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REPORT
from the 41st Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

February 17-18, 2016
Belgrade

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 41st Session (as a regular session) in Belgrade, on February 17-18, 2016. The following representatives of the Parties to the FASRB – members and deputy members of the ISRBC, attended the Session: Mr. Janko Brnardić – Member (Croatia), Ms. Nataša Milić – Member and Ms. Leposava Sojić – Deputy Member (Serbia), Mr. Mitja Bricelj – Member and Mr. Marko Sotlar – Deputy Member (Slovenia). Ms. Senaida Mehmedovski attended the Session as the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Boško Kenjić (B&H), Ms. Dragana Milovanović and Ms. Tanja Lukić (Serbia) attended the Session as experts.

The Session was also attended by Mr. Ivan Zavadsky (ICPDR), Mr. Petar Margić (Danube Commission), Jovanka Ignjatović and Gordana Kožuharova (REC), Mr. Zlatko Blažević (Slap) and Mr. Petar Đorđević (Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia).

II Chairmanship

Mr. Mitja Bricelj, the Chairman of the 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 the ISRBC**
- 3. Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**

4. **Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015**
 - 4.1. **Water management issues**
 - 4.2. **Navigation issues**
 - 4.3. **Cross-cutting issues**
 - 4.3.1. **Information management issues**
 - 4.3.2. **Hydrological and meteorological issues**
 - 4.3.3. **Statistical issues**
 - 4.3.4. **Tourism development issues**
 - 4.4. **Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
 - 4.5. **Promotion activities**
 - 4.6. **Protocols to the FASRB**
5. **Projects**
6. **Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2016**
7. **Internal issues (closed session)**
8. **Other business**
9. **Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC**
10. **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 ISRBC took note on the Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-2/1-3).*
2. *The ISRBC took note that Decision 17/15 on Amendments of the Rules of Procedure was adopted in written procedure on November 2, 2015.*
3. *The ISRBC took note that Decision 18/15 on adoption of the modified “Criteria and Procedures for granting the Observer status in the International Sava River Basin Commission“ was adopted in written procedure on November 2, 2015.*
4. *The ISRBC took note that Decision 19/15 on selection of the qualified candidates to be invited to the interview for the position of the Secretary of the ISRBC was adopted in written procedure on November 6, 2015.*
5. *The ISRBC took note that Decision 20/15 on establishment of the Sava Water Council as an advisory platform for the general purpose of public participation and stakeholder involvement in the work of the ISRBC, was adopted in written procedure on November 30, 2015.*

6. *The ISRBC took note that Decision 1/16 on selection of the qualified candidates to be invited to the interview for the position of the Secretary of the ISRBC in the repeated vacancy procedure, was adopted in written procedure on February 3, 2016.*
7. *The ISRBC took note that Decision 2/16 on re-establishment of the ISRBC Expert Groups was adopted in written procedure on February 16, 2016.*

AD. 3 – Sixth Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB

Conclusions:

1. *The ISRBC considered and accepted the proposal on the preparation and organization of the 6th Meeting of the Parties, including Draft agenda, Draft programme of work and Draft list of institutions / organizations to be invited to the meeting.*
2. *The ISRBC representatives informed on the nomination of the members of the Organizational Board of the 6th Meeting of the Parties as follows:*
 - *Bosnia and Herzegovina: Mr. Enes Šeperović and Ms. Senaida Mehmedovski;*
 - *Republic of Croatia: Ms. Marina Ivica Matkovic and Ms. Sanja Genzić Jurišević;*
 - *Republic of Serbia: Ms. Tanja Lukić and Ms. Dragana Milovanović;*
 - *Republic of Slovenia: Mr. Marko Sotlar and Mr. Mitja Bricelj.*
3. *The ISRBC representative from Serbia shall inform the Secretariat of the remaining member of the Organizational Board of the 6th Meeting of the Parties by February 29, 2016.*

AD. 4 - Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015

4.1. Water management issues

Conclusions:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-4/1-2) with regard to water management issues, and the reports from the 30th PEG RBM Meeting (Doc. No. 3-15-15/2-3) and the 20th PEG APC Meeting (Doc. No. 4-15-2/2-2).*
2. *As soon as the Significant Water Management Issues (SWMI) paper is finalized at the expert level, it will be submitted to the ISRBC in order to obtain the formal approval for web-based public consultation, prior to final adoption.*
3. *As soon as the Program for Development of the Sava FRM Plan is finalized at the expert level, it will be submitted to the ISRBC for adoption in written procedure.*
4. *The ISRBC representatives from B&H, Serbia and Slovenia shall investigate the availability of the data on Accident Risk Sites, Contaminated Sites and Mining Sites, needed for further work of the ISRBC, and inform the Secretariat accordingly by March 31, 2016.*

4.2. Navigation issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-5/1-2) with regard to navigation issues, including the Information from the countries on the current activities related to rehabilitation of the Sava river waterway.**
- 2. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 3/16 on adoption of the Waterway Marking Plan for the Sava River and Navigable Tributaries for the Year 2016.**
- 3. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 4/16 on Amendments of Decisions 14/14, 19/10 and 30/07 on Navigation Rules in the Sava River Basin.**
- 4. According to Conclusion 3.2.3 from the 39th Session, regarding the commencement of negotiations on a bilateral agreement on navigation on inland waterways between Croatia and Slovenia, the ISRBC representatives from Slovenia shall inform the ISRBC on their feedback to the relevant documentation that has been submitted by Croatia to Slovenia, by March 31, 2016.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 3/16

- ❖ On adoption of the Waterway Marking Plan for the Sava River and Navigable Tributaries for the Year 2016.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 4/16

- ❖ On Amendments of Decisions 14/14, 19/10 and 30/07 on Navigation Rules in the Sava River Basin.**

4.3. Cross-cutting issues

4.3.1. Information management issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-6/1-2) with regard to information management issues.

4.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-7/1-2) with regard to hydrological and meteorological issues.

4.3.3. Statistical issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-8/1-2) with regard to statistical issues and its Annex „Main figures for an initial statistical analysis and processing of data on cargo traffic on the Sava river“.

4.3.4. Tourism development issues

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-9/1-2) with regard to tourism development issues.*
- 2. Declaration from the 6th Meeting of the Parties should additionally emphasize the need for active involvement of the Parties in supporting the ISRBC efforts in further development of river tourism in the Sava river basin.*

4.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-10/1-2) with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement, and its accompanying annexes:

- a. Annex 1: Report from the 10th Meeting of Captains from the Portmaster Offices from the Sava River;*
- b. Annex 2: Report from the Workshop on Flood Risk Management Measures & Links with WFD;*
- c. Annex 3: Report from the 5th Conference on Sustainable Development of the Sava River Basin and Respective Climate Change Impacts*
- d. Annex 4: List of the ISRBC events in FY 2015.*

4.5. Promotion activities

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-11/1-2) with regard to promotion activities.

4.6. Protocols to the FASRB

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2015 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-12/1-2) with regard to the protocols to the FASRB.***
- 2. The ISRBC representatives from Slovenia shall inform on the status of ratification of the Protocol on Prevention of Water Pollution caused by Navigation, by March 31, 2016.***
- 3. The ISRBC representatives from Bosnia & Herzegovina and Slovenia shall inform the Secretariat of the bodies responsible for implementation of the Protocol on Flood Protection to the FASRB by February 29, 2016.***
- 4. The ISRBC representatives from Slovenia informed on expectation that ratification of the Protocol on Sediment Management to the FASRB, could be finalized by April 30, 2016.***
- 5. The ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall inform the Secretariat of the readiness of Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB, by the next Session.***

AD. 5 - Projects

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-13/1-2), 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 „Establishment of the Sava HIS“;***
 - f. Annex 6: Information on status of the project „Strengthening public participation and stakeholder involvement in the Sava river basin“;***
 - g. Annex 7: Information on status of the project „Development of a web application for the safety inspection of vessels in the Sava river basin“.***

2. ***Web application for Navigation Safety Inspection Support System will be offered to be used on the Danube basin and wider European level.***
3. ***The ISRBC acknowledged proposals of the Danube Commission, ICPDR, WWF and REC related to possibilities to further enhance the cooperation in the following areas:***
 - a. ***Exchange of hydrological and meteorological data and information;***
 - b. ***Implementation of Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan for the Danube and its navigable tributaries;***
 - c. ***Market observation in navigation;***
 - d. ***Web application for Navigation Safety Inspection Support System;***
 - e. ***Youth engagement in the Sava River Basin activities;***
 - f. ***Assessment of climate change vulnerability and disaster risk reduction in agriculture;***
 - g. ***Implementation of Natural Water Retention Measures;***
 - h. ***Water–Food–Energy–Ecosystems nexus.***

Meetings for discussion on the above-mentioned issues will be organized in due course.
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), the ISRBC representatives from Serbia and Slovenia will provide respective information by March 31, 2016.***

AD. 6 – Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2016

Conclusions:

1. ***The ISRBC considered the Draft Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2016 and passed Decision 5/16 on adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2016, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-14/1-2.***
2. ***The ISRBC accepted the proposal of activities for the Sava Day 2016 celebration (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-14/2-2) and the proposal of the ISRBC publications for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-14/3-2).***

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 5/16

- ❖ ***On Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for Financial Year 2016 as set out in Doc. No. 1S-41-O-16-14/1-2.***

AD. 7 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 8 – Other Business

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

AD. 9 – Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC

Conclusion:

The 42nd Session of the ISRBC will be held on July 5, 2016, in Zagreb, 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 the ISRBC**
- 3. Current issues of the FASRB implementation**
- 4. Internal issues**
- 5. Other business**
- 6. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC**
- 7. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

AD. 10 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

The ISRBC adopted the Report from the 41st Session.