>Ah L</i> EG, will be presented at the 24 th Session of the ISRBC (AD.5.2).

<p><i>Decision 17/10 (the last paragraph)</i> Chairman of the ISRBC shall sign the Contracts on Appointment with the above stated officials for the subsequent appointment in accordance with the Articles 14 and 15 of the Staff Regulations.</p>		
<p>AD.3 – Other business</p>		
<p>AD.3.1 – Information on projects</p>		
<p>AD.3.1.1 – Detailed Design of the Sava River Waterway for the Section Brčko – Sisak (IPA Croatia)</p>		
<p>1. (...) In this context, the Secretariat of the ISRBC shall, on behalf of the ISRBC, prepare a Memo to be addressed to the competent bodies of the Parties to the FASRB.</p>	<p>The Memo was prepared and addressed to the competent bodies of the Parties on 22 and 26 July 2010.</p>	
<p>AD.3.1.3 – Connecting People with the Danube</p>		
<p>1. The ISRBC took note on information relating to project “Connecting People with the Danube”. The Secretariat shall develop proposal, for next session of the ISRBC, in terms of possible participation of the ISRBC in the project without financial obligations. If necessary, the decision regarding the ISRBC’s involvement within the project shall be passed in written procedure.</p>	<p>The final version of the project outline has been requested from the ICPDR, which is necessary in order to develop proposal of possible participation of the ISRBC in the project without financial obligations.</p>	<p>As soon as the required background information is received, the Secretariat will develop the respective proposal accordingly.</p>
<p>2. The Secretariat shall investigate possibilities with regard to financing of the activities on promotion of the Sava river under respective funds (i.e. Life+ projects, etc.) and, hereof, inform the ISRBC.</p>	<p>The Secretariat investigated funding possibilities for the promotion activities relating to the Sava river. The ISRBC is not eligible for any of the funding available, due to its specific legal status. There are some funding possibilities (enabling a 50% support to specific projects), but only the countries themselves are eligible to apply.</p>	
<p>AD.3.2 – Cooperation with Montenegro</p>		
<p>1. The ISRBC accepted the text of the Memo of understanding as amended in line with insertion of the field of navigation, respectively.</p>	<p>The Memo was amended and addressed to the Government of Montenegro on 21 July 2010. No response has been received by the date of preparation of this Report.</p>	
<p>AD.3.3 – Overview of the ISRBC meetings planned for September-October 2010</p>		
<p>1. The ISRBC took note on overview of the ISRBC meetings planned for September-October 2010, and agreed to postpone the Roundtable on the Protocol on emergency situations to the FASRB to second half of October 2010. In principle, the proposed list of institutions to be invited to the Roundtable on the Protocol on emergency situations to the FASRB is confirmed, with pending information on list of institutions from B&H that should be checked through the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of B&H.</p>	<p>The list of institutions, to be invited to the Roundtable, has been checked and completed accordingly. The invitations to the Roundtable, along with the meeting documents, were sent out on 17 September 2010.</p>	<p>The Roundtable will be held on 21 October 2010, in Zagreb.</p>

22nd SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.3 – Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for period April 01, 2009 – March 31, 2010		
2. The ISRBC concluded that next annual reports should be developed in a form of English Summary (Fact Sheet Form) for wider stakeholder groups in a hard copy and electronic form of original version of the annual report in official languages of the ISRBC.		The conclusion will be implemented starting with the Annual Report for FY 2010.
AD.5 – Adoption of Decisions related to Navigation		
<i>Decision 12/10 (the last paragraph)</i> The ISRBC Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.	The Parties were notified of the entry into force of the decision by diplomatic mail on 26 July 2010.	
<i>Decision 13/10 (the last paragraph)</i> The ISRBC Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.	The Parties were notified of the entry into force of the decision by diplomatic mail on 26 July 2010.	

21st SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.2 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009		
AD.2.1 – Water Management issues		
3. The Secretariat shall, based on discussion at the 17 th meeting of the PEG RBM, define relevant key stakeholders to be invited on the workshop on key water management issues for the Sava River Basin to be held in September 2010, tentatively. The ISRBC representatives should also be invited to the workshop.	The relevant stakeholders have been defined and invited to the Workshop, including the ISRBC representatives. The Workshop was held on 27-28 September 2010, in Zagreb.	Report from the Workshop will be presented to the ISRBC at the 24 th Session (AD.4.6).
AD.2.8 – Protocols		
2. The ISRBC agreed that the Meeting on final harmonization of the Protocol on sediment management to the FASRB would be tentatively held in October 2010.	The invitations to the Meeting, to be held on 14-15 October 2010 in Zagreb, were distributed by diplomatic mail on 8 September 2010.	
3. The Secretariat shall deliver the ISRBC additional explanation on Protocol on transboundary impacts to the FASRB in order to get final standpoint of the Parties to the FASRB on the stated protocol for the next session of the ISRBC.	The additional explanation has been prepared and delivered to the ISRBC representatives (29 July 2010). The explanation has been sent to the „extended“ Legal Expert Group (the Legal EG, including experts from PEGs), as well.	The ISRBC representatives will be requested at the 24th Session to take the final standpoint on the need for adoption of the Protocol (AD.4.8).

20th SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.3 – Sava Day 2010		
3. The Secretariat shall also deliver information on Sava Day celebrations in the countries themselves to the ISRBC, when available.	The proposal has been developed and attached to the material for the 24 th Session of the ISRBC (AD.4.7).	

19th SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.3 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009		
AD.3.5 – Projects		
5. The ISRBC representatives shall be periodically up-dated (on the sessions and more frequently, if necessary) with regard to all projects that the ISRBC implements.	The conclusion is being implemented continuously.	

12th SPECIAL SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.5 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Status Report		
AD.5.3 – Projects		
6. The Secretariat shall prepare the accompanying materials for the Draft List of Priority Projects of the ISRBC and Project fiches for each project individually for next session of the ISRBC.	The list of priority projects of the ISRBC, including the basic information on each particular project, has been finalized and agreed upon during the first half of 2010, for the purpose of nomination of the projects for possible inclusion into the EU Danube Strategy. Following that, the Recommendation No.01/10 of the ISRBC, related to support of the Parties to the ISRBC priority projects, has been adopted.	Information on the priority projects of the ISRBC is attached to the material for the 24 th Session (AD.4.5).
AD.5.8 – Promotion activities for 2009		
2. The Secretariat shall deliver both brochures planned for publishing in year 2009 to the ISRBC once the texts are developed.	The brochure „Rehabilitation and development of navigation in the Sava river basin“ was published in November 2009, and copies in the official languages and in English language have been distributed to the respective institutions.	The brochure „Summary on the Sava RB Analysis“ is being prepared within the implementation of the EC grant for preparation of the Sava RBM Plan and will be financed from the grant.

9th SPECIAL SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
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 ISRBC 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 issue was also discussed in Serbia at the meeting held on September 11, 2009 (as reported to the ISRBC at the 13 th Special Session) and in B&H, at the meeting held on March 11, 2010.	The issue will be further discussed at the Roundtable on APC in the Sava River Basin, to be held on 21 October 2010, in Zagreb.

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.

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 ISRBC.	No meetings have been initiated by the City of Zagreb so far.	