REPORT
from the 26th Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

April 21-22, 2011
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 26th Session (as a special session) in Zagreb, on April 21-22, 2011. Representatives of the Parties to the FASRB – members and deputy members of the ISRBC attended the Session: Mr. Kemal Karkin (B&H) – Member, Mr. Mario Babić (Croatia) – Member, Ms. Ružica Drmić (Croatia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Aleksandar Prodanović (Serbia) – Member, Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) – Member, Mr. Aleksander Čičerov (Slovenia) – Deputy Member.

Mr. Janko Brnardić (Croatia), Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Serbia) and Mr. Robert Kojc (Slovenia) attended the Session as experts.

II Chairmanship

Mr. Mario Babić (Croatia) and Mr. Aleksandar Prodanović (Serbia) chaired the Session.

III Adoption of the agenda

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

Conclusion:

1. The agenda is adopted (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-1/2-3) as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

4. **Third Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**

5. **Annual Report on Work and Activities of the ISRBC for the Period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011**

6. **Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010**
   - **6.1. Water management issues**
     - 6.1.1. Work of the PEG for River Basin Management
     - 6.1.2. Work of the PEG for Accident Prevention and Control
     - 6.1.3. Work of the PEG for Flood Prevention
   - **6.2. Navigation issues**
     - 6.2.1. Work of the PEG for Navigation
     - 6.2.2. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for RIS
   - **6.3. Information management issues**
     - 6.3.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for GIS
   - **6.4. Hydrological and meteorological issues**
     - 6.4.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues
   - **6.5. Projects**
   - **6.6. Meetings and cooperation**
   - **6.7. Promotion activities**
     - 6.7.1. Sava Day 2011
   - **6.8. Protocols to the FASRB**

7. **Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011**

8. **Internal issues (closed session)**
   - **8.1. Financial issues**
     - 8.1.1. Status of regular contributions and other funds
     - 8.1.2. Realization of the Budget of the ISRBC for FY 2010
     - 8.1.3. Adoption of the Budget of the ISRBC for FY 2011
     - 8.1.4. Non-binding outline of the Budget of the ISRBC for FY 2012 and FY 2013
     - 8.1.5. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Financial Issues
   - **8.2. Legal issues**
     - 8.2.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Legal Issues
     - 8.2.2. Proposal on Guidelines for Interns to the ISRBC
8.3. Other internal issues

9. Other business

9.1. Application of the foundation “Euronatur” for the observer status at the ISRBC

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 ISRBC took note on the Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-2/1-3).
2. The ISRBC took note that the Decision 04/11 on establishment of the Steering Committee for the project ”Establishment of the Sava Geoportal Core Functionalities” was adopted in written procedure on March 9, 2011.


Conclusions:
2. The ISRBC accepted the Action Plan for the Period 2011-2015 in the field of RBM (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-5/2-2).

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 05/11

on

✓ Adoption of the Strategy on implementation of the FASRB and the Action Plan for the period 2011-2015.
AD. 4 – Third Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB

Conclusions:

1. The ISRBC considered and accepted the Summary information on the preparation and organization of the Third Meeting of the Parties (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-6/1-2).

2. The ISRBC amended and adopted the Draft Agenda and Draft Program of Work for the Third Meeting of the Parties.


4. The Country Report on implementation of the FASRB from Slovenia shall be delivered by May 10, 2011.

AD. 5 – Annual Report on Work and Activities of the ISRBC for the Period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

Conclusions:

1. The ISRBC considered the Draft Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for the period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011, and, thereof, passed Decision 06/11 on adoption of the Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for the period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-9/1-2.

2. The Secretariat shall consider the possibility to develop annual reports on work and activities of the ISRBC and budget for calendar years, instead of financial years of the ISRBC, in order to align them with the practices of the Parties.

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 06/11

on

Adoption of the Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-9/1-2.

AD. 6 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010

6.1 Water Management issues

Conclusions:

1. The ISRBC took note on the Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-10/1-2) for the water management issues and the Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-10/2-2) for the water management issues.

2. The ISRBC is of opinion that the Draft Sava RBM Plan should be
translated to the languages of the Parties in order to ensure successful public consultation. Having in mind that the Sava RBM Plan Project will be terminated by the end of November 2011, the Secretariat shall deliver to the ISRBC the opinion regarding the possibility to translate the Draft RBM Plan after the meeting with the EC representatives responsible for the implementation of the Sava RBM Plan Project, to be held in May 2011 in Brussels.

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

Conclusions:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG RBM performed since the 25th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-11/1-2).
2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 19th Meeting of the PEG RBM (Doc. No. 3-11-5/2-2) and 20th Meeting of the PEG RBM (Doc. No. 3-11-5/4-2).

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

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG APC performed since the 25th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-12/1-2).

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

Conclusions:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG FP performed since the 25th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-13/1-2).
2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 16th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-11-3/3-2).

6.2 Navigation issues

Conclusions:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-14/1-2) for the navigation issues and the Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-14/2-2) for the navigation issues.
2. The ISRBC considered the Draft Decision on establishment of the committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project “Rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava river waterway”, and, thereof, passed Decision 07/11 on establishment of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project “Rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava river waterway”. 
3. The ISRBC took note on the amended Draft Decision on establishment of the methodology for cost distribution for implementation of works in the framework of the project “Rehabilitation and development of navigation and transport on the Sava river waterway”. The ISRBC members shall inform the Secretariat about outcomes of the necessary administrative procedures in their respective countries within 45 days. Depending on the outcomes, the Decision may be adopted in written procedure.

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

**DECISION – 07/11**

on

Establishement of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project “Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway”

- The Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project “Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway” (hereinafter: Committee) is established.
- The main tasks of the Committee are:
  - Monitoring and stimulation of implementation of the ISRBC decisions No. 21/09 and No. 01/10;
  - Coordination of activities in the framework of rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava River waterway;
  - Regular reporting to the ISRBC on its work and progress regarding rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava River waterway.
- The Committee consists of representatives from the competent ministries from the Parties to the Framework Agreement and the ISRBC Secretariat (hereinafter: Secretariat). The ISRBC representatives shall provide the Secretariat with the information on the Committee members from their respective countries within 30 days.
- The Secretariat shall be responsible for organization and execution of the Committee meetings.

6.2.1 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for Navigation (PEG NAV)

**Conclusions:**

1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG NAV performed since the 25th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-15/1-2).
2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 13th Meeting of the PEG NAV (Doc. No. 2-10-2/19-2-PEG NAV).
6.2.2 Work of the Ad-hoc EG for RIS

Conclusions:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc RIS EG performed since the 25th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-16/1-2).

6.3 Information Management issues

Conclusion:

6.3.1 Work of the Ad-hoc EG for GIS

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc GIS EG performed since the 25th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-18/1-2).

6.4 Hydrological and Meteorological issues

Conclusion:

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

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc HM EG performed since the 25th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-20/1-2).

6.5 Projects

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-21/1-2), and its accompanying annexes.
2. The ISRBC supports the Project “Fostering contribution of the SME sector to sustainable development of the Sava river basin” and further engagement of the Secretariat in the project realization.
3. With regard to the project “Building the link between flood risk management planning and climate change assessment in the Sava River Basin”, being implemented through the UNECE grant, the Secretariat shall prepare a report on implementation of the Project and deliver it to the ISRBC.

4. The ISRBC representatives shall deliver a list of the national institutions for distribution of the hydrologic and hydraulic models, developed within the project “Flood mapping study for the Sava River”, within 30 days.

6.6 Meetings and cooperation

**Conclusion:**


6.7 Promotion activities

**Conclusion:**

1. The ISRBC took note on the Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-23/1-2) in regard to promotion activities.

6.7.1 Sava Day 2011

**Conclusion:**

1. The ISRBC took note on the Proposal of activities within the Sava Day 2011 celebration (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-24/1-2).

6.8 Protocols to the FASRB

**Conclusions:**

1. The ISRBC took note on the Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-25/1-2) in regard to protocols to the FASRB.

2. The ISRBC was informed on the meeting, held in Belgrade, with representatives/experts from the respective ministries of the Republic of Serbia and the Secretariat, in order to discuss proposal of Serbia for possible modifications of the Draft Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB, and, thereof, concluded the following:

(a) The ISRBC representatives from Serbia shall deliver to the Secretariat the proposal for modifications of the Draft Protocol till April 29, 2011, and the Secretariat shall subsequently deliver the proposal to the ISRBC representatives from the other countries.

(b) The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat, till May 10, 2011, of the readiness of the Parties to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol to be organized in the second half of May 2011, and to initial/sign the Protocol during the Third Meeting of the Parties.
3. The ISRBC was informed on the meeting, held in Zagreb, with representatives/experts from the Croatian Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management, Croatian Waters and the ISRBC Secretariat, in order to discuss open issues in the Draft Protocol on Sediment Management to the FASRB, and, thereof, concluded the following:

(a) The ISRBC representatives from Croatia shall deliver to the Secretariat the proposal for modifications of the Draft Protocol till April 29, 2011, and the Secretariat shall subsequently deliver the proposal to the ISRBC representatives from the other countries.

(b) The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat, till May 10, 2011, of the readiness of the Parties to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol to be organized in the second half of May 2011, and to initial/sign the Protocol during the Third Meeting of the Parties.

4. With regard to the Draft Protocol on Transboundary Impact to the FASRB and already delivered position of the Republic of Croatia regarding the signing of the Protocol, the ISRBC concluded that the ISRBC representatives should deliver the official standpoint on the Draft Protocol on Transboundary Impact in light of the presented standpoint of the Republic of Croatia.

AD. 7 – Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011

Conclusions:

1. The ISRBC considered the Draft Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-26/1-2), amended the document in accordance with discussion, and, thereof, passed Decision 08/11 on adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2011, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-26/3-2.

2. The ISRBC took note on the indicative List of the ISRBC events in FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-26/2-2).

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION 08/11

on

◆ Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2011 as set out in Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-26/3-2.
AD. 8 – Internal issues (closed session)

8.1 Financial issues

Conclusion:

8.1.1 Status of regular contributions and other funds

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Report on the status of regular contributions and other funds (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-28/1-3).

8.1.2 Realization of the Budget of the ISRBC for FY 2010

Conclusions:
2. The ISRBC took note on the transfer of the total rest of the General Fund and the Reserve Fund from the financial year 2010, in amount of 129,108.87 EUR, to the Reserve Fund for the financial year 2011.

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 09/11

on

❖ Adoption of the Report on Realization of the Budget for FY 2010, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-29/3-3.

8.1.3 Adoption of the Budget of the ISRBC for FY 2011

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC considered the Proposal of the Budget for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-30/1-3) and accompanying explanation (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-30/2-3), and, thereof, passed the Decision 10/11 on adoption of the Budget for Financial Year 2011, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-30/1-3.

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 10/11

on

❖ Adoption of the Budget of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2011, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-30/1-3.
8.1.4 Non-binding outline of the Budget of the ISRBC for FY 2012 and FY 2013

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC considered proposal and accepted Non-binding outline budgets for FY 2012 and 2013 (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-31/1-3) and accompanying explanation (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-31/2-3).

8.1.5 Work of the Ad-hoc EG for Financial Issues (Ad-hoc FIN EG)

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc EG for Financial Issues, performed since the previous session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-32/1-3).

8.2 Legal issues

Conclusion:

8.2.1 Work of the Ad-hoc EG for Legal Issues

Conclusions:
1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc EG for Legal Issues performed since the 25th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-34/1-3).
2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 14th Meeting of the Ad-hoc EG for Legal Issues (Doc. No. 5-11-2/6-2_L_EG).

8.2.2 Proposal on Guidelines for Interns to the ISRBC

Conclusion:
1. The ISRBC considered the proposal of the Ad-hoc EG for Legal Issues and, thereof, passed the Decision 11/11 on adoption of the Guidelines for Interns to the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-35/1-3).

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION 11/11

on

❖ Adoption of the Guidelines for Interns to the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-35/1-3).
8.3 Other internal issues

**Conclusions:**

1. The ISRBC took note on the resignation letter of Ms. Ljiljana Pandžić, the Expert associate at the Secretariat of the ISRBC, and termination of the respective Contract, on March 31, 2011.

2. The ISRBC took note on the resignation letter of Mr. Siniša Špegar, Advisor for technical issues of navigation at the Secretariat of the ISRBC. The resignation was submitted within the timeframe stipulated in the Staff Regulations of the Secretariat, including three months written notice, so the Contract of appointment will cease on April 30, 2011.

3. The ISRBC adopted the Decision 12/11 on announcement of the Vacancy Notice for the position of the Advisor for technical issues of navigation at the Secretariat of the ISRBC. The vacancy announcement will be published in the Republic of Serbia and on the website of the ISRBC on July 25, 2011.

4. The ISRBC shall adopt, in written procedure, decision on nomination of the Screening Committee, which shall, on behalf of the ISRBC, perform the examination of applications of candidates for the position of the Advisor for technical issues of navigation at the Secretariat of the ISRBC and, thereof, inform the ISRBC about the results.

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

**DECISION – 12/11**

on

- Announcement of the Vacancy Notice for the position of the Advisor for technical issues of navigation at the Secretariat of the ISRBC. The vacancy announcement will be published in the Republic of Serbia and on the website of the ISRBC on July 25, 2011.

**AD. 9 – Other Business**

9.1 Application of the foundation “Euronatur” for the observer status at the ISRBC

**Conclusion:**

1. The ISRBC considered the Proposal on granting observer status at the ISRBC to the foundation “Euronatur” (Doc. No. 1S-26-0-11-37/1-2), and, thereof, passed the Decision 13/11 on granting the ad-hoc observer status at the ISRBC to the foundation “Euronatur” for the period of two years.
The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 13/11

on

❖ Granting the ad-hoc observer status at the ISRBC to the foundation “Euronatur”, for the period of two years.

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

Conclusion:
1. The 27th Session of the ISRBC will be held on October 12-13, 2011, with the 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 of the 3rd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB
4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011
   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
       4.2.2. Work of the Ad-hoc EG for RIS
   4.3. Information management
       4.3.1. Work of the Ad-hoc EG for GIS
   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
       4.7.1. Sava Day 2011
   4.8. Protocols to the FASRB
5. Internal issues
   5.1. Appointment of the Advisor for technical issues of navigation
       5.1.1. Report of the Screening Committee for evaluation of applications and interview with the selected candidates
       5.1.2. Decision on the appointment
5.2. Financial issues
   5.2.1. Status of regular contributions and other funds
   5.2.2. Audit of the Financial Management of the ISRBC for FY 2010
   5.2.3. Work of the Ad-hoc EG for Financial Issues

5.3. Legal issues
   5.3.1. Work of the Ad-hoc EG for Legal Issues

5.4. Performance evaluation of the Secretariat staff members

5.5. 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. 11 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

1. The ISRBC adopted the Report from the 26th Session.