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REPORT
from the 43rd Session
of International Sava River Basin Commission

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I Attendance

International Sava River Basin Commission held the 43rd Session (as a special session) in Zagreb, on October 25-26, 2016. The following representatives of the Parties to FASRB – members and deputy members of ISRBC, attended the Session: Mr. Boško Kenjić – Deputy Member (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Mr. Janko Brnardić – Member and Ms. Elizabeta Kos – Deputy Member (Croatia), Ms. Nataša Milić – Member (Serbia), Mr. Mitja Bricelj – Member and Mr. Marko Sotlar – Deputy Member (Slovenia).

The Session was also attended by Ms. Martina Zupan (GWP CEE) and Ms. Petra Remeta (WWF Adria) as observers.

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-43-O-16-1/1-3) as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of ISRBC**
- 3. 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

6.1. Information on the study visit of the GEF Drin Project group to ISRBC

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-43-O-16-2/1-3).***
- 2. ISRBC took note that Decision 14/16 on qualified candidates to be invited at the interview for the position of the Secretary of ISRBC, was adopted in written procedure on October 7, 2016.***

AD. 3 – Realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016

3.1. Water management issues

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-3/1-2) with regard to water management issues, and the reports from the 31st PEG RBM Meeting (Doc. No. 3-16-5/3-2), and the 28th and the 29th PEG FP Meeting (Docs No. 3-16-1/3-2 and 3-16-3/3-2).***

ISRBC took note of the List of flood related projects / activities (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-3/2-2), prepared in order to ensure a regular exchange of information related to flood management, in accordance with conclusions from the ministerial meetings held in Belgrade (June 16, 2014) and Brčko (July 6, 2015), as well as the 38th Session of ISRBC. The Secretariat shall update the List on a regular basis.

- 2. Taking into account the information delivered by B&H on the availability of the data on Accident Risk Sites, Contaminated Sites and Mining Sites, the PEG APC will reconsider further steps in this regard.*
- 3. ISRBC passed Decision 15/16 on amendment of Decision 2/16 on re-establishment of ISRBC expert groups, related to the Expert Group for Accident Prevention and Control in the part referring to nomination of the members of the group from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Ms. Ajla Rizvanbegović-Rizvanović shall be the member instead of Ms. Sanela Džino, and Ms. Jasmina Aščić shall be the deputy member instead of Ms. Anisa Čičić Močić.*

International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION 15/16

- ❖ On amendment of Decision 2/16 on re-establishment of ISRBC expert groups, related to the Expert Group for Accident Prevention and Control in the part referring to nomination of the members of the group from Bosnia and Herzegovina.**
- ❖ The paragraph 2 subparagraph 2.1 point 2.1.1 is changed and reads:
“Bosnia and Herzegovina: Ms. Ajla Rizvanbegović-Rizvanović, member
Ms. Aleksandra Kovačević, member
Ms. Jasmina Aščić, deputy member”.**

3.2. Navigation issues

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-4/1-2) with regard to navigation issues.*
- 2. 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 December 31, 2016.*
- 3. 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.*

3.3. Cross-cutting issues

3.3.1. Information management issues

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-5/1-2) with regard to information management issues.

3.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-6/1-2) with regard to hydrological and meteorological issues.**
- 2. The Secretariat shall distribute the hydrologic model(s) to: Ministries of the Parties to FASRB and agencies/institutions responsible for water management and hydro-meteorological services of the Parties. The model(s) shall be distributed in a way that the model of the entire Sava basin is delivered to all institutions listed above; the models of individual sub-basins will be delivered to those countries in which the sub-basins are located. For transboundary sub-basins, the model(s) should be delivered to the countries sharing the sub-basin. The model for the Drina sub-basin shall be delivered to the relevant ministry of Montenegro. In addition, models for specific sub-basins (Drina, Vrbas) shall be delivered to hydro-power companies which provided data for the related sub-models.**

3.3.3. Statistical issues

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-7/1-2) with regard to statistical issues.

3.3.4. Tourism development issues

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-8/1-2) with regard to tourism development issues.**
- 2. The Secretariat shall organize a thematic roundtable with representatives of the ministries of tourism from the Parties in order to present the activities of ISRBC related to development of nautical, recreational and eco-tourism in the Sava river basin, and discuss possibilities for the joint work on further development of these areas of sustainable river tourism.**

3.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-9/1-2) with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement, and its accompanying annexes:

- a. **Annex 1: Report from the 7th Meeting on the Follow-up of Joint Statement on Inland Navigation and Environmental Sustainability in the Danube River Basin;**
- b. **Annex 2: Report from the meeting of representatives of the authorities of Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia responsible for waterway marking and navigation safety;**
- c. **Annex 3: List of ISRBC events in FY 2016.**

3.5. Promotion activities

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-10/1-2) with regard to promotion activities, including its accompanying annex – Report on celebration of the Sava Day 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-10/2-2).

3.6. Protocols to FASRB

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-11/1-2) with regard to protocols to FASRB.**
- 2. ISRBC representatives from B&H shall inform the Secretariat of the bodies responsible for implementation of Protocol on Flood Protection to FASRB, by November 30, 2016. ISRBC representatives from Slovenia shall provide the official confirmation of the information previously submitted in response to the Draft Programme for Development of the Sava FRM Plan.**
- 3. ISRBC representatives from B&H shall deliver to the Secretariat a written proposal for additional amendment of the draft Protocol on Emergency Situations to FASRB, related to involvement of the authorities responsible for inspection, by December 31, 2016, for undertaking the negotiations on the draft Protocol.**
- 4. ISRBC took note of the information delivered by the representative from Slovenia that ratification of Protocol on Prevention of Water Pollution caused by Navigation and Protocol on Sediment Management is currently under finalization.**

AD. 4 - Projects

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-43-O-16-12/1-2), 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: Information on status of the project “Towards practical guidance for sustainable sediment management using the Sava river basin as a showcase”;*
 - d. *Annex 4: Information on status of the project “Establishment and completion of the Sava GIS – 1st implementation phase”;*
 - e. *Annex 5: Information on status of the project “Strengthening public participation and stakeholder involvement in the Sava river basin”;*
 - f. *Annex 6: Information on status of the project “Development of a web application for the safety inspection of vessels in the Sava river basin”.*
2. *The Secretariat shall organize the meeting with representatives of B&H and Croatia on the expert level, in order to intensify the activities aimed at rehabilitation of the Sava river waterway. A meeting with ministers of transport shall be organized subsequently.*
 3. *ISRBC representative from Slovenia presented the SpaceVenture project whose main objective is to upgrade the Slovenian Centre of Excellence for Space Sciences and Technologies SPACE-SI from national RTD institution to a highly competitive and growing player in the global space area. The other ISRBC representatives shall deliver their comments or support by November 4, 2016.*
 4. *With regard to realization of Recommendation 2/14 (related to nomination of the national coordinators for projects of common interest relevant for the FASRB implementation), ISRBC representatives from Slovenia shall provide the respective information by November 30, 2016.*

AD. 5 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 6 – Other Business

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the information on the study visit of the GEF Drin Project group to ISRBC Secretariat.

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

Conclusion:

The 44th Session of ISRBC will be held on February 21-22, 2017, in Zagreb, with the following tentative agenda:

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Internal issues**
3. **Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from previous Sessions of ISRBC**
4. **Realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016**

- 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
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6. Adoption of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2017
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9. Adoption of the Report from the Session

AD. 8 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

ISRBC adopted the Report from the 43rd Session.