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**REPORT**  
**from the 31<sup>st</sup> Session**  
**of the International Sava River Basin Commission**

**February 20, 2013**  
**Belgrade**

**I Attendance**

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 31<sup>st</sup> Session (as a regular session) in Belgrade, on February 20, 2013. The following representatives of the Parties to the FASRB – members and deputy members of the ISRBC, attended the Session: Ms. Enisa Babić (B&H) – Member (temporary), Mr. Dražen Kurečić (Croatia) – Deputy Member, Miodrag Pješčić (Serbia) – Member, Vladan Zdravković (Serbia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) – Member.

Mr. Janko Brnardić, Ms. Marija Pinter and Ms. Elizabeta Kos (Croatia), Ms. Dragana Milovanović, Ms. Nadežda Matić, Mr. Slavimir Stevanović, Mr. Ljubiša Mihajlović, Mr. Svetozar Vasiljević, Ms. Tatijana Rakočević, Ms. Tanja Lukić, Mr. Uroš Milanović and Ms. Dušanka Stanojević (Serbia), attended the Session as experts, and Ms. Martina Zupan (GWP CEE), as the observer.

**II Chairmanship**

Mr. Miodrag Pješčić (Serbia) chaired the Session.

**III Adoption of the agenda**

At the beginning of the Session, the ISRBC took note on the information received from the Republic of Serbia regarding the nomination of the new representative in the ISRBC – Mr. Miodrag Pješčić, as the Member of the ISRBC from the Republic of Serbia.

**AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda**

**Conclusion:**

*The agenda is adopted (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-1/3-3) 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. Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012**
  - 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. Decisions related to navigation
    - 4.2.2. Work of the PEG for Navigation
    - 4.2.3. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for RIS
  - 4.3. Cross-cutting issues**
    - 4.3.1. Information management issues
      - 4.3.1.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for GIS
    - 4.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues
      - 4.3.2.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues
    - 4.3.3. Statistical issues
    - 4.3.4. Tourism development issues
  - 4.4. Projects**
  - 4.5. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
  - 4.6. Promotion activities**
  - 4.7. Protocols to the FASRB**
- 5. Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2013**
- 6. Internal issues (closed session)**
  - 6.1. Financial issues**
    - 6.1.1. Status of regular contributions and other funds
    - 6.1.2. Budget of the ISRBC for FY 2013
    - 6.1.3. Non-binding outline of the Budget for FY 2014 and 2015
    - 6.1.4. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Financial Issues
  - 6.2. Legal and other issues**
  - 6.3. Other internal issues**
- 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**

#### **Conclusion:**

*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-30-O-12-2/1-3).*

### **AD. 3 – Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**

#### **Conclusions:**

- 1. The ISRBC considered and accepted the updated information on the preparation and organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties, as agreed by the Organisational Board, and the accompanying Draft Agenda and Draft Program of Work.*
- 2. Serbia and Croatia delivered the country reports, while Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia shall deliver the country reports to the Secretariat by February 22, 2013.*
- 3. The members of the Organisational Board will also work on the preparation of the documents for the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties.*

### **AD. 4 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012**

#### **4.1. Water Management issues**

#### **Conclusion:**

*The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-4/1-2) for the water management issues.*

#### **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 in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-5/1-2) and the Report from the 25<sup>th</sup> PEG RBM Meeting (Doc. No. 3-12-13/3-2).*
- 2. The ISRBC accepts the modification of the draft proposal of the Sava RBM Plan, as agreed by the PEG RBM at its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.*
- 3. The Secretariat shall insert the agreed changes and corrections in all versions of the Sava RBM Plan and make them available to the PEG RBM for a short review and approval before submitting the final version to the ISRBC for proceeding with the national procedures.*
- 4. The new versions of the draft Sava RBM Plan will be uploaded on the ISRBC micro web-page dedicated to the Plan development, along with*

*the new versions of the background papers, independently of the status of adoption of the Plan.*

- 5. The PEG RBM will check the table with comments and responses, presented by the Secretariat at the meeting, and provide its comments in written form, if any. When agreed upon, the response paper will also be uploaded at the web-site.*
- 6. The Secretariat shall update the text on the Plan development and the public participation process provided on the web-site, as it has been unchanged since December 2011.*
- 7. With regard to the Sava RBM Plan maps - geodatabase preparation, the PEG RBM, as well as, the Ad-hoc EG for GIS expressed the same opinion that the geodatabase, being prepared in line with the INSPIRE directive and in compliance with the ICPDR system, is very useful for further Sava basin related activities, and recommend its distribution to all Parties. Since all the PEG members are not authorized to make such decision alone, the ISRBC representatives will submit the standpoints of the Parties regarding the issue, by the end of March 2013.*

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

##### **Conclusion:**

*The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG APC in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-6/1-2) and the Report from the 16<sup>th</sup> PEG APC Meeting (Doc. No. 4-12-1/2-2-PEG APC).*

#### **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 in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-7/1-2) and the Report from the 21<sup>st</sup> PEG FP Meeting (Doc. No. 3-12-12/3-2).*
- 2. The ISRBC passed Decision 01/13 on amendment of the Decision 17/06 related to establishment of the Permanent Expert Group for Flood Prevention in the part referring to nomination of the member of the Expert Group from Slovenia and nomination of the deputy members.*

**The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following**

#### **DECISION – 01/13**

- ❖ On amendment of the Decision 17/06 related to establishment of the Permanent Expert Group for Flood Prevention in the part referring to nomination of the member of the Expert Group from Slovenia, and nomination of the deputy members.**
- ❖ The paragraph 2 point 4. is changed and reads:  
“4. Mr. Luka Štravs, from Slovenia.”**

- ❖ **After the paragraph 2, new paragraph 3 is added and reads:**  
**“3. Deputy members of the Expert Group for Flood Prevention are the following:**

**Ms. Aida Bezdob, from Bosnia and Herzegovina;**

**Ms. Višnja Mamula, from Croatia;**

**Ms. Marina Babić Mladenović, from Serbia;**

**Mr. Blažo Đurović, from Slovenia.”**

**The paragraph 3 becomes the paragraph 4.”**

## **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 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-8/1-2) for the navigation issues.**
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the letter of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, transport and infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia related to marking of the Sava river waterway – section from rkm 211 to Oprisavci. In order to discuss the open issues, the ISRBC shall initiate a meeting with representatives of the two countries at the expert level.**
- 3. The ISRBC shall organise a meeting with the experts from the registers of shipping, in the first half of April 2013.**

### **4.2.1. Decisions related to navigation**

#### **Conclusion:**

**The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 02/13 on Amendments to the Decision 31/07 on the Rules for Waterway Marking in the Sava River Basin.**

**The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following**

### **DECISION – 02/13**

- ❖ **On adoption of the Amendments to the Decision 31/07 on the Rules for Waterway Marking in the Sava River Basin.**

### **4.2.2. 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 in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-9/1-2).**
- 2. The ISRBC passed Decision 03/13 on amendment of the Decision 09/06 related to establishment of the Permanent Expert Group for Navigation in the part referring to nomination of the member of the Expert Group from the Republic of Slovenia.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

**DECISION – 03/13**

- ❖ On amendment of the Decision 09/06 related to establishment of the Permanent Expert Group for Navigation in the part referring to nomination of the member of the Expert Group from the Republic of Slovenia.
- ❖ The paragraph 2 point 4 is changed and reads:  
“1. Ms. Urška Jakič from Slovenia”.

**4.2.3. Work of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for RIS**

**Conclusion:**

*The ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall nominate a new member of the Ah RIS EG, instead of Mr. Kemal Karkin who was retired, within 15 days.*

**4.3. Cross-cutting issues**

**4.3.1. Information management issues**

**Conclusion:**

*The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-10/1-2) with regard to Information Management.*

**4.3.1.1. Work of the Ad-hoc EG for GIS**

**Conclusion:**

*The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc GIS EG in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-13/1-2.) and the Report from the 8<sup>th</sup> Ad-hoc GIS Meeting (Doc. No. 3-13-1/3-2).*

**4.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues**

**Conclusion:**

*The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-12/3-2) with regard to Hydrological and meteorological issues.*

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

**Conclusion:**

*The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc HM EG in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-13/1-2).*

### 4.3.3. Statistical issues

#### Conclusion:

*The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-14/1-2) with regard to Statistical issues.*

### 4.3.4. Tourism development issues

#### Conclusion:

*The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-15/1-2) with regard to Tourism development issues.*

## 4.4. Projects

#### Conclusion:

*The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-16/1-2), and its accompanying annexes:*

- a. Overview of the implemented, ongoing and planned projects of the ISRBC;
- b. Information on status of the project „Building the link between flood risk management planning and climate change assessment in the Sava river basin“;
- c. Information on status of the project „Towards practical guidance for sustainable sediment management using the Sava river basin as a showcase“.

## 4.5. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement

#### Conclusion:

*The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-16/1-2) with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement, and its accompanying annexes:*

- a. Report from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation Workshop on the program for preparation of the Flood Risk Management Plan for the Sava River Basin (Zagreb, 3-4 Dec. 2012);
- b. Report from the visit of the Mongolian delegation from the Baikal Lake Basin to the ISRBC Secretariat (Zagreb, 5-7 Dec. 2012);
- c. Report from the Regional Conference „Promoting eco-tourism development in the Sava river basin“ (Ivanić Grad, 13-14 Dec. 2012);
- d. Report from the Meeting with directors of the national meteorological and hydrological services of the Sava river basin countries and the WMO representative (Zagreb, 18 Dec. 2012);
- e. List of the ISRBC events in FY 2012 (updated version).

## **4.6. Promotion activities**

### **Conclusions:**

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (1S-31-O-13-18/1-2) with regard to promotion activities.**
- 2. With regard to the Conclusion 5.6.5 from the 30<sup>th</sup> Session, the ISRBC representatives revised the nominated PR contacts from their respective countries, as follows:**
  - a. Bosnia and Herzegovina – Ms. Enisa Babić, Ministry of Communication and Transport, and Mr. Boško Kenjić, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations;**
  - b. Croatia – Ms. Renata Ivanović, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure, and Ms. Ivana Plepel, Ministry of Agriculture;**
  - c. Serbia – Ms. Milica Milenković, Republic Directorate for Water, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management;**
  - d. Slovenia – Mr. Luka Kočevar, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment.**

## **4.7. 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 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-19/1-2) with regard to the protocols to the FASRB.**
- 2. The ISRBC agreed to organize negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Sediment Management, tentatively in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2013. In order to agree upon the draft Protocol on Sediment Management to be considered at the negotiations:**
  - a) The ISRBC representatives from the Republic of Croatia shall inform the Secretariat on their position regarding the draft Protocol (version of October 25, 2010) by June 30, 2013.**
  - b) Following the delivery of the position of the Republic of Croatia to the ISRBC representatives of the other countries by the Secretariat, the ISRBC representatives of the other countries shall deliver a written confirmation of the readiness of their respective countries to participate in the negotiations.**
- 3. The ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina are encouraged to ensure reconsideration of the readiness of Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB.**
- 4. With regard to Conclusion 4.8.4 from the 28<sup>th</sup> Session and 5.7.5 from the 30<sup>th</sup> Session, related to establishment of a task group for considering the open issues and the measures aimed at securing integrity of the water regime and the elimination or reduction of transboundary impact, the following members of the task group were nominated so far:**



- a) *Croatia – Mr. Alan Cibilić, Croatian Waters;*
- b) *Serbia – Ms. Gordana Petković, Ministry of Energy, Development and Environmental Protection;*
- c) *Slovenia – Ms. Vesna Kolar Planinšić, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment.*

*The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat of the pending nominations / remaining representatives of their respective countries, following the conclusion from the Roundtable on draft Protocol on Transboundary impact to the FASRB (March 6, 2012) regarding the agreed structure of the Task group from each country – one member from the water management sector and one member from the ministry of environment. The ISRBC representatives shall submit this information to the Secretariat by the end of March 2013.*

## **AD. 5 – Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2013**

### **Conclusions:**

- 1. The ISRBC considered and amended the Draft Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2013, and, subsequently, passed Decision 04/13 on adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2013, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-20/4-2.*
- 2. The ISRBC considered and accepted the Proposal of activities within the Sava Day 2013 celebration (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-20/2-2).*
- 3. The ISRBC considered and accepted the Proposal of the ISRBC publications for FY 2013 (Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-20/3-2).*

**The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following**

### **DECISION – 04/13**

- ❖ **On adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2013 as set out in Doc. No. 1S-31-O-13-20/4-2.**

## **AD. 6 – Internal issues (closed session)**

## **AD. 7 – Other Business**

### **Conclusions:**

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the application of the Public Institution “Lonjsko Polje Nature Park” for granting the observer status at the ISRBC. After completion of documentation required by the “Criteria and Procedures for granting Observer status in the ISRBC”, the respective ISRBC decision shall be adopted in written procedure.*
- 2. The ISRBC shall pass a recommendation to encourage the Parties to make their best efforts to complete, as soon as possible, their internal national procedures regarding the Croatian River Basin Management*

*Plan, following the notification delivered by the Croatian competent authority to the other Parties within the implementation of the Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context and the Protocol on SEA to this Convention, since the adoption of that Plan affects the timing of adoption of the Sava RBM Plan, which presents a direct implementation of the FASRB. The recommendation will be adopted in written procedure.*

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

##### **Conclusion:**

*The 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the ISRBC will be held on October 1, 2013, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2013**
  - 4.1. Water Management issues**
  - 4.2. Navigation issues**
  - 4.3. Cross-cutting issues**
  - 4.4. Projects**
  - 4.5. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
  - 4.6. Promotion activities**
  - 4.7. Protocols to the FASRB**
- 5. Internal issues**
  - 5.1. Financial issues**
  - 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:**

*The ISRBC adopted the Report from the 31<sup>st</sup> Session.*