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I. ATTENDANCE

The International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC, Sava Commission) held the 51st Session in Zagreb, on March 5-6, 2019. The following representatives of the Parties to FASRB – members and deputy members of the Sava Commission, attended the Session: Mr. Igor Pejić – member and Mr. Boško Kenjić – deputy member (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Ms. Duška Kunštek – member (Croatia); Ms. Nataša Milić - member (Serbia); Mr. Mitja Bricelj – member (Slovenia).

Ms. Sanja Genzić (Croatia) and Ms. Olivera Janković (Serbia) attended the Session as experts.

The Session was also attended by Ms. Martina Zupan (GWP CEE) as observer.

Mr. Dragan Zeljko – Secretary of the Sava Commission and officials of the Secretariat - Mr. Samo Grošelj, Ms. Dragana Milovanović, Mr. Željko Milković, Ms. Majda Despotović, Mr. Mirza Sarač and Ms. Melita Žižanović Dakić attended the Session.

II. CHAIRMANSHIP

Mr. Igor Pejić, the Chairman of the Sava Commission, chaired the Session.

III. ADOPTED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2018
 - 2.1. Water Management issues
 - 2.2. Navigation issues
 - 2.3. Cross-cutting issues
 - 2.3.1. Information management
 - 2.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues
 - 2.3.3. Sustainable development issues
 - 2.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement
 - 2.5. Promotion activities
3. Projects
4. Work Plan of Sava Commission for Financial Year 2019
5. 8th Meeting of the Parties
6. Overview of tasks and duties regarding decisions and conclusions from previous sessions of the Sava Commission (closed session)
7. Financial issues

8. Legal Issues
9. Other internal issues
10. Other business
11. Date and preliminary agenda of the next Session of the Sava Commission
12. Adoption of the Report from the Session.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Open session

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

The Sava Commission adopted the agenda of the 51st meeting (Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-1/2-2), with the agenda items presented in Part III of this Report.

AD. 2 – Realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2018

2.1. Water Management issues

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note of the Status report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2018 with regard to Water Management issues (Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-2/1-2).

With regard to Sava Flood Risk Management Plan development:

2. The Sava Commission took note of the information on the status of the Sava Flood Risk Management Plan (Sava FRMP) preparation and the information on the status of the supporting project “Improvement of Joint Actions in Flood Management in the Sava River Basin” Component 1 – Development of joint Flood Risk management Plan in the Sava River Basin. The Sava Commission agreed upon the plan of finalization of the remaining activities on the Sava FRMP preparation (as described in Doc No. 1R-51-O-19-3/1-2);
3. The Sava Commission reiterates that the Sava FRMP, Sava RBMP and other plans being prepared in the cross-border context are in function of sustainable development of countries sharing the Sava River Basin.

With regard to Sava Flood Forecasting and Warning System post-project organization:

4. The Sava Commission took note of the information on the current status of preparation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation on regular functioning and maintenance of the Sava Flood Forecasting and Warning System (Sava FFWS) in the post project period (as described in Doc No. 1R-51-O-19-4/1-2).
5. Following the finalization of the MoU, the Sava Commission will submit the MoU to the Signatories from the countries to their internal procedures that precede the signing.
6. The Sava Commission took note of the statements of Task Group members that the responsible institutions do not have the possibility of financing the System before the MoU enters into force.
7. Having in mind the time needed for finalization and signing of the MoU and, at the same time, a need for the functioning of the Sava FFWS before reaching the final agreement, the Sava Commission supports the proposal of Task Group that the System maintenance, until the MoU comes into force,

and not longer than the end of July 2019, is carried out at no cost basis to Hosting Organizations.

With regard to work of related expert groups:

8. The Sava Commission took note of the status of work of expert groups in the field of water management (as described in Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-5/1-2) and the following reports:
 - a. Report from the 37th PEG RBM Meeting;
 - b. Report from the 38th PEG FP Meeting;
 - c. Report from the 39th PEG FP Meeting;
 - d. Report from the 23rd PEG APC Meeting.

2.2. Navigation issues

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note of the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2018 with regard to navigation (as described in Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-6/1-2).
2. The Sava Commission took note of the presented information on the regulation of the navigation on the Kupa River in the border areas between Croatia and Slovenia (as described in Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-7/1-2).
3. The Sava Commission considered and adopted Decision 1/19 (Doc. No: 1R-51-D-19-1/1-2) on adoption of the Plan for waterway marking and maintenance on Sava River and its navigable tributaries (Doc. No: 1R-51-D-19-1/2-2).
4. The Sava Commission considered and adopted Decision 2/19 on adoption of the Amendments of the Decision 12/12 on adoption of the methodology of work of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project "Rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava River waterway (Doc. No: 1R-51-D-19-2/1-2).
5. The Sava Commission took note of the information about the 7th Meeting of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the Project "Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway" (The Committee) and, in that regard, concluded the following:
 - a) The Sava Commission shall pass the decision on establishment of the Stakeholder Forum for the Project Jaruge-Novi Grad in written procedure;
 - b) Taking into account the conclusion from the 6th Meeting of the Committee, the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina will inform the Secretariat about additional members of the Committee from the entity ministries for transport by April 15, 2019;
 - c) In addition, the Sava Commission stresses the importance of demining as a precondition for the implementation of all activities on rehabilitation and development of navigation on the Sava River waterway.

6. *The Sava Commission considered and adopted Recommendation 1/19 on use of harmonized border control forms for the vessels in the Sava River basin (Doc. No: 1R-51-R-19-1/1-2).*

2.3. Cross-cutting issues

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note of the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2018 with regard to cross-cutting issues (as described in Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-8/1-2).*
2. *The Sava Commission took note of the information of work of expert groups related to cross-cutting and other issues (as described in Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-9/1-2) and the following reports:*
 - a. *Report from the 15th PEG HMI Meeting;*
 - b. *Report from the 19th PEG GIS Meeting.*
3. *The Sava Commission invites the responsible national institutions to utilize solutions of the Sava GIS in the reporting related to the EU Directives since it is fully compliant with the latest EU reporting guidelines.*
4. *The Sava Commission invites Croatian Waters and Public institution "Vode Srpske" to sign the Policy on the Exchange of Hydrological and Meteorological Data and Information in the Sava River Basin.*

2.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission took note of the Status report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2018 with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement (as described in Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-10/1-2).

2.5. Promotion activities

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission took note of the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2018 with regard to promotion activities (as described in Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-11/1-2).

AD. 3 – Projects

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note of the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2018 with regard to realization of projects (as described in Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-12/1-2).*
2. *The Sava Commission took note of the information that Croatia will chair the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) in 2020 which is a good opportunity for promotion of the Sava River Basin related projects.*

3. *The Sava Commission concluded that the information on the projects within the Sava Commission's responsibility as well as the related results should be made available to the respective institutions of the Parties through the Sava Commission IT system.*

AD. 4 – Work Plan of Sava Commission for Financial Year 2019

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission considered the Draft Work Plan of the Sava Commission for Financial Year 2019 (Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-13/1-2) and passed Decision 3/19 on adoption of the Work Plan of the Sava Commission for Financial Year 2019 (Doc. No. 1R-51-D-19-3/1-2).*
2. *With regard to celebration of the Sava Day 2019, the Sava Commission concluded the following:*
 - a) *The Sava Commission accepted the proposal of activities for the Sava Day 2019 celebration (Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-14/1-2) including the proposal of activities for the 8th Sava Youth Parliament that will be held on May 31 - June 1, 2019 in border areas along the Sutla River with the central event in Kumrovec (Croatia);*
 - b) *The Sava Commission representatives will promote the Sava Youth Parliament and encourage schools to participate in the contest for the 8th Sava Youth Parliament;*
 - c) *The Sava Commission expresses appreciation to all supporters of the Youth Parliament in previous years and invites other interested and potential donors to support further activities of the Youth Parliament;*
 - d) *The Sava Commission shall invite ICPDR and Danube Commission to take part in the activities of the 8th Sava Youth Parliament.*
3. *The Sava Commission accepted the proposal of the Sava Commission's publications for Financial Year 2019 (Doc. No. 1R-51-O-19-15/1-2).*

AD. 5 – 8th Meeting of the Parties

Conclusions:

1. *The 8th Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB will be held on October 23-24, 2019 in Sarajevo (B&H).*
2. *The Sava Commission considered and accepted the proposal on the preparation and organization of the 8th Meeting of the Parties (Doc. No: 1R-51-O-19-16/1-2.). The Secretariat shall deliver updated timeframe for the preparation of the 8th Meeting of the Parties, taking into account the need for the preparation of country reports for the period from 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2019.*

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AD. 6 – Overview of tasks and duties regarding decisions and conclusions from previous sessions of the Sava Commission

AD. 7 – Financial issues

AD. 8 – Legal issues

AD. 9 – Other internal issues

Open session

AD. 10 – Other business

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

AD. 11 – Date and preliminary agenda of the next Session of the Sava Commission

Conclusion:

The 52nd Session of the Sava Commission will be held on July 2-3, 2019, with the following provisional agenda:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda*
- 2. Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the Sava Commission*
- 3. 8th Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB*
- 4. Current issues of the FASRB implementation*
- 5. Internal issues*
- 6. Other business*
- 7. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the Sava Commission.*
- 8. Adoption of the Report from the Session*

AD. 11 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission adopted the Report from the 51st Session.

Dragan Zeljko, Secretary

Igor Pejić, Chairman

ANNEXES:**Annex 1 – List of the meeting documents**

Agenda Item	Document number	Document title
Open session		
AD.1.2	1R-51-O-19-1/1-2	Draft Agenda of the 51st ISRBC Session_5-6 March 2019
AD.1.2	1R-50-O-19-1/2-2	Adopted Agenda
AD.2.1	1R-51-O-19-2/1-2	Realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2018_ WM Issues_ Status Report
AD.2.1	-	Realization of the Work Plan of SC for FY 2018_ WM Issues / <i>presentation</i>
AD.2.1	1R-51-O-19-3/1-2	WM Issues_ Sava FRMP development status
AD.2.1	1R-51-O-19-4/1-2	WM Issues_ Sava FFWS post-project organisation with annexes
AD.2.1	1R-51-O-19-5/1-2	WM Issues_ Status of work of related expert groups with reports
AD.2.2	1R-51-O-19-6/1-2	Navigation issues_ Status Report with annex
AD.2.2	1R-51-O-19-7/1-2	Navigation issues_ Regulation of the navigation on the Kupa River in the border areas between Croatia and Slovenia
AD.2.2	1R-51-D-19-1/1-2	Draft Decision 1/19 on adoption of the Plan for waterway marking and maintenance on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries for the Year 2019
AD.2.2	1R-51-D-19-2/1-2	Draft Decision 2/19 on adoption of the Amendments of the decision 12/12 on adoption of the methodology of work of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project “Rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava River waterway
AD.2.2	1R-51-R-19-1/1-2	Draft Recommendation 1/19 on use of harmonized border control forms for the vessels in the Sava River basin
AD.2.3	1R-51-O-19-8/1-2	Cross-cutting Issues_ Status Report
AD.2.3	1R-51-O-19-9/1-2	Cross-cutting Issues_ Status of work of related expert groups with reports
AD.2.4	1R-51-O-19-10/1-2	Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement_ Status Report with annex
AD.2.5	1R-51-O-19-11/1-2	Promotion activities_ Status Report
AD.3.	1R-51-O-19-12/1-2	Projects_ Status Report
AD.4	1R-51-O-19-13/1-2	Work plan_ Proposal of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY2019
AD.4	1R-51-O-19-14/1-2	Work plan_ Proposal of Sava Day 2019 activities_ with annex
AD.4	1R-51-O-19-15/1-2	Work plan_ Proposal of publications for FY 2019
AD.5	1R-51-O-19-16/1-2	Proposal on the organization of the 8th MoP

Annex 2 – List of decisions and recommendations

DECISION 1/19 on adoption of the Plan for waterway marking and maintenance on Sava River and its navigable tributaries for 2019 (Doc. No: 1R-51-D-19-1/1-2).

DECISION 2/19 on adoption of the Amendments of the decision 12/12 on adoption of the methodology of work of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project “Rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava River waterway (Doc. No: 1R-51-D-19-2/1-2).

DECISION 3/19 on adoption of the Work Plan of the Sava Commission for Financial Year 2019 (Doc. No: 1R-51-D-19-3/1-2).

DECISION 4/19 on adoption of the Budget of the Sava Commission for Financial Year 2019 (Doc. No: 1R-51-D-19-4/1-3).

DECISION 5/19 on granting the observer status in the Sava Commission to the WWF Adria – Association for the protection of nature and conservation of biological diversity, for the period of three years (Doc. No: 1R-51-D-19-5/1-2)

RECOMMENDATION 1/19 on use of harmonized border control forms for the vessels in the Sava River basin (Doc. No: 1R-51-R-19-1/1-2).