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REPORT
from the 28th Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

April 10-11, 2012
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 28th Session (as a regular session) in Zagreb, on April 10-11, 2012. The following representatives of the Parties to the FASRB – members and deputy members of the ISRBC, attended the Session: Mr. Kemal Karkin (B&H) – Member, Mr. Nikola Mendrila (Croatia) – Member, Ms. Ružica Drmić (Croatia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Aleksandar Prodanović (Serbia) – Member, Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) – Member.

Mr. Janko Brnardić (Croatia), Ms. Marija Pinter (Croatia) and Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Serbia) attended the Session as experts, Mr. Bojan Škoda, as a representative of the Slovenian Embassy in Croatia, and Olga Jovanović from WWF, as an observer.

II Chairmanship

Mr. Aleksandar Prodanović (Serbia) and Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) chaired the Session.

III Adoption of the agenda

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

At the beginning, the member from Slovenia warned of the economic recession and emphasized the need for strengthening the sub-regional approach for the implementation of concrete transboundary development-oriented projects in the Sava river basin through the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. The Parties:

- a) should actively use the FASRB (since it is an unique sub-regional international legal framework in the Danube basin), the ISRBC and its permanent Secretariat;*
- b) need the ongoing projects (e.g. Sava RBM Plan) to be implemented,*

interconnected and upgraded to ensure integrated transboundary infrastructure development activities (flood protection, navigation, food production, renewable energy sources).

Conclusion:

1. The agenda is adopted (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-1/3-3) 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. Annual Report on Work and Activities of the ISRBC for FY 2011**
- 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. Work of the PEG for Navigation
 - 4.2.2. 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**
 - 4.8. Protocols to the FASRB**
- 5. Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012**
- 6. Internal issues (closed session)**
- 7. Other business**
- 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 ISRBC took note on the Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-2/1-3).***
- 2. With regard to Conclusion 4.2.4 from the 27th Session, the Secretariat shall organize a meeting related to future activities on the waterway maintenance and marking. The meeting should be held in May 2012, possibly in the framework of the next 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***
- 3. The ISRBC took note that Decision 19/11 related to establishment of the Ad-hoc Legal Expert Group in the part referring to nomination of the member of the Expert Group from Bosnia and Herzegovina was adopted in written procedure on November 28, 2011.***
- 4. The ISRBC took note that Decision 20/11 on approval of the start of the web-based part of the public consultation process on the Draft Sava River Basin Management Plan was adopted in written procedure on December 13, 2011.***
- 5. The ISRBC took note that Decision 01/12 on adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Committee for Monitoring and Coordination of implementation of the Project “Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway” was adopted in written procedure on January 19, 2012.***
- 6. The ISRBC took note that Decision 02/12 on adoption of the Marking Plan for the Sava River and its Navigable Tributaries for Year 2012 was adopted in written procedure on January 19, 2012.***

AD. 3 – Annual Report on Work and Activities of the ISRBC for FY 2011

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC considered the Draft Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for the period April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012, amended the document in accordance with discussion, and thereof, passed Decision 03/12 on adoption of the Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for the period April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-27/2-2.***
- 2. The Annual Report, translated into the official languages of the ISRBC, shall be delivered to the Parties within 30 days.***

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 03/12

on

- ❖ **Adoption of the Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for period April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-27/2-2.**

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

4.1 Water Management 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-28-O-12-3/1-2) for the water management issues and the Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-3/2-2) for the water management issues.**
- 2. The ISRBC considered and accepted the Updated Plan of activities for finalization of the Sava RBM Plan proposed by the Secretariat (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-3/3-2).**
- 3. The Secretariat shall organize, on May 29, 2012, a preparatory meeting for the next Session of the ISRBC, to discuss the procedure of adoption of the Sava RBM Plan with the ISRBC representatives and additional experts. Following the meeting, the Secretariat shall prepare a respective proposal for the next Session of the ISRBC.**

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 27th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-4/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 23rd Meeting of the PEG RBM (Doc. No. 3-11-15/3-2).**

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

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG APC performed since the 27th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-5/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 14th Meeting of the PEG APC (Doc. No. 4-11-2/2-2).**
- 3. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 15th Meeting of the PEG APC (Doc. No. 4-12-1/3-2).**

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 27th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-6/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 19th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-11-17/3-2).**

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-28-O-12-7/1-2) for the navigation issues and the Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2011 for the navigation issues (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-7/2-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 04/12 on the cost distribution for execution of the works on rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava river waterway.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 04/12

- ❖ On the cost distribution for execution of the works on rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava river waterway.**

4.2.1 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 27th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-8/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 14th Meeting of the PEG NAV (Doc. No. 2-11-2/11-2-PEG NAV).**

4.2.2 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 27th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-9/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 4th Meeting of the Ad-hoc RIS EG (Doc. No. 2-11-5/7-2-Ah RIS EG).**

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-28-O-12-10/1-2) with regard to Information Management and the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc GIS EG in FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-10/2-2).**

4.3.1 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 27th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-11/1-2).**

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-28-O-12-12/1-2 with regard to Hydrological and Meteorological Issues and the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-12/2-2).**

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 27th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-13/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC passed Decision 05/12 on amendment of Decision 01/09 related to establishment of the Ad-hoc HM Expert Group in the part referring to nomination of the members of the Expert Group from Croatia and Serbia.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 05/12

- ❖ On amendment of the Decision 01/09 related to establishment of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues in the part referring to nomination of the members of the Expert Group from Croatia and Serbia.**

The paragraph 2 is changed and reads:

“2. From Republic of Croatia:

- Mr. Krešo Pandžić,**
- Mr. Borivoj Terek”.**

The paragraph 3, alinea 2, is changed and reads:

“- Ms. Branislava Kapor”.

4.5 Projects

Conclusions:

1. **The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-14/1-2), and its accompanying annexes:**
 - a. **Overview of the implemented, ongoing and planned projects of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-14/2-2);**
 - b. **Information on status of the project „Preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan“ (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-14/3-2);**
 - 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-28-O-12-14/4-2);**
 - d. **Outline of the project proposal “Towards practical guidance for sustainable sediment management using the Sava river basin as a showcase”.**
2. **The ISRBC accepted the suggestions of the representative of Slovenia:**
 - **to explore possibilities of addressing the issue of low flows in the Sava river basin within the WATCAP project;**
 - **to use the project “Protection and Sustainable Use of the Dinaric Karst Transboundary Aquifer System” (DIKTAS) to organize a meeting to initiate a project on groundwater management in the alluvial part of the Sava river basin, focusing on the water supply issues.**
3. **The ISRBC accepted the proposal of the project “Promoting eco-tourism development in the Sava river basin”, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-14/5-2.**
4. **The ISRBC took note that, in accordance with a conclusion from the 27th Session, the representatives from Slovenia have delivered 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”. The representatives from Croatia shall deliver a respective list within 7 days.**
5. **For coordination of further activities related to the implementation of the ISRBC priority projects within the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, the ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat of the representatives of their respective countries in the Steering Groups of the Priority Areas 1a, 4, 5 and 6 of the Danube Strategy, within 15 days.**

4.6. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement

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-28-O-12-15/1-2) with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement, and its accompanying annexes:**
 - a. **Report from the Meeting on preparation of the SOFTWARE project proposal (Zagreb, October 5, 2011);**

- b. Report from the 2nd Meeting on protection of the Mehmed Paša Sokolović bridge on the Drina river at Višegrad (Višegrad, October 7, 2011), (Doc. No. 3-11-8/5-2);**
- c. Report from the Sava Stakeholder Forum (Belgrade, November 9-10, 2011);**
- d. Report from the Training Workshop on connecting policy and science for an improved management of the Sava river basin (Zagreb, Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2011), (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-15/2-2);**
- e. Report from the 3rd Meeting on protection of the Mehmed Paša Sokolović bridge on the Drina river at Višegrad (Bajina Bašta, January 17, 2012), (Doc. No. 3-11-8/11-1);**
- f. List of the ISRBC events in FY 2011 (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-15/3-2).**

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-28-O-12-16/1-2) with regard to promotion activities.**
- 2. The Secretariat shall explore possibilities to engage a PR agency which would provide a continuous support to promotion activities of the ISRBC.**
- 3. The Secretariat shall provide badges of the ISRBC as an additional promotion article.**

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-28-O-12-17/1-2) with regard to the protocols to the FASRB.**
- 2. According to the information submitted, Croatia, Slovenia and Serbia are ready, while Bosnia and Herzegovina is not ready, to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB. The negotiations will be organized after the confirmation of all the countries.**
- 3. The ISRBC agreed to organize negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Sediment Management, tentatively in September 2012. To this end, the ISRBC representatives shall deliver written confirmation of the readiness of their respective countries to participate in the negotiations by the end of June.**
- 4. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the Roundtable on the Draft Protocol on the Transboundary Impact to the FASRB (Zagreb, March 6, 2012), along with the comments and proposals of Serbia regarding further steps. Based on the conclusions from the Roundtable and the proposals of Serbia, the ISRBC will establish a task group to examine the existence of open questions. Besides, the group will consider other issues concerning the measures aimed at securing integrity of the water regime and the elimination or reduction of transboundary impact caused by economic or other activities, that are necessary to**

be regulated by a protocol in order to ensure integrated water management on the basin level. The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat of the representatives of their respective countries in the task group within 30 days.

AD. 5 – Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC considered the Draft Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012, and passed Decision 06/12 on adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2012, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-28/1-2.**
- 2. The ISRBC considered and accepted the Proposal of activities within the Sava Day 2012 celebration (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-29/1-2).**
- 3. The ISRBC considered and accepted the Proposal of the ISRBC publications for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-30/1-2).**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION 06/12

on

- ❖ Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2012 as set out in Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-28/1-2.**

AD. 6 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 7 – Other Business

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

Conclusion:

- 1. The 29th Session of the ISRBC will be held on July 10, 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 2012**
 - 3.1. Water Management issues**
 - 3.1.1. Work of the PEG for River Basin Management
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3.5. Projects

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5. Other business

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

7. Adoption of the Report from the Session

AD. 9 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

- 1. The ISRBC adopted the Report from the 28th Session.***