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Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the ISRBC

11th SPECIAL SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD.3 – Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC		
2. In regard to realization of the conclusion 4.1.2(3) from the IX Special Session – related to organization of the meetings with the representatives of the ministries of the member countries relevant for preparation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan, the Sava Commission concluded that the Secretariat should prepare a proposal of the meetings to be organized in each country and agreed that the PEG RBM members should participate in the meetings, jointly with the ISRBC members and representatives of the Secretariat. The ISRBC members shall endeavour to provide the best possible representation from the respective bodies of all countries.	The meetings have been held in Ljubljana (November 5, 2008) and Belgrade (November 20, 2008), in the presence of the ISRBC members and PEG RBM members of the host countries, as well as the ISRBC Secretariat staff. The issue will be addressed at the 5 th Regular Session (AD.4).	Organization of the meetings in Sarajevo and Zagreb during January 2009 will be proposed to the ISRBC members from these countries.
5. In future, the Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC should cover all outstanding decisions and conclusions from all previous sessions of the Sava Commission.	This Report has been prepared to include all outstanding decisions and conclusions from all previous sessions of the ISRBC. The same way of preparation of the Report will be applied in future.	
AD.5 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Progress Report		
2. The Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 should, in future, also involve the summary of activities of the expert groups of the Sava Commission.	An annex to the Status Report, involving the summary of EG activities, has been prepared for the 5 th Regular Session. The same way of preparation of the Status Report will be applied in future.	

<p>3. In regard to possible applications for the SEE Transnational Programme, the Secretariat shall take into account the conclusion 3.1(2) from the X Special Session and deliver detailed information on determination of the role of the Sava Commission as a partner and its financial liabilities.</p>	<p>According to the information presented at the continuation of the 11st Special Session of the ISRBC, the WACOSS is the only project proposal which passed the first step of the 1st call for applications. During the preparation of the WACOSS application for the second step of the call, the status of the ISRBC was changed from partner to observer, and hence there are no financial obligations of the ISRBC. For this reason, realization of this conclusion is not relevant any more.</p>	
<p>4. The Secretariat shall contact the ICPDR and the Danube Commission in context of next steps in realization of the Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin.</p>	<p>The contacts with the ICPDR and Danube Commission have been maintained and the follow-up meeting was agreed to be held on January 29-30, 2009, in Budapest, at the premises of the Danube Commission. The ISRBC members have been kept informed accordingly and will be updated at the 5th Regular Session (AD.2).</p>	
<p>6. The Sava Commission supports the development of the Study on RIS implementation in the Sava River Basin. The Secretariat shall, in close cooperation with the competent authorities of the Parties, continue with all necessary activities for the project realization and regularly inform the Sava Commission about the project development.</p>	<p>The activities have been continued. The ISRBC members will be updated at the 5th Regular Session (AD.4.2).</p>	
<p>8. In regard to realization of the Work Plan for FY 2008 in the field of water management, the Secretariat shall specify all outstanding issues that should be discussed on the meetings with the relevant ministries. The representatives of the Sava Commission shall also invest efforts in collection of the necessary data for realization of these activities. The Secretariat shall, in consultations with the Sava Commission representatives, develop and deliver the draft timetable for official visits to the countries as soon as possible.</p>	<p>The meetings have been held in Ljubljana (November 5, 2008) and Belgrade (November 20, 2008), in the presence of the ISRBC members and PEG RBM members of the host countries, as well as the ISRBC Secretariat staff. The issue will be addressed at the 5th Regular Session (AD.4).</p>	<p>Organization of the meetings in Sarajevo and Zagreb during January 2009 will be proposed to the ISRBC members from these countries.</p>
<p>10. The Secretariat shall deliver all background information on grant provided by the Swedish Government for financing a specific section of the project "Technical Assistance for the preparation of the Sava RBM Plan".</p>	<p>The required information has been delivered (December 15, 2008).</p>	
<p>11. The Secretariat shall contact all institutions included in the project "Water Pollution Contingency Management System for the Sava River Basin" (WACOSS project), and, thereof, inform the Sava Commission of the financing mechanisms of the project.</p>	<p>The project partners have been contacted and the information has been submitted to the ISRBC members (November 18, 2008). However, it should be noted that the status of the ISRBC in the WACOSS project was changed from partner to observer, and hence there are no financial obligations of the ISRBC.</p>	
<p>12. The Sava Commission took note on information related to "Technical Assistance in the preparation and implementation of the Economic Elements of the Sava River Basin Analysis" and agreed that the Secretariat should deliver all written information to the Sava Commission.</p>	<p>The project proposal has been rejected, so realization of this conclusion is not relevant any more.</p>	
<p>13. The Sava Commission took note on information related to</p>	<p>The ISRBC was represented by the ISRBC member from Serbia. The</p>	

<p>organization of the Workshop “Environmentally Sustainable Management and Maintenance of the Inland Waterways” to be held in Belgrade on October 21st 2008, and agreed that, thereof, the Sava Commission would be represented by members of the Sava Commission from the Republic of Serbia.</p>	<p>additional information can be found in the Report from the Workshop that has been attached to the material for the 5th Regular Session (AD.4.7).</p>	
<p>AD.5.2 – Navigation issues</p>		
<p>1. The Sava Commission took note on information related to Activities and Timeframe for Development of the Master Plan – Nautical Tourism in the Sava River Basin (Doc. No. 1S-11-O-08-30/1-2), and thereof, concluded that the Secretariat should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop the Project fiche for the Master Plan – Nautical Tourism in the Sava River Basin in December 2008, - Identify the Competent Authorities in the Parties and distribute the project fiche, and organize the meeting of the representatives of the Competent Authorities and the Sava Commission in period Jan – Mar 2009. 	<p>The project fiche for the „Master Plan for the Development of the Nautical Tourism in the Sava River Basin“ has been developed and attached to the material for the 5th Regular Session (AD.4.3).</p>	
<p>AD.5.2.2 – Amendments and changes of the Marking Plan for 2008</p>		
<p><i>Decision 37/08 (the last paragraph)</i> The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.</p>	<p>The Parties have been notified of the entry into force of the Decisions by diplomatic mail (December 18, 2008).</p>	
<p>AD.5.2.3 – Information on the project “Project documentation for the rehabilitation of the Sava river waterway (section Račinovci - Sisak) – IPA 2008</p>		
<p>1. The Sava Commission supports the establishment of the Expert Group for monitoring and coordination of the project “Project documentation for rehabilitation of the Sava river waterway (section Račinovci–Sisak)“ under IPA Fund 2008, and, for that purpose, the Secretariat shall nominate a member to the expert group.</p>	<p>The expert group member from the Secretariat has been nominated.</p>	
<p>AD.5.2.4 – Establishment of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> RIS Expert Group</p>		
<p>1. The Sava Commission reconsidered the Proposal on establishment of the Ad-hoc RIS Expert Group (Doc. No. 1S-11-O-08-21/1-2) and draft Terms of Reference of the expert group (Doc. No. 1S-11-O-08-22/1-2), which should be amended in section 6. Tasks – item related to Program of Work. Thereof, the Sava Commission agreed to establish the Ad-hoc RIS Expert Group and that deadline for nomination of members and deputy members of the Ad-hoc RIS Expert Group would be November 15th, 2008. The Decision on establishment of the Ad-hoc RIS Expert Group</p>	<p>The Terms of Reference of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> RIS EG has been amended. There are still pending nominations for the EG members from Bosnia & Herzegovina and Slovenia.</p>	<p><i>Note:</i> The ISRBC members from Bosnia & Herzegovina and Slovenia will be requested to report on this issue at the 5th Regular Session (AD.4.9).</p>

shall be passed in written procedure.		
AD.5.3 – Protocols to the FASRB		
2. The Sava Commission shall urgently reconsider the delivered draft text of the Protocol on Prevention of the Water Pollution caused by Navigation by November 1 st , 2008. Following the confirmation of the draft text of the protocol, the Sava Commission shall, hereof, pass the decision in written procedure, and the latter shall be delivered to the Parties for further reconsideration.	The Draft Protocol was submitted to the Sava Commission immediately after the 11 th Special Session (October 16, 2008). The Draft Protocol has been confirmed by the ISRBC members (November 1, 2008) and the decision on the adoption of the Draft Protocol has been passed in written procedure (November 12, 2008). Following the adoption, the Draft Protocol was delivered to the Parties by diplomatic mail (November 14, 2008). The ISRBC members will be updated on this issue at the 5 th Regular Session (AD.4.5).	
AD.5.4 – Promotion activities		
AD.5.4.3 – Plan of PR activities for 2008/2009		
1. The Sava Commission took note on Proposal of the promotion activities of the Sava Commission (Doc. No. 1S-11-O-08-14/1-2). The Secretariat shall further develop the Proposal of the promotion activities taking into account the on-the-session discussion and deliver it to the Sava Commission.	The Proposal on the Plan of PR activities has been further developed and attached to the material for the 5 th Regular Session (AD.4.8.1).	
AD.5.5 – Templates for collection of data related to implementation of the FASRB		
1. The Sava Commission accepted the Guidelines for preparation of the Country Report on Implementation of the FASRB and associated templates for data collection. Guidelines for preparation of the Country Report on Implementation of the FASRB and associated templates for data collection shall be delivered to the Sava Commission members and deputy members.	The Guidelines and Templates have been delivered to the ISRBC members (October 17, 2008). The translated documents have also been delivered upon request of the ISRBC member from Bosnia & Herzegovina (November 5, 2008). As the Country Reports have not been submitted by the deadline (December 1, 2008), a request has been sent to the ISRBC members to urge submission of the Reports by January 10, at latest.	<i>Note:</i> The ISRBC members will be requested to report on this issue at the 11 th Special Session (AD.2 or AD.3).
AD.5.6 – Nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups		
1. The Sava Commission members stated that pending nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups should be delivered as soon as possible. All necessary decisions shall be passed in written procedure.	There are still a number of pending nominations to the expert groups. The pending nominations are reviewed in the Annotations to the Agenda of the 5 th Regular Session of the ISRBC. The issue will be addressed at the 5 th Regular Session under AD.4.9.	<i>Note:</i> The ISRBC members from Bosnia & Herzegovina and Slovenia will be requested to report on this issue at the 5 th Regular Session (AD.4.9).
AD.7 – Other business		
AD.7.1 – Information on planning of the dam and the hydropower planf on the Sava river at Kupinovo (Serbia)		
1. In regard to Request of the “Wellbury Infrastrukturberatungs-	The response has been sent to the “Wellbury Infrastrukturberatungs-	

gesellschaft mbH” related to the Project on construction of the Hydro-power Plant on the Sava River in Kupinovo, the Sava Commission reconsidered and agreed with the response prepared by the Secretariat.	gesellschaft mbH” (October 17, 2008).	
AD.7.2 – Establishment of the Sava Water Partnership		
1. The Sava Commission reconsidered the proposal of the Secretariat related to establishment of the Sava Water Partnership and supported the engagement of Secretariat in realization of first two activities under the proposed Plan of Activities for establishment of Sava Water Partnership. Thereof, the Sava Commission shall decide on next activities in this light, including the need to organize the Workshop specified under the activity two contained under the table of the Plan of Activities.	A new proposal on further activities related to the establishment of the Sava Water Partnership has been prepared and attached to the material for the 5 th Regular Session (AD.4.6.1).	
AD.7.3 – Organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB		
2. The Sava Commission concluded to establish the Organizational Board, and agreed that the Republic of Serbia would nominate three members, and all other countries would nominate one member to the Organizational Board by November 15 th 2008.	All the nominations for the Organizational Board have been submitted (four members from the Republic of Serbia and one member from all other countries).	
3. The Secretariat shall prepare the draft agenda and program of work for the 2 nd Meeting of the Parties, and deliver it to the Sava Commission for the next session.	The draft agenda has been prepared and attached to the material for the 5 th Regular Session (AD.4.6.1).	Preparation of the program of work will start in January 2009.
AD.7.4 – Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Danube Commission and the ISRBC		
2. The amended draft Memo of Understanding on Cooperation between the Danube Commission and the ISRBC will be delivered to the Secretariat of the Danube Commission for further negotiations.	The draft MoU has been delivered to the DC (October 17, 2008). In the meantime, the MoU has been adopted by the Danube Commission (December 10-11, 2008).	The MoU is planned to be signed by DC President and ISRBC Chairman in January 2009.

10th SPECIAL SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD. 2 – Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC		
2. In regard to conclusion 4.1.2(3) from the 9 th Special Session, the Sava Commission concluded that the meetings with the representatives of the ministries of the member countries relevant for preparation of the Sava RBM Plan would firstly be organized	The meetings have been held in Ljubljana (November 5, 2008) and Belgrade (November 20, 2008), in the presence of the ISRBC members and PEG RBM members of the host countries, as well as the ISRBC Secretariat staff. The issue will be addressed at the 5 th Regular Session	Organization of the meetings in Sarajevo and Zagreb during January 2009 will be proposed to

for each country individually, in order to discuss specific problems in each country, and thereafter the joint meeting of the mentioned representatives will be organized.	(AD.4).	the ISRBC members from these countries. Once the meetings are held in all Parties, organization of the joint meeting will be reconsidered.
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9th SPECIAL SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD. 4 – Implementation of the FASRB		
AD. 4.1 – Water Management issues		
AD. 4.1.1 – Report on realization of the Work Plan for 2007		
2. The members of the Sava Commission and the Secretariat shall contact the relevant authorities in B&H and Serbia to present the importance of the establishment of PIAC centers, which should be operational 24 hours a day.	The issue is planned to be addressed again at the 5 th Regular Session (AD.2).	The ISRBC members will be requested to report on possible contacts they made in this regard (AD.2).
AD. 4.1.2 – Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC and other issues		
2. All documents and proposals of the Secretariat related to realization of the grant in amount of 300,000.00 EUR within the EC Technical assistance in preparation and implementation of the Sava RBM Plan shall be timely delivered to the representatives of the Sava Commission.	All documents and the correspondence related to the project itself and the possible grant to the Sava Commission, were delivered to the ISRBC members for their information (May 14, 2008).	Once the list of tasks is finally agreed upon, the ISRBC members will be updated accordingly.
AD. 4.5 – Proposal of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008		
1. ... the Secretariat should, within the realization of the Work Plan for financial year 2008, take care of the priority issues in its implementation.	This is continuously being done.	
2. The <i>Ad-hoc</i> Expert Groups of the Sava Commission having long-term tasks shall develop their annual Programmes of Work and submit them for adoption to the Sava Commission.		The annual Programmes of Work will be discussed at the next meetings of the <i>Ad-hoc</i> Expert Groups and then delivered to the Sava Commission for adoption.

4th REGULAR SESSION

Conclusion / Decision	Outcomes	Remark
AD. 3.2 – Water Management issues		
AD. 3.2.1 – Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC and other issues		
5. ... the Secretariat shall develop proposal on possible forms of future cooperation with the European Water Partnership.		Possibility of cooperation with EWP is associated with the existence of the Sava Water Partnership (SWP). Therefore, possible forms of future cooperation with EWP will be sought in the course of development of the SWP idea and concept.
6. The Sava Commission accepts the proposal of the Global Water Partnership – Mediterranean (GWP-Med) to apply for membership in GWP. As in regard to application for the seat in the GWP-Med Partnership Council, the Secretariat shall compile more detailed information and deliver the proposal on interest of the Sava Commission to apply for the seat in the GWP-Med Partnership Council.	The application for membership in GWP has been sent (February 4, 2008) and the ISRBC has been notified of the membership through the GWP-Med. Concerning the application for the seat in the GWP-Med Partnership Council (PC), the GWP-Med has been requested to provide the ISRBC Secretariat with a more detailed information, in order to prepare a proposal related to application for a seat in the GWP-Med Partnership Council. No response has been received so far.	As the cooperation between the GWP-Med and the ISRBC is continuously being improved without the ISRBC being a PC member, application for the seat in the GWP-Med does not seem to be critical.
AD. 5 – Other Business		
AD. 5.1 – Further cooperation with the OSCE		
1. The Sava Commission took note on Proposal on further cooperation with the OSCE (Doc. No. 1R-4-O-08-17/1-3). Thereof, the Sava Commission accepted the list of topics for possible further cooperation with the OSCE, as proposed by the Secretariat, and tasked the Secretariat to continue communication with the OSCE in this regard.	The list of topics for possible further cooperation has been sent to the OSCE (January 11, 2008). Apart from several informal contacts with representatives of OSCE, no official response has been received by the Secretariat so far.	The Secretariat will contact OSCE again, with a request for an official response.

AD. 5.2 – Priority projects of the ISRBC		
1. The Secretariat shall develop List of Priority Projects of the Sava Commission in line with the Draft Strategy on implementation of the FASRB and basic information for each priority project in form of Project fiche / Project description by April 2008 for purpose of presentation and access to international financial resources.	Several project proposals and applications, considered as the most important according to the Strategy, were prepared during 2008, and submitted to different international financial resources, in order to be considered for financing.	Depending on the results of the applications, the List of Priority Projects will be upgraded in consultations with the expert groups.
2. The Secretariat shall organize the meeting with the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport (DG TREN) on grounds of its expression of interest in order to discuss possibilities on financing the projects in terms of navigation on the Sava River taking into account the integrated water management approach in the Sava River Basin.	The meeting has not been organized. However, there have been several opportunities (initiatives, financial programs, meetings organized by EC) where the needs for navigation development on the Sava river were presented, and where the EC expressed their interest in supporting the navigation projects for the Sava river.	

8th SPECIAL SESSION

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AD. 4 – Implementation of the FASRB		
AD. 4.2 – Water Management issues		
AD. 4.2.1 – Report on the activities performed within the period between the two Sessions of the ISRBC		
3. In regard to the LIFE - 3 rd Countries Project “Protection of Biodiversity of the Sava River Basin Floodplains”, the Sava Commission accepted the recommendation given by PEG RBM and gave the mandate to the Secretariat to negotiate and formally agree upon the final list of the supporting tasks with the project representatives and support the project afterwards.	Communication with the project team has been continued. The status will be reported at the 5 th Regular Session (AD.4).	
9. In context of possible cooperation with the City of Zagreb, the Secretariat shall participate on the meetings with representatives of the City of Zagreb and competent ministries of the Republic of Croatia (Ministry of agriculture, forestry and water management, and Ministry of sea, transport, tourism and development), in order to collect the relevant information and, thereof, inform the Sava Commission.	No contacts have taken place so far in this regard.	