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REPORT
from the 36th Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

October 14, 2014
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 36th Session (as a special session) in Zagreb, on October 14, 2014. 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, Mr. Miodrag Pješčić (Serbia) – Member, Ms. Leposava Sojić (Serbia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) – Member, and Mr. Robert Kojc (Slovenia) – Deputy Member.

Ms. Elizabeta Kos and Mr. Janko Brnardić (Croatia) attended the Session as experts.

The Session was also attended by Martina Zupan (GWP CEE), Zoran Major (ICPDR), Goran Gugić (NP Lonjsko Polje) and Petra Remeta (WWF).

II Chairmanship

Mr. Mitja Bricelj, the Chairman of the ISRBC, chaired the Session.

III Adoption of the agenda

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

Conclusion:

The agenda is adopted (Doc. No. 1S-35-O-14-7/1-3) 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. The 5th Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB

- 4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2014**
 - 4.1. Water management issues**
 - 4.2. Navigation issues**
 - 4.3. Cross-cutting issues**
 - 4.3.1. Information management issues**
 - 4.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues**
 - 4.3.3. Statistical issues**
 - 4.3.4. Tourism development issues**
 - 4.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
 - 4.5. Promotion activities**
 - 4.6. Protocols to the FASRB**
- 5. Projects**
- 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-36-O-14-2/1-3).**
- 2. The ISRBC took note that Decision 10/14 on covering the travel costs to the Chairman of the Sava Commission, Mr. Mitja Bricelj, for representing the ISRBC on the International Donors' Conference (Brussels, July 16, 2014), was adopted in written procedure on July 10, 2014.**
- 3. The ISRBC took note that Decision 11/14 on nomination of the Screening Committee was adopted in written procedure on September 9, 2014.**
- 4. The ISRBC took note on Decision 12/14 on selection of qualified candidates for the interview for the position of Advisor for protection against detrimental effects from waters and extraordinary impacts on the water regime, was adopted in written procedure on September 25, 2014, along with previously delivered Report from the Meeting of the Screening Committee (Doc.No.5-14-6/43).**
- 5. The ISRBC took note that Decision 13/14 on use of the Reserve fund assets was adopted in written procedure on September 25, 2014.**
- 6. The ISRBC took note that Recommendation 1/14 related to strengthening the regional cooperation in the field of flood protection in the Sava River basin, was adopted in written procedure on July 15, 2014.**
- 7. The ISRBC took note that Recommendation 2/14 related to nomination of national coordinators for coordination of the regional projects of common interest within implementation of the FASRB, was adopted in written procedure on July 15, 2014.**

AD. 3 – The 5th Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB

Conclusion:

The ISRBC discussed open issues regarding the preparation and organization of the 5th Meeting of the Parties, and thereof, concluded the following:

- a) The ISRBC considered and accepted the updated information on the preparation and organization of the 5th Meeting of the Parties, as agreed by the Organizational Board.**
- b) The ISRBC amended and adopted the Draft Agenda and Draft Program of Work for the 5th Meeting of the Parties.**
- c) The ISRBC adopted the Report on implementation of the FASRB and Work of the ISRBC in the period April 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014, and the Draft Declaration for the 5th Meeting of the Parties.**

AD. 4 - Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2014

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 2014 (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-4/1-2) with regard to water management issues.

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 2014 (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-5/1-2) with regard to navigation issues.*
- 2. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 14/14 on Amendments to the Decisions 30/07 and 19/10 on the Navigation Rules in the Sava River Basin.*
- 3. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 15/14 on Amendments to the Decisions 02/13 and 31/07 on the Rules for Waterway Marking in the Sava River Basin.*
- 4. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 16/14 on Amendments to the Decision 13/10 on the Rules for Definition of Winter Ports and Winter Shelters.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 14/14

- ❖ On adoption of the Amendments to the Decisions 30/07 and 19/10 on the Navigation Rules in the Sava River Basin.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 15/14

- ❖ On adoption of the Amendments to the Decisions 02/13 and 31/07 on the Rules for Waterway Marking in the Sava River Basin.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 16/14

- ❖ On adoption of Amendments to the Decision 13/10 on the Rules for Definition of Winter Ports and Winter Shelters.**
- 5. The ISRBC encourages commencement of negotiations on the bilateral agreement on navigation on inland waterways, and the marking and maintenance of the waterways, between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia.*

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 2014 (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-9/1-2) with regard to Information Management and the Report from the 10th Ad hoc GIS EG Meeting (Doc. No. 3-14-17/3-2).

4.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2014 (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-10/1-2) with regard to Hydrological and meteorological issues.*
- 2. The ISRBC accepted the “Policy on the Exchange of Hydrological and Meteorological Data and Information in the Sava River Basin”, developed with assistance of the World Meteorological Organization, signed by all organizations stipulated in the Policy.*

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 2014 (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-11/1-2) 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 2014 (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-12/1-2) with regard to Tourism development issues.

4.4. 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 2014 (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-13/1-2) with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement, and its accompanying List of the ISRBC events in FY 2014.

4.5. Promotion activities

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2014 (1S-36-O-14-14/1-2) with regard to promotion activities.*
- 2. The ISRBC took note of the presentations on the 3rd Meeting of the Youth Parliament of the Sava river basin, as well as the statistical analysis of visits to the ISRBC web-site, delivered at the Session.*

4.6. 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 2014 (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-15/1-2) with regard to the protocols to the FASRB.**
- 2. Regarding the entering into force of the Protocol on Flood Protection to the FASRB:**
 - a) The ISRBC representatives from Serbia informed of the finalization of the process preceeding the ratification of the Protocol**
 - b) The ISRBC representatives from Slovenia informed of the status of the ratification process and expressed the expectation for finalization of the process by the 5th Meeting of the Parties.**
- 3. The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat of the bodies responsible for implementation of the Protocol on Flood Protection to the FASRB, by the end of October 2014.**
- 4. The ISRBC representatives from B&H, Serbia and Slovenia confirmed the readiness of their respective countries to participate in the negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Sediment Management, taking into account the related information previously submitted by Croatia. The negotiations shall be organized in December 2014.**
- 5. The ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall inform the Secretariat of the readiness of B&H to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB, by the next Session.**

AD. 5 - Projects

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-36-O-14-16/1-2), and its accompanying annexes:**
 - a. Annex 1: Overview of the implemented and ongoing FASRB-related projects;**
 - b. Annex 2: Overview of the planned FASRB-related projects;**
 - c. Annex 3: Report from the meeting with representatives of the EU Delegation in B&H.**
- 2. The ISRBC Secretariat shall investigate possibilities of financing the regional FASRB-related projects through the Regional IPA funding programs.**
- 3. The ISRBC representatives shall investigate the status of realization of Recommendation 2/14 and inform the Secretariat accordingly, by October 31, 2014.**
- 4. Upon proposal of the Ad hoc GIS EG, the ISRBC established a core working group for implementation of the project „Support to the ISRBC in the development of the Sava GIS“, consisting of Mr. Hajrudin Mičivoda, Ms. Bojana Horvat, Mr. Aleksandar Milićević and Mr. Primož**

Kogovšek, to assist the Secretariat in expert issues related to the establishment of Sava GIS.

5. *The GWP CEE shall deliver a written information on the ongoing activities and planned projects, presented at the Session. Subsequently, the ISRBC shall send, without delay, the feedback on the possibilities of its involvement in the activities in question.*

AD. 6 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 7 – Other Business

The ISRBC representatives from Serbia informed about the new Strategy of the Republic of Serbia on Inland Waterway Transport from 2015 to 2025.

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

Conclusion:

The 37th Session of the ISRBC will be held on February 17, 2015, 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 5th Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB
4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2014
 - 4.1. Water Management issues
 - 4.2. Navigation issues
 - 4.3. Cross-cutting issues
 - 4.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement
 - 4.5. Promotion activities
 - 4.6. Protocols to the FASRB
5. Projects
6. Internal issues
 - 6.1. Financial issues
 - 6.2. Legal 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

AD. 9 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

The ISRBC adopted the Report from the 36th Session.