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REPORT
from the 46th Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission
June 15, 2017
Bled

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 46th Session (as a special session) in Bled, on June 15, 2017. The following representatives of the Parties to FASRB – members and deputy members of ISRBC, attended the Session: Mr. Igor Pejić – Member (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Ms. Elizabeta Kos – Deputy Member (Croatia), Mr. Veljko Kovačević – Deputy Member (Serbia), Mr. Mitja Bricelj – Member and Mr. Marko Sotlar – Deputy Member (Slovenia).

The Session was also attended by Ms. Jelena Sofrić (Serbia), Mr. Anđelko Petrinić and Ms. Sanja Genzić Jurišević (Croatia), Mr. Aleš Bizjak and Mr. Robert Gernjak (Slovenia), Mr. Ivan Gyurcsik and Mr. Petar Margić (Danube Commission), Ms. Hélène Masliah-Gilkarov (ICPDR), Ms. Martina Zupan (GWP CEE) and Mr. Igor Palandžić (World Bank).

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 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 ISRBC
3. Current issues of the FASRB implementation
 - 3.1. Annual Report on work and activities of ISRBC for FY 2016

- 3.2. Amendments of Decision on re-establishment of ISRBC expert groups
- 3.3. Establishment of the Task group for sustainable tourism
- 3.4. Establishment of Core Working Group for Sava FRM Plan
4. Projects
5. “Joint Action Plan” for the Sava River Basin
6. 2nd Sava River Basin Analysis
7. Internal issues (closed session)
8. Other business
9. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of 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 ISRBC

Conclusions:

1. *ISRBC took note on Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-46-O-17-2/1-3).*
2. *According to Conclusion 2.3.2 from the 44th Session, the ISRBC representatives from Slovenia shall revise and update the list of experts to be invited to a roundtable to discuss the need of developing a protocol on transboundary impact to FASRB in addition to the existing international agreements being in force in the Parties, till July 15, 2017. The Secretariat shall organize the roundtable in due course.*
3. *Regarding the commencement of negotiations on a bilateral agreement on navigation on inland waterways between Croatia and Slovenia, ISRBC representatives from Slovenia have had the obligation to inform the Secretariat on their feedback to the relevant documentation that has been submitted by Croatia to Slovenia. Having in mind that the Secretariat finished the comparison of the relevant regulations in Slovenia and Croatia and started with preparation of the proposal for possible measures that could be addressed through mechanisms of the ISRBC it is concluded that for time being it is not necessary to deliver the above mentioned information by Slovenia.*
4. *The ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall undertake steps in order to enable the continuation of work of the bilateral commission of B&H and Croatia for inland navigation. Additionally, the ISRBC representatives from B&H shall nominate a coordinator for implementation of the web application for the navigation safety, by July 15, 2017.*

5. *The ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall inform the Secretariat of the bodies responsible for implementation of Protocol on Flood Protection to FASRB and Slovenia shall deliver official confirmation of the bodies from Slovenia. Both above information are expected by July 15, 2017.*
7. *The 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 by July 15.*
8. *The ISRBC representatives from Slovenia informed on the expectation that ratification of the Protocol on Prevention of Water Pollution caused by Navigation to FASRB and the Protocol on Sediment Management could be finalized by the end of June 2017.*
9. *The ISRBC took note that the following decisions were adopted in written procedures between the 44th and 46th Sessions:*
 - a) *Decision 8/17 on announcement of the Vacancy Notice for the position of the Deputy Secretary for integrated river basin management and water planning (February 28, 2017);*
 - b) *Decision 9/17 on nomination of the Screening Committee which shall perform the examination of candidates' applications for the position of Deputy Secretary for integrated river basin management and water planning (March 22, 2017);*
 - c) *Decision 10/17 on selection of qualified candidates for the interview for the position of the Deputy Secretary for integrated river management and water planning in the ISRBC Secretariat (April 3, 2017);*
 - d) *Decision 12/17 on adoption of the Report on Realization of the Budget for FY 2016 (May 26, 2017).*

AD. 3 – Current issues of the FASRB implementation

3.1 Annual Report on work and activities of ISRBC for FY 2016

Conclusion:

ISRBC considered the Draft Annual Report on work and activities of the ISRBC for the period April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 and thereof, passed the respective Decision 13/17 on its adoption.

International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 13/17

- ❖ **On adoption of the Annual Report on work and activities of ISRBC for period April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-46-O-17-2/1-3**

3.2 Amendments of Decision on re-establishment of ISRBC expert groups

Conclusion:

ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 14/17 on amendments of Decision 2/17 on re-establishment of ISRBC expert groups related to the change of expert groups' chairmanship.

International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 14/17

- ❖ **On amendment of Decision 2/17 on re-establishment of ISRBC expert groups**

Decision 2-16 on re-establishment of ISRBC expert groups is amended as follows:

1. **In the Article 1 paragraph 1.2. the first sentence is changed and reads:**

„The Chairperson of PEG RBM is Dragana Milovanović, Deputy Secretary for Integrated River Basin Management and Water Planning.”

2. **The Article 3 paragraph 3.2. is changed and reads:**

„The Chairperson of PEG FP is Dragana Milovanović, Deputy Secretary for Integrated River Basin Management and Water Planning.”

3. **In the Article 6 paragraph 6.2. is changed and reads:**

„The Chairman of PEG GIS is Mirza Sarač, Advisor for protection against detrimental effects from waters and extraordinary impacts on the water regime. The Deputy Chairman is Duško Isaković, Advisor for technical issues of navigation.”

3.3 Establishment of the Task group for sustainable tourism

Conclusion:

ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 15/17 on the establishment of the Task group for sustainable tourism, as set out in Doc. No. 1S-46-O-17-3/3-2.

DECISION – 15/17

- ❖ **On establishment of the Task group for sustainable tourism development.**

3.4 Establishment of Core Working Group for Sava FRM Plan

Conclusion:

Upon proposal of the PEG FP, ISRBC agreed to establish a Core Working Group for the follow-up of the implementation of the Component 1: “Preparation of the Joint Flood Risk Management Plan for the Sava River Basin” of the project „Improvement of Joint Actions in Flood Management in the Sava River Basin. The ISRBC representatives shall nominate one

member from PEG FP from each Party in the Core Working Group by June 22, 2017 and inform the Secretariat accordingly. The Core Working Group shall be deemed to be established when all representatives nominate its members.

AD. 4 – Projects

Conclusions:

- 1. ISRBC took note on Projects Status Report (1S-46-O-17-4/1-2);**
- 2. ISRBC took note on Overview of the implemented and ongoing FASRB-related projects (Doc. No. 1S-46-O-17-4/2-2);**
- 3. ISRBC took note on the Overview of the planned FASRB-related projects (1S-46-O-17-4/3-2);**
- 4. With regard to realization of Recommendation 2/14 (related to nomination of the national coordinators for projects of common interest relevant for FASRB implementation), the ISRBC representatives from Slovenia shall provide the respective information by July 15, 2017.**

AD. 5 – “Joint Action Plan” for the Sava River Basin

Conclusion:

- 1. ISRBC considered and accepted the Joint Plan of Actions for the Sava River Basin (IS-46-O-17-5/4-2), as a milestone for integrated river basin management and socioeconomic development in the region, prepared with support of the World Bank, as well as the respective Joint Statement (1S-46-O-17-5/5-2), both amended in accordance with the on-the-session discussion.**
- 2. The Secretariat shall deliver final versions of the documents to the ISRBC representatives along with a cover letter containing information on development process and the aim of the documents.**
- 3. The ISRBC representatives shall deliver abovementioned documents as information to the national competent authorities which are involved in preparation of the 4th Western Balkans Summit that will be held on July 12, 2017 in Trieste, Italy.**
- 4. The Secretariat shall deliver abovementioned documents to the organizers of the Trieste summit in order to be presented at the meeting and to other interested institutions (i.e. World Bank, DG NEAR).**

AD. 6 – 2nd Sava River Basin Analysis

Conclusion:

ISRBC accepted the 2nd Sava River Basin Analysis Report (Doc. No. IS-46-O-17-6/1-2) with the proposed correction regarding protected areas submitted by Serbia, as a good basis for development of the 2nd Sava River Basin Management Plan.

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 ISRBC

Conclusion:

The 47th Session of ISRBC will be held in Zagreb, on October 17-18, 2017, 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 ISRBC**
- 3. Realization of *Work Plan of ISRBC for FY 2017***
 - 3.1. Water Management issues**
 - 3.2. Navigation issues**
 - 3.3. Cross-cutting issues**
 - 3.3.1. Information management issues**
 - 3.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues**
 - 3.3.3. Statistical issues**
 - 3.3.4. Tourism development issues**
 - 3.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
 - 3.5. Promotion activities**
 - 3.6. Protocols to FASRB**
- 4. Projects**
- 5. Internal issues (closed session)**
- 6. Other business**
- 7. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of ISRBC**
- 8. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

AD. 10 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

ISRBC adopted the Report from the 46nd Session.