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REPORT
from the 44th Session
of International Sava River Basin Commission

February 21-22, 2017
Zagreb

I Attendance

International Sava River Basin Commission held the 44th Session (as a regular session) in Zagreb, on February 21-22, 2017. 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), Ms. Maja Markovčić Kostelac – Member and Ms. Elizabeta Kos – Deputy Member (Croatia), Ms. Nataša Milić – Member (Serbia), Mr. Mitja Bricelj – Member (Slovenia).

Mr. Janko Brnardić (Croatia) and Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Serbia) attended the Session as experts.

The Session was also attended by Mr. Primož Koštrica (Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia), Ms. Martina Zupan (GWP CEE), Ms. Héléne Masliah-Gilkarov (ICPDR), Ms. Jovanka Ignjatović (REC), and Ms. Petra Remeta (WWF Adria).

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 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-1/1-3) is adopted as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda

- 2. Internal issues (closed session)**
- 3. Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the 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**
 - 4.3.1 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 FASRB**
- 5. Projects**
- 6. Adoption of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2017**
- 7. Other business**
- 8. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of ISRBC**
- 9. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

IV Conclusions

AD. 2 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 3 – 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. 1R-44-O-17-8/1-2).***
- 2. ISRBC took note that Decision 17/16 on annulment of the vacancy for appointment of the Secretary of the ISRBC and announcement of the new vacancy is adopted in written procedure on December 21, 2016.***
- 3. ISRBC took note that Decision 1/17 regarding the rehabilitation of the most critical fairway section of the Sava River waterway Jaruge – Novi Grad, in the framework of rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava River, was adopted in written procedure on February 10, 2017.***
- 4. ISRBC took note that Decision 2/17 on qualified candidates to be invited at the interview for the position of the Secretary of ISRBC, was adopted in written procedure on January 25, 2017.***

AD. 4 – Realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016

4.1. Water management issues

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-9/1-2) with regard to water management issues, and the reports from the 32nd PEG RBM Meeting (Doc. No. 3-16-8/3-2), and the 21st PEG APC Meeting (Doc No. 4-16-4/2-2).***
- 2. ISRBC took note on the status of preparation of the 2nd Sava River Basin Analysis Report. Following the final review of the document by PEG RBM, the Report shall be delivered to ISRBC representatives for consideration and acceptance in written procedure.***
- 3. ISRBC took note on the status of preparation of the Interim overview of significant water management issues in the Sava River Basin. Following the final review of the document by PEG RBM, the document shall be delivered to ISRBC representatives for consideration and acceptance in written procedure.***
- 4. ISRBC adopted the Program for development of Flood Risk Management Plan in the Sava River Basin, as set out in the Doc. No. Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-20/1-2, with the following modification: Annex 3 of the Program (Competent authorities of the Parties) is excluded from the adopted document since the information on the competent authority/authorities, responsible for implementation of Protocol on Flood Protection to FASRB, as well as the contact persons, is not complete.***

The Secretariat shall edit the document in accordance with the above modification.

5. *ISRBC took note on issuance of the UNECE publication „Reconciling resource uses in transboundary basins: assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in the Sava River Basin“.*

4.2. Navigation issues

Conclusions:

1. *ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-10/1-2) with regard to navigation issues, and the Report from the 19th PEG NAV Meeting (Doc. No. 2-16-2/12-2).*
2. *ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 5/17 on Amendments to the Decision 14/12 on adoption of the Classification of the Sava River Waterway.*
3. *ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 6/17 on adoption of the Waterway Marking and Maintenance Plan for the Sava River and Navigable Tributaries for the Year 2017.*
4. *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 May 31, 2017.*
5. *Taking into account the different levels of jurisdiction in Croatia and Slovenia for the regulation of recreational navigation and use of the Kupa River in the border areas, ISRBC shall identify challenges and propose possible measures that could be addressed through mechanisms of ISRBC.*
6. *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, at their earliest convenience.*

International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 5/17

- ❖ **On adoption of the Amendments to the Decision 14/12 on adoption of the Classification of the Sava River Waterway.**

International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 6/17

- ❖ **On adoption of the Waterway Marking and Maintenance Plan for the Sava River and Navigable Tributaries for the Year 2017.**

4.3. Cross-cutting issues

4.3.1. Information management issues

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-11/1-2) with regard to information management issues, and the Report from the 14th PEG GIS Meeting (Doc. No. 3-16-7/3-2).

4.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-12/1-2) with regard to hydrological and meteorological issues, and the Report from the 13th PEG HMI Meeting (Doc. No. 3-16-9/2-2).

4.3.3. Statistical issues

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-13/1-2) with regard to statistical issues.

4.3.4. Tourism development issues

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-14/1-2) with regard to tourism development issues.***
- 2. ISRBC took note on the preparatory activities regarding a thematic roundtable with representatives of the ministries of tourism from the Parties, to be held on March 7, 2017, in Zagreb, with the aim 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.***

4.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-15/1-2) with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement, and its accompanying annexes:***
 - a. Annex 1: Report from the 2nd Workshop on assessing the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus and benefits of transboundary cooperation in the Drina River Basin;***
 - b. Annex 2: Report from the 11th Meeting of the Captains from the Portmaster Offices from the Sava River;***
 - c. Annex 3: Report from the 6th Conference on regulation and multipurpose use of the Sava River;***

- d. **Annex 4: Report from the Meeting with representatives of B&H and Croatia on regulation of the Sava River waterway at the section Novi Grad;**
 - e. **Annex 5: List of ISRBC events in FY 2016.**
2. **ISRBC took note on the visit of the World Bank representatives to the ISRBC Secretariat and the Parties to discuss the future cooperation on water issues.**

4.5. Promotion activities

Conclusion:

ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-16/1-2) with regard to promotion activities.

4.6. Protocols to FASRB

Conclusions:

1. **ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2016 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-17/1-2) with regard to protocols to FASRB.**
2. **ISRBC representatives from Bosnia & Herzegovina shall inform the Secretariat of the bodies responsible for implementation of Protocol on Flood Protection to FASRB, while the official confirmation of the bodies from Slovenia is expected.**
3. **ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall deliver to the Secretariat a standpoint regarding the additional amendment of Protocol on Emergency Situations to FASRB, related to involvement of the authorities responsible for inspection, which should be considered during the negotiation of 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. 5 – Projects

Conclusions:

1. **ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-18/1-2), 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: List of flood-related projects / activities**
2. **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 March 31, 2017.**

AD. 6 – Adoption of Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2017

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC considered and amended the Draft Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2017 and passed Decision 7/17 on adoption of the Work Plan of ISRBC for Financial Year 2017, as set out in Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-19/4-2.**
- 2. ISRBC accepted the proposal of activities for the Sava Day 2017 celebration (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-19/2-2) and the proposal of the ISRBC publications for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-19/3-2).**

International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 7/17

- ❖ On Adoption of the Work Plan of ISRBC for Financial Year 2017, as set out in Doc. No. 1R-44-O-17-19/4-2.**

AD. 7 – Other business

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

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

Conclusion:

The 45th Session of ISRBC will be held on April 25, 2017, in Zagreb, with the following tentative agenda:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Interviewing the selected candidates for the position of the Deputy Secretary for integrated river basin management and water planning, and adopting the corresponding decision**
- 3. Level of the ISRBC engagement in the implementation of projects targeting the regions outside the Sava River Basin**
- 4. Other business**
- 5. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of ISRBC**
- 6. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

AD. 9 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

ISRBC adopted the Report from the 44th Session.