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REPORT
from the 42nd Session
of International Sava River Basin Commission

July 8, 2016
Zagreb

I Attendance

International Sava River Basin Commission held the 42nd Session (as a special session) in Zagreb, on July 8, 2016. The following representatives of the Parties to FASRB – members and deputy members of ISRBC, attended the Session: Mr. Igor Pejić – Member and Mr. Boško Kenjić – Deputy Member (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Mr. Janko Brnardić – Member and Ms. Elizabeta Kos – Deputy Member (Croatia), Ms. Leposava Sojić – Deputy Member (Serbia), Mr. Mitja Bricelj – Member and Mr. Marko Sotlar – Deputy Member (Slovenia).

Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Serbia) attended the Session as an expert.

The part of the Session relating to the projects, was also attended by Mr. Viktor Simončič (EPTISA) and Ms. Irena Brnada (REC Croatia).

II Chairmanship

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

III Adoption of the agenda

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

Conclusion:

The agenda is adopted (Doc. No. 1S-37-O-15-1/4-3) as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of ISRBC
3. Recapitulation of the 6th Meeting of the Parties to FASRB
4. Projects

5. Internal issues (closed session)

6. Other business

6.1. Information on the 2nd meeting of Sava Water Council

6.2. Information on the Sava Day 2016 celebration

6.3. Information on finalization of the reconstruction of levees in B&H

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

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-2/1-3).**
- 2. ISRBC representatives from B&H, Serbia and Slovenia shall inform the Secretariat on the availability of the data on Accident Risk Sites, Contaminated Sites and Mining Sites, needed for further work of ISRBC, by August 31, 2016.**
- 3. Regarding the commencement of negotiations on a bilateral agreement on navigation on inland waterways between Croatia and Slovenia, ISRBC representatives from Slovenia shall inform the Secretariat on their feedback to the relevant documentation that has been submitted by Croatia to Slovenia, by August 31, 2016.**
- 4. ISRBC representatives from Slovenia informed on the expectation that ratification of Protocol on Prevention of Water Pollution caused by Navigation to FASRB could be finalized by October 15, 2016.**
- 5. ISRBC representatives from B&H and Slovenia shall inform the Secretariat of the bodies responsible for implementation of Protocol on Flood Protection to FASRB, by August 31, 2016.**
- 6. ISRBC representatives from B&H informed about the proposal for additional amendment of Protocol on Emergency Situations to FASRB, related to involvement of the authorities responsible for inspection, which should be considered during the negotiation of the draft Protocol. ISRBC representatives from B&H shall deliver written proposal to the Secretariat by August 31, 2016.**
- 7. ISRBC took note that Decision 8/16 on extension of the Contract on Appointment of Mr. Dejan Komatina at the position of ISRBC Secretary, till June 30, 2017, was adopted in written procedure on April 18, 2016.**
- 8. ISRBC took note that Decision 9/16 on adoption of the Report on Realization of the Budget for FY 2015, was adopted in written procedure on May 24, 2016.**

9. ***ISRBC took note that Decision 10/16 on adoption of the Annual Report on Work and Activities of ISRBC for the period April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016, was adopted in written procedure on May 31, 2016.***

AD. 3 – Recapitulation of the 6th Meeting of the Parties to FASRB

Conclusion:

ISRBC exchanged impressions and views of the 6th Meeting of the Parties to FASRB and expressed their satisfaction regarding the organization and the outcomes of the Meeting.

AD. 4 – Projects

Conclusions:

1. ***ISRBC took note on Overview of the implemented and ongoing FASRB-related projects (Doc. No. 1S-42-O-16-3/1-2);***
2. ***ISRBC took note on the status of the 2nd phase of U.S. Government’s support to flood modelling activities in the Sava River basin;***
3. ***ISRBC took note on the status of the project “Improvement of joint Flood Management actions in the Sava River Basin”.***

Concerning the Component 2 of the Project, i.e. Development of the Flood Forecasting and Warning System for the Sava River Basin, ISRBC took note on the information related to organizational structure of the Project, including the information on desirable composition of the Project implementation bodies as follows:

- a. ***Steering Board, to be composed of ISRBC representatives or experts from the respective ministries of the countries;***
- b. ***International Working Group, to be composed of members of ISRBC expert groups from the Project beneficiary institutions.***
- c. ***Country Working Groups, to be composed of a project coordinator (e.g. the Steering Board member), the International Working Group members, as well as representatives of all other Project beneficiary institutions.***

ISRBC representatives shall nominate members of the Project implementation bodies from their respective countries till July 22, 2016, in order to enable finalization of the Inception Phase as planned by the work schedule of the Project.

4. ***ISRBC took note on the current situation related to rehabilitation and development of the Sava River waterway.***

ISRBC representatives from B&H shall undertake steps in order to enable the continuation of work of the bilateral commission of B&H and Croatia for inland navigation. Additionally, ISRBC representatives from B&H shall nominate a coordinator for implementation of the web application for the navigation safety, as soon as possible.

5. ***ISRBC took note on the status of the projects “Wetlands Ecotourism in the Danube River Basin” (DANUBE WETS ECOTOUR), presented by Ms. Irena Brnada (REC Croatia – the Project lead partner), and “Water Pollution Contingency Management System” (WAPCOS). In order to***

ensure additional support to the projects' applications, ISRBC representatives shall approach national contact points and national monitoring committee members of the Danube Transnational Programme and inform them about the importance of these projects for the implementation of FASRB.

To this end, the Secretariat provided ISRBC with the list of national contact points and national monitoring committee members of the Danube Transnational Programme.

The Secretariat shall adjust the presentation of Ms. Irena Brnada (given the nonconformity of the map of the region, shown in the presentation, with the UN Security Council Resolution 1244), in accordance with the remark of ISRBC representative from Serbia.

6. *With regard to realization of Recommendation 2/14 (related to nomination of the national coordinators for projects of common interest relevant for FASRB implementation), ISRBC representatives from Slovenia shall provide the respective information by July 31, 2016.*

AD. 5 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 6 – Other Business

6.1 Information on the 2nd meeting of Sava Water Council

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on outcomes of the 2nd meeting of Sava Water Council held in Sevnica, on June 6-7, 2016.

6.2 Information on the Sava Day 2016 celebration

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the activities performed in the framework of the Sava Day 2016 celebration.

6.3 Information on finalization of the reconstruction of levees in Bosnia and Herzegovina

In reference to Conclusion 8.1 from the 37th Session, ISRBC representative from B&H informed about finalization of reconstruction of the levees on the right bank of the Sava River at Prud and Tursinovac and about continuation of reconstruction of the levee on the left bank of the Bosna River at the section 1+250 km to 6+690 km.

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

Conclusion:

The 43rd Session of ISRBC will be held in Zagreb, on October 18-19, 2016, 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 ISRBC**
- 3. Realization of *Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016***
 - 3.1. Water Management issues**
 - 3.2. Navigation issues**
 - 3.3. Cross-cutting issues**
 - 3.3.1. Information management issues**
 - 3.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues**
 - 3.3.3. Statistical issues**
 - 3.3.4. Tourism development issues**
 - 3.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
 - 3.5. Promotion activities**
 - 3.6. Protocols to FASRB**
- 4. Projects**
- 5. Internal issues (closed session)**
- 6. Other business**
- 7. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of ISRBC**
- 8. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

AD. 8 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

ISRBC adopted the Report from the 42nd Session.