



INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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REPORT
from the 27th Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

October 12-13, 2011
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 27th Session (as a special session) in Zagreb, on October 12-13, 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. Janko Brnardić (Croatia), Ms. Sanja Genzić-Jurišević (Croatia) and Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Serbia) attended the Session as experts.

II Chairmanship

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**
- 3. Recapitulation of the 3rd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2010**

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. Decision on adoption of the Manual on the Radiotelephone Services in the Sava River Basin
- 4.2.2. Work of the PEG for Navigation
- 4.2.3. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for RIS

4.3. Information management issues

- 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 (closed session)

6. Other business

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

8. 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-27-O-11-2/1-3).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note that the Decision 14/11 on nomination of the Screening Committee for examination of candidates applications for the position of Advisor for technical issues of navigation was adopted in written procedure on August 8, 2011.**

3. *The ISRBC took note that the Decision 15/11 on selection of qualified candidates for the interview for the position of Advisor for technical issues of navigation was adopted in written procedure on September 8, 2011.*

AD. 3 – Recapitulation of the 3rd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB

Conclusions:

1. *The ISRBC took note on Information on Recapitulation of the 3rd Meeting of the Parties (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-3/1-2).*
2. *The Secretariat shall distribute hard copies of the Report and Declaration from the 3rd Meeting of the Parties to the institutions responsible for implementation of the FASRB.*
3. *Taking into account the Declaration from the 3rd Meeting of the Parties, the Secretariat shall:*
 - a. *Take appropriate steps through diplomatic channels to encourage Montenegro to become the Party to the FASRB, and to consider all transitional possibilities of cooperation till the expected full membership at the ISRBC.*
 - b. *Consider possibilities to introduce the legally binding character of the ISRBC decisions to certain fields of water management, and propose possible solutions to the ISRBC after consultations with respective expert groups.*

AD. 4 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011

4.1 Water Management issues

Conclusions:

1. *The ISRBC considered and accepted the Tentative Time Plan of activities for finalization of the Sava RBM Plan proposed by the Secretariat (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-4/1-2).*
2. *The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-5/1-2) for the water management issues and the Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-5/2-2) for the water management issues.*
3. *The ISRBC is of opinion that the finalization of the Draft Sava RBM Plan fully in accordance with SRBMP project contract is of great importance for all Sava countries. Having in mind disparity between the project contract termination deadline and the remaining obligations of the Consultant, the ISRBC shall urgently address a letter to the EC stating that certain important activities can not be finalized within the contracted deadline, and requesting the EC to explore possibilities for finalization of the remaining Project activities.*
4. *Decision on approval of the start of the web-based part of the public consultation process on the draft Sava RBM Plan shall be passed in written procedure.*

4.1.1 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 26th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-7/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Reports from the 21st Meeting of the PEG RBM (Doc. No. 3-11-10/3-2) and the 22nd Meeting of the PEG RBM (Doc. No. 3-11-13/3-2).**

4.1.2 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 26th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-26-O-11-12/1-2).**

4.1.3 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 26th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-8/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Reports from the 17th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-11-7/3-2), and the 18th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-11-12/3-2).**

4.2 Navigation issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-10/1-2) for the navigation issues and the Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2011 for the navigation issues (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-10/2-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Report on realization of the Marking Plan for the Sava River and Navigable Tributaries for the Year 2010 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-10/3-2).**
- 3. Regarding 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.**
- 4. The Secretariat shall make a proposal in regard to future activities in the waterway maintenance.**

5. *Following the proposal from the 1st Meeting of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project “Rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava river waterway” (Zagreb, 5 Sep. 2011), contained in the Report referred to under 4.6.c, the Secretariat shall prepare proposal of the Terms of Reference for the Committee in an appropriate legal form and deliver it to the ISRBC for adoption.*

4.2.1. Decision on adoption of the Manual on the Radiotelephone Services in the Sava River Basin

Conclusion:

The ISRBC considered the Draft Decision on adoption of the Manual on the Radiotelephone Services in the Sava River Basin and, thereof, passed Decision 16/11 related to the respective Manual on the Radiotelephone Services.

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 16/11

- ❖ *On adoption of the Manual on the Radiotelephone Services in the Sava River Basin.*

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

Conclusion:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG NAV performed since the 26th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-12/1-2).*

4.2.3 Work of the Ad-hoc EG for RIS

Conclusion:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc RIS EG performed since the 26th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-13/1-2).*

4.3 Information Management issues

Conclusion:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-14/1-2) in regard to Information Management and the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc GIS EG in FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-14/2-2).*

4.3.1 Work of the Ad-hoc EG for GIS

Conclusions:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc GIS EG performed since the 26th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-15/1-2).*

2. *The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 6th Meeting of the Ad hoc GIS EG (Doc. No. 3-11-11/3-2).*

4.4 Hydrological and Meteorological issues

Conclusion:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-16/1-2) in regard to Hydrological and Meteorological Issues and the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-16/2-2).*

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

Conclusions:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc HM EG performed since the 26th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-17/1-2).*
2. *The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 6th Meeting of the Ad hoc HM EG (Doc. No. 3-11-9/2-2).*

4.5 Projects

Conclusions:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-18/1-2), and its accompanying annexes:*
 - a. *Overview of the implemented, ongoing and planned projects of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-18/2-2);*
 - b. *Information on status of the project „Preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan“ (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-18/3-2);*
 - c. *Information on status of the project „Building the link between flood risk management planning and climate change assessment in the Sava river basin“ (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-18/4-2);*
 - d. *Information on the project “Web application for development of the Marking Plan for the Sava River and Its Navigable Tributaries and for regular updating of the Marking System” (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-18/5-2).*
2. *The ISRBC representatives from Croatia and Slovenia 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.*
3. *The ISRBC approved the use of the web-application for development of the Marking Plan for the Sava River and Its Navigable Tributaries and for regular updating of the Marking System, in its present form and on the ISRBC web-site, for marking of the waterways in Croatia and Serbia located outside of the Sava river basin, as well.*
4. *The Project “Implementation of RIS on the Sava River” shall be included in the future status reports on projects.*

4.6 Meetings and cooperation

Conclusion:

1. **The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-19/1-2) in regard to Meetings and Cooperation, and its accompanying annexes:**
 - a. **Report from the Roundtable on fund raising activities for the ISRBC projects (Sarajevo, 17 May 2011), (Doc. No. 7-11-4/3-2);**
 - b. **Report from the meeting on protection of the Mehmed Paša Sokolović bridge on the Drina river at Višegrad (Sarajevo, 18 May 2011);**
 - c. **Report from the 1st Meeting of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project “Rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava river waterway” (Zagreb, 5 Sep. 2011), (Doc. No. 2-11-7/9-2-ŽM);**
 - d. **Report from the 6th Meeting with Captains of port master offices from the Sava river basin (Slavonski Brod, 27-28 Sep. 2011);**
 - e. **List of the ISRBC events in FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-19/3-2).**

4.7 Promotion activities

Conclusions:

1. **The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-20/1-2) in regard to promotion activities.**
2. **The Secretariat shall publish the Strategy and Action plan in the four official languages, as well. For that purpose, the ISRBC approved use of the Reserve fund in a tentative amount of 2,000 EUR.**

4.7.1 Sava Day 2011

Conclusion:

1. **The ISRBC took note on the Report on activities within the Sava Day 2011 celebration (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-21/1-2).**

4.8 Protocols to the FASRB

Conclusions:

1. **The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-27-O-11-22/1-2) in regard to protocols to the FASRB.**
2. **The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat, till November 15, 2011, of the readiness of the Parties to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB.**
3. **The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat, till November 15, 2011, of the readiness of the Parties to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Sediment Management to the FASRB.**

4. ***The Secretariat shall organize a Roundtable on the draft Protocol on Transboundary Impact to the FASRB, tentatively in February 2012, for the experts involved in the drafting of the Protocol and national experts responsible for the implementation on the Espoo Convention and transboundary impacts, in order to discuss added value of the Protocol with respect to the FASRB and the Espoo Convention.***

AD. 5 Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 6 – Other Business

The ISRBC considered the comments submitted by “Euronatur” and gave instructions to the Secretariat regarding the response.

AD. 7 – Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC

Conclusion:

1. ***The 28th Session of the ISRBC will be held on February 22-23, 2012, 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. **Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2011**
 - 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
 - 3.2.2. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for RIS
 - 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, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
 - 3.7. **Promotion activities**
 - 3.8. **Protocols to the FASRB**
4. **Internal issues**
5. **Other business**

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

7. Adoption of the Report from the Session

AD. 8 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

1. The ISRBC adopted the Report from the 27th Session.