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I. ATTENDANCE

The International Sava River Basin Commission (Sava Commission) held the 47th Session (as a special session) in Zagreb, on October 10-11, 2017. 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. Maja Markovčić Kostelac – Member and Ms. Elizabeta Kos – Deputy Member (Croatia); Ms. Nataša Milić – Member (Serbia); Mr. Mitja Bricelj – Member and Mr. Marko Sotlar – Deputy Member (Slovenia).

Ms. Sanja Genzić Jurišević, Mr. Joško Nikolić, Mr. Silvio Ridzak (Croatia) and Ms. Olivera Janković (Serbia) attended the Session as experts.

The Session was also attended by Mr. Petar Margić, (Danube Commission) and Irena Brnada (REC) as observers.

Mr. Dragan Zeljko – Secretary of the Sava Commission and officials of the Secretariat - Mr. Samo Grošelj, Ms. Dragana Milovanović, Mr. Željko Milković, Ms. Melita Žižanović Dakić, Ms. Majda Despotović and Mr. Mirza Sarač, 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. Report on tasks and duties regarding decisions and conclusions from previous sessions of the Sava Commission

3. Realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission 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 the Sava Commission**
- 8. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

IV. CONCLUSIONS

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

The Sava Commission adopted the proposed agenda of the 47th meeting (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-1/1-3), with agenda items presented in Part III of this Report.

AD. 2 – Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the Sava Commission

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from the previous Sessions of the Sava Commission (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-2/1-3).*
2. *The Secretariat shall organize the 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, by the end of 2017.*
3. *Regarding the commencement of negotiations on a bilateral agreement on navigation on inland waterways between Croatia and Slovenia and regulation of recreational navigation and use of the Kupa River in the border areas, the Secretariat shall deliver its expert opinion with a proposal of possible actions by the end of 2017.*

AD. 3 – Realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017

3.1. Water management issues

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-3/1-2) with regard to water management issues, and the reports from the 33rd PEG RBM Meeting (Doc. No. 3-17-2/2-2), and the 30th and the 31st PEG FP Meeting (Docs No. 3-17-2/3-2 and 3-17-5/3-2).

3.2. Navigation issues

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-4/1-2) with regard to navigation issues.*
2. *The Sava Commission's representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina shall undertake steps in order to enable the continuation of work of the bilateral commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia for inland navigation.*

3. The Sava Commission considered and adopted Decision 16/17 on the introduction of the System for support to national bodies responsible for the navigation safety inspection (Ref. No: 1S-47-D-17-1/1-3).

3.3. Cross-cutting issues

3.3.1. Information management issues

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-5/1-2) with regard to information management issues and the report from the 15th PEG GIS Meeting (Doc. No. 3-17-3/3-2).

3.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-6/1-2) with regard to hydrological and meteorological issues.
2. The Sava Commission tasks the Secretariat to distribute, upon completion, the full hydraulic model of the Sava River to all responsible institutions of the Parties.
3. The Sava Commission tasks the Secretariat to coordinate distribution of the Lidar based data (bare earth LAS points, DTMs) and Digital Orthophotos to the countries in accordance with the following principle: the data should be delivered to those countries on whose territory data are collected, while for cross-border sections of the Sava River within the project area, the data should be delivered to the countries sharing specific Sava River section.

In principle, one recipient of the data in each country shall be defined by the Sava Commission's representatives.

3.3.3. Statistical issues

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-7/1-2) with regard to statistical issues.

3.3.4. Tourism development issues

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-8/1-2) with regard to tourism development issues.
2. The Secretariat shall organize the first meeting of the task group for sustainable tourism development in the Sava River Basin by the end of 2017, at latest.

3.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-9/1-2) with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement, and its accompanying annexes:

- a. Annex 1: List of the Sava Commission's events in FY 2017;
- b. Annex 2: Preliminary Report from the Meeting on implementation of Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube Basin.

3.5. Promotion activities

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-10/1-2) with regard to promotion activities, including its accompanying annex – Report on celebration of the Sava Day 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-10/2-2).
2. The Secretariat shall investigate possibilities with regard to development of a short promotional video about Sava Flood Forecasting and Warning System (Sava FFWS) and, hereof, inform the Sava Commission.

3.6. Protocols to FASRB

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017 (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-11/1-2) with regard to protocols to FASRB.
2. The Sava Commission's 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 in due time.
3. The Sava Commission took note on the information of entry into force of the Protocol on Prevention of Water Pollution caused by Navigation to the FASRB and the Protocol on Sediment Management to the FASRB on October 8, 2017.

AD. 4 - Projects

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-47-O-17-12/1-2), and its accompanying annexes:
 - a. Annex 1: Overview of the implemented and ongoing FASRB-related projects;
 - b. Annex 2: List of flood related projects and activities
 - c. Annex 3: Overview of the planned FASRB-related projects;

- d. Annex 4: Overview of external projects supported by the Sava Commission.
2. With regard to realization of Recommendation 2/14, the Sava Commission took note that Mr. Mitja Bricelj shall be the national coordinator in Slovenia for projects of common interest relevant for the FASRB implementation.
 3. With regard to the progress in the Sava FFWS establishment within the “WBIF project”, the Sava Commission urges the Parties to enter into consultation process regarding the rights and obligations after the establishment of the System, given the provisions of the Article 9 of the Protocol on flood protection to the FASRB.
 4. The Sava Commission took note on the information on the Training Workshop on “Governance and Technology for Flood Risk Reduction: Linking early warning to emergency management in the Sava River Basin” which will be organized in cooperation with the UNESCO Office in Venice (Italy). The Workshop will be held on 05-06 December 2017 in Zagreb, Croatia.
 5. Taking into account restart of the activities on the realization of the rehabilitation and development of navigation, the representatives from Croatia shall nominate new or confirm the present members of the Committee for Monitoring and Coordination of the Implementation of the Project Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway.

AD. 5 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 6 – Other Business

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission tasks the Secretariat to coordinate development of the new Strategy on Implementation of the FASRB along with the respective Action plan.
2. With regard to the upcoming 7th Meeting of the Parties of the FASRB to be held 2018 in Slovenia:
 - a. Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB would be tentatively held on June 1, 2018, in Bled;
 - b. The Secretariat shall prepare the timeframe for organization of the 7th Meeting of the Parties along with draft agenda and program of work, and deliver it to the Sava Commission for discussion at the next Session;
 - c. The Secretariat shall deliver Guidelines and templates for preparation of the country reports on implementation of the FASRB, by the end of 2017.

AD. 7 – Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the Sava Commission

Conclusion:

The 48th Session of the Sava Commission will be held on 20-21 February 2018, in Zagreb, with the following tentative agenda:

1. *Adoption of the agenda*
2. *Report on tasks and duties regarding Decisions and Conclusions from previous Sessions of the Sava Commission*
3. *Seventh Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB*
4. *Realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2017*
 - 4.1. *Water management issues*
 - 4.2. *Navigation issues*
 - 4.3. *Cross-cutting 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 the Sava Commission for FY 2018*
7. *Internal issues*
8. *Other business*
9. *Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the Sava Commission*
10. *Adoption of the Report from the Session*

AD. 8 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission adopted the Report from the 47th Session.

Dragan Zeljko, Secretary

Igor Pejić, Chairman