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REPORT
from the 5th Regular Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

January 27-28, 2009
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 5th Regular Session in Zagreb, on January 27-28, 2009. Representatives of the State Parties to the FASRB - members and deputy members of the Sava Commission attended the Session: Mr. Branko Bačić (Croatia) – Croatia, Ms. Ružica Drmić (Croatia) – Deputy Member, Mr. Kemal Karkin (B&H) – Member, Mr. Aleksandar Prodanović (Serbia) –Member, Mr. Aleksander Čičerov (Slovenia) – Deputy Member.

Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Ser), Ms. Sanja Genzić (Cro), Ms. Marina Ivica-Matkovac (Cro) and Mr. Robert Kojc (Slo) attended the Session as experts.

Mr. Miroslav Kukobat (Regional Cooperation Council), Mr. Martin Humphreys (World Bank) and Ms. Carolina Monsalve (World Bank) attended the Session as guests.

II Chairmanship

Mr. Branko Bačić (Croatia) chaired the Session.

III Adoption of the agenda

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

Conclusion:

1. The agenda (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-1/2-3) is adopted as follows:

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

- 3. Organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Status Report**
 - 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. Work of the PEG for Navigation
 - 4.2.2. Work of the *Ad-hoc* Expert Group for Hydrological Issues related to Navigation
 - 4.2.3. Adoption of the Marking Plan for the Sava River and its navigable Tributaries for Year 2009
 - 4.2.4. Adoption of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard
 - 4.2.5. Adoption of the Inland ECDIS Standard
 - 4.3. Projects**
 - 4.4. Information Management**
 - 4.4.1. Maintenance of the new web-site of the ISRBC
 - 4.4.2. Development of the Sava GIS
 - 4.5. Protocols to the FASRB**
 - 4.6. Public participation and stakeholder involvement**
 - 4.6.1. Establishment of the Sava Water Partnership
 - 4.7. Meetings and cooperation**
 - 4.8. Promotion activities for year 2009**
 - 4.9. Nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups**
- 5. Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009**
- 6. Internal issues (closed session)**
- 7. Other business**
 - 7.1. Proposal on organization of the expert group meetings in all Parties**
 - 7.2. Proposal to form the Editing Board for the SAVANewsFlash**
- 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 Sava Commission adopted the Report from the 11th Special Session of the Sava Commission.**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 40/08 on amendment of the Decision – 19/06 related to establishment of the Ad Hoc Legal Expert Group in part referring to nomination of the members of the Expert Group from Slovenia was adopted in written procedure on October 24th 2008.**
- 3. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 41/08 on amendment of the Decision – 19/06 related to establishment of the Ad Hoc Legal Expert Group in part referring to nomination of the member of the Expert Group from Bosnia and Herzegovina was adopted in written procedure on November 12th 2008.**
- 4. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 42/08 on adoption of the draft text of the Protocol on prevention of the water pollution caused by navigation, as the proposal of the Sava Commission for further communication was adopted in written procedure on November 12th 2008.**
- 5. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 43/08 on amendment of the Decision – 9/08 related to establishment of the Ad Hoc Financial Expert Group in part referring to nomination of the member of the Expert Group from Serbia was adopted in written procedure on November 21st 2008.**
- 6. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 44/08 on acceptance of the Conclusions from the Meeting of representatives of the Ministries of transport of the Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Serbia and representatives of the Sava Commission held in Zagreb on October 29, 2008 was adopted in written procedure on December 22nd 2008.**
- 7. The Sava Commission took note that the Decision 01/09 on establishment of the Ad Hoc Expert Group for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues was adopted in written procedure on January 23rd 2009.**
- 8. The Sava Commission took note on Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-4/1-2) presented by Mr. Komatina.**

AD. 3 – Organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on information stating that the Organizational Board for the 2nd Meeting of the Parties would hold its 1st Meeting on February 3rd 2009 in Belgrade.**
- 2. The Sava Commission concluded that:**
 - (a) the level of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB should be the minister level;**

- (b) the Sava Commission should prepare the letter to be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia by February 6th 2009 in context of the expected level of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties and other related issues;*
- (c) all expenses of the Sava Commission related to 2nd Meeting of the Parties would be covered from the Reserve Fund once the purpose and amount of the costs is determined;*
- (d) the country Reports on Implementation of the FASRB should be delivered by February 15 2009, at latest;*
- (e) the Working Group for development of materials for the 2nd Meeting of the Parties is established with following members:*
 - Mr. Kemal Karkin from Bosnia and Herzegovina;*
 - Mr. Aleksander Čičerov from Slovenia;*
 - Ms. Marina Ivica-Matkovac and Mr. Željko Ostojić from Croatia;*
 - Ms. Gordana Petković and Ms. Dragana Milovanović from Serbia.*

- 3. The Sava Commission adopted the Provisional Agenda for the 2nd Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB as set out in Doc. No. 5-09-1/1-3.*

AD. 4 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Status Report

Conclusions:

- 1. In future cases, Summary on the Meetings of the Experts Groups shall be prepared and delivered to Sava Commission for consideration under respective agenda items.*
- 2. In cases when an expert group member does not attend the Meeting of the expert group, the expert group can proceed working without his/her presence, but send him/her the draft report from the meeting for written approval.*
- 3. The Sava Commission remarked that the existing regulations under the Rules of Procedure of the Sava Commission related to adoption of the report should be also applied to work of the expert groups of the Sava Commission.*

4.1 Water Management issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to water management.*
- 2. The Secretariat underlined the issue related to collection of the necessary data from the countries for preparation of the joint Flood Mapping Study for free. Thereof, the Sava Commission concluded that the Secretariat via respective ministries of the countries or, if necessary, the Sava Commission members should communicate and resolve this issue.*

3. *The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the Expert Groups (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/2-2) in section related to work of the water-management-related expert groups.*

4.1.1 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for River Basin Management

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 9th Meeting of the Permanent Expert Group for River Basin Management (Doc. No. 3-08-13/3-2-PEG.1) and Report from the 10th Meeting of the Permanent Expert Group for River Basin Management (Doc. No. 3-08-13/4-2-PEG.1).*

4.1.2 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for Accident Prevention and Control

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 8th Meeting of the PEG for Accident Prevention and Control (Doc. No. 4-08-8/1-2-PEG.2).*

4.1.3 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for Flood Prevention

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 7th Meeting of the PEG for Flood Prevention (Doc. No. 3-08-11/3-2-PEG.3).*

4.2 Navigation issues

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to navigation.*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on Summary of activities of the Expert Groups (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/2-2) in section related to work of the navigation-related expert groups.*

4.2.1 Work of the PEG for Navigation

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 8th Meeting of the PEG for Navigation (Doc. No. 2-08-2/18-2-PEG.4).*

4.2.2 Work of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for Hydrological Issues related to Navigation

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Report from the 2nd Meeting of the Ad-hoc Expert Group for Hydrological Issues related to Navigation (Doc. No. 2-08-1/7-2-Ah HIN EG).*

4.2.3 Adoption of the Marking Plan for the Sava River and its navigable Tributaries for Year 2009

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission considered the delivered draft of the Marking Plan on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries for year 2009 and draft Decision. Thereof, the Sava Commission passed the Decision 02/09 on Adoption of the Marking Plan on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries for Year 2009 as set out in Doc No. 1R-5-O-09-19/1-2.**
- 2. The Marking Plan for the Sava River and its navigable tributaries for year 2009 will be translated as soon as possible.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 02/09

On

Adoption of the Marking Plan on the Sava River and its Navigable Tributaries for Year 2009

- ❖ Text of the Marking Plan on the Sava River and its Navigable Tributaries for Year 2009 is attached to this Decision as its integral part.**
- ❖ Parties shall adopt the measures necessary to implement this Decision and notify the Sava Commission.**
- ❖ This Decision shall be binding for the Parties unless any of the Sava Commission members withdraws his vote within 30 days after the decision has been adopted, or informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State.**

If any of the Sava Commission members withdraws his vote within 30 days after the decision has been adopted, or informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State, the Sava Commission Secretariat shall, thereof, inform all other Sava Commission members.

- ❖ If no member withdraws his vote nor informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State, the Decision shall enter into force on February 28th 2009.**
- ❖ Upon entry into force, this Decision shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in the Parties.**
- ❖ The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.**

4.2.4 Adoption of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission considered the delivered draft of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard and draft Decision. Thereof, the Sava**

Commission passed the Decision 03/09 on Adoption of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard as set out in Doc No. 1R-5-O-09-20/1-2.

2. *Translation of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard will be realized in accordance with conclusions relating to translation of adopted documents of the Sava Commission.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 03/09

On

Adoption of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard

- ❖ **Text of the Vessel Tracking and Tracing Standard is attached to this Decision as its integral part.**
- ❖ **Parties shall adopt the measures necessary to implement this Decision and notify the Sava Commission.**
- ❖ **This Decision shall be binding for the Parties unless any of the Sava Commission members withdraws his vote within 30 days after the decision has been adopted, or informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State.**

If any of the Sava Commission members withdraws his vote within 30 days after the decision has been adopted, or informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State, the Sava Commission Secretariat shall, thereof, inform all other Sava Commission members.

- ❖ **If no member withdraws his vote nor informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State, the Decision shall enter into force on February 28th 2009.**
- ❖ **Upon entry into force, this Decision shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in the Parties.**
- ❖ **The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.**

4.2.5 Adoption of the Inland ECDIS Standard

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission considered the delivered draft of the Inland ECDIS Standard and draft Decision. Thereof, the Sava Commission passed the Decision 04/09 on Adoption of the Inland ECDIS Standard as set out in Doc No. 1R-5-O-09-21/1-2.*
2. *Translation of the Inland ECDIS Standard will be realized in accordance with conclusions relating to translation of adopted documents of the Sava Commission.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted following

DECISION – 04/09

On

**Adoption of the Inland ECDIS
(Electronic Chart Display and Information System) Standard**

- ❖ **Text of the Inland ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display and Information System) Standard is attached to this Decision as its integral part.**
- ❖ **Parties shall adopt the measures necessary to implement this Decision and notify the Sava Commission.**
- ❖ **This Decision shall be binding for the Parties unless any of the Sava Commission members withdraws his vote within 30 days after the decision has been adopted, or informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State.**

If any of the Sava Commission members withdraws his vote within 30 days after the decision has been adopted, or informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State, the Sava Commission Secretariat shall, thereof, inform all other Sava Commission members.

- ❖ **If no member withdraws his vote nor informs the Sava Commission that the Decision is subject to the approval of the relevant authority of his State, the Decision shall enter into force on February 28th 2009.**
- ❖ **Upon entry into force, this Decision shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in the Parties.**
- ❖ **The Sava Commission Secretariat shall notify the Parties of the entry into force of the Decision.**

4.3 Projects

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to projects.**
- 2. In regard to Master Plan for development of the nautical tourism in the Sava river basin, the Sava Commission members shall deliver list of contact authorities and persons for next steps in realization of this project by February 20th 2009.**
- 3. The Secretariat shall prepare and deliver Summary Report on presentation of the World Bank representatives held under the session and the related presentation of the World Bank including topics and activities that should be further elaborated and agreed by the Sava Commission members. After the Sava Commission members agree upon materials for discussion, the latter shall be sent to representatives of the respective ministries. The tentative term for the next Meeting of the Sava Commission and respective ministries with the World Bank representatives is March 10th 2009.**
- 4. The Secretariat shall contact the World Bank representative in order to find out if the World Bank could perform Analysis of feasibility for the section of the Sava River Waterway Brežice (Slo) – Sisak (Cro).**

4.4 Information Management

4.4.1 Maintenance of the new web-site of the ISRBC

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to maintenance and upgrade of the Sava Commission website.**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report on redesign and maintenance of the Sava Commission website (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-7/1-2).**

4.4.2 Development of the Sava GIS

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to development of the Sava GIS.**

4.5 Protocols to the FASRB

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to protocols.**
- 2. In regard to the draft text of the Protocol on Prevention of the Water Pollution caused by Navigation, the Sava Commission concluded that the Meeting of the countries' delegations for negotiating the draft text of the Protocol on Prevention of the Water Pollution caused by Navigation would be tentatively held on March 24-25 2009.**
- 3. Based on the recommendation of the Ad hoc Legal Expert Group to develop separate Protocol regulating the water protection issues, the Sava Commission obliged the PEG for River Basin Management and PEG for Accident Prevention and Control to consider need for development of such protocol.**
- 4. The Sava Commission concluded that the draft text of the Protocol on flood protection and draft text of the Protocol on emergency situations would be passed in written procedure, once the final drafts were agreed.**

4.6 Public participation and stakeholder involvement

Conclusion:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to public participation and stakeholder involvement.**

4.6.1 Establishment of the Sava Water Partnership

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Proposal on further activities on establishment of the Sava Water Partnership (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-8/1-2). The Sava Commission, in general, supports the cooperation with the GWP Med and especially their possible assistance in provision of technical expertise for joint conduction of the Stakeholder Analysis, which will identify key stakeholders in the Sava River Basin.**
- 2. The Secretariat shall investigate financial liabilities of the Sava Commission in regard to other activities, which could be realized in cooperation with the GWP Med, and, thereof, inform the Sava Commission.**

4.7 Meetings and cooperation

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to meetings and cooperation.**
- 2. The Sava Commission took note on Report from the Workshop on Environmentally Sustainable Management and Maintenance of Inland Waterways (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-9/1-2) held in Belgrade on October 21st 2008.**
- 3. In regard to Water Conference to be organized by the Regional Cooperation Council in Sarajevo, the Secretariat shall deliver detailed information to Sava Commission.**

4.8 Promotion activities for 2009

Conclusions:

- 1. The Sava Commission took note on Status Report on Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2008 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-5/1-2) in section related to promotion activities.**
- 2. In order to promote the work of the Sava Commission and its Secretariat, the Secretariat shall establish contacts with PR services of the ministries responsible for implementation of the FASRB in the Parties and determine forms of future cooperation in realization of PR activities.**
- 3. The Sava Commission took note on tentative Plan of promotion activities of the Sava Commission for year 2009.**
- 4. The Secretariat shall develop the Terms of Reference for realization of the promotion activities of the Sava Commission.**

4.9 Nominations of members and deputy members to the expert groups

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission urges the Sava Commission members from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Slovenia to nominate their members to Ad-hoc Expert Group for River Information Services (RIS) by February 13th 2009.*

AD. 5 – Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Proposal of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for year 2009 (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-11/1-2).*
2. *The Proposal of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for year 2009 should be amended in accordance with the on-the-session discussion including detailed development of activities and determination of framework timeline of the specified activities and, thereof, delivered to the Sava Commission for adoption.*

AD. 6 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 7 – Other Business

7.1 Proposal on organization of the expert group meetings in all Parties

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Proposal on organization of the expert group meetings in all Parties (Doc. No. 1R-5-O-09-18/1-2).*
2. *In accordance with the conclusion 7.2.(2) from the 7th Special Session of the Sava Commission, the meetings of expert groups shall, in principle, be held in the Seat of the Sava Commission, but may be organized out of the Seat of the Sava Commission if so decided for reasons of efficiency and upon proposal of the Expert Group Chairman following the approval of the Secretary.*

7.2 Proposal to form the Editing Board for the SAVANewsFlash

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission agreed to form the Editing Board for the SAVANewsFlash, namely one member from each Party to the FASRB. The Sava Commission members shall nominate members to Editing Board for the SAVANewsFlash by February 12th 2009.*

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

Conclusion:

1. *Next Session of the Sava Commission will be tentatively held on April 21-22, 2009, with 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. Organization of the 2nd Meeting of the Parties in Belgrade on June 1st 2009
4. Annual Report on work and activities of the Sava Commission for FY 2008
5. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2008 – Status Report
 - 5.1 Water Management issues
 - 5.2 Navigation issues
 - 5.3 Projects
 - 5.4 Protocols to the FASRB
 - 5.5 Information management
 - 5.6 Promotion activities
6. Sava Day 2009
7. Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for 2009
8. Internal issues (closed session)
9. Other business
10. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC
11. Adoption of the Report from the Session

AD. 9 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

1. *The Sava Commission adopted the Report from the 5th Regular Session.*