



**REPORT**  
**FROM THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES**  
**TO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE SAVA RIVER**  
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## INTRODUCTION

The 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (FASRB), convened pursuant to the Article 14 of the FASRB, was held in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The Meeting was attended by all Parties to the FASRB: Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Slovenia, as well as by the representatives of invited guests – international partners, states, supporters and other institutions interested in the implementation of the FASRB.

The Meeting was administered by the Secretariat of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC, Sava Commission) and representatives of the respective ministries from the host country – Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations and Ministry of Communication and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

List of Participants of the Meeting is enclosed to this Report as Annex 2.

## CHAIRMANSHIP

Mr. Mirko Šarović, Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina chaired the Meeting.

## ADOPTED AGENDA

- 1. Opening ceremony and constitution**
  - a. Opening ceremony
  - b. Address of the Chairman of the International Sava River Basin Commission
  - c. Constitution of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Statements of the Parties to the FASRB**
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Republic of Croatia
  - Republic of Serbia
  - Republic of Slovenia
- 4. Partners in cooperation – addresses of the partners of the ISRBC**
- 5. Youth Parliament - message of the youth from the Sava River Basin**
- 6. Current issues of implementation of the FASRB and key challenges ahead**
  - a. Report on implementation of the FASRB

*Photo session for the meeting participants*

*Press conference*
- 6. Current issues of implementation of the FASRB and key challenges ahead – cont.**
  - b. Looking at the key challenges ahead

c. Feedback from the audience and discussion

**7. Declaration of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties**

**8. Report from the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties**

**9. Address of the host of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties**

**10. Closing of the Meeting**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### AD. 1 – OPENING CEREMONY AND CONSTITUTION

#### A. OPENING CEREMONY

**Mr. Boško Kenjić**, Deputy Member of the ISRBC from Bosnia and Herzegovina, acting as moderator welcomed participants to the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties and passed the floor to Mr. Mirko Šarović, Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Mr. Mirko Šarović**, Head of Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, welcomed the gathering on behalf of the host country and expressed his satisfaction for the opportunity to host the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties in Sarajevo. In his opening remarks, he pointed out the significance of regional cooperation in the Sava River Basin, not only when it comes to dealing with effects of natural disasters, but also when making the best use of development potential in the region.

He wished a successful work to all and declared the session opened.

#### B. ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ISRBC

**Mr. Igor Pejić**, Chairman of the ISRBC, noted a significant progress made in all fields of cooperation of the countries within the ISRBC and emphasized very concrete results achieved between the two meetings of the Parties - preparation of the first joint Flood Risk Management Plan in the Sava River Basin (Sava FRMP) and the completion of a very complex joint effort - establishment of the Flood Forecasting and Warning System for the Sava River Basin (Sava FFWS). He also stressed that the efforts in navigation were focused on removing the bottlenecks on critical sectors of the Sava River waterway. He also noted that due attention was paid to the issues of sustainable development. At the end of his address Mr. Pejić thanked to all institutions and individuals who contributed to the results of the ISRBC. Mr. Pejić's full address is available here:

[http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci\\_strana/8\\_sastanak\\_strana\\_fasrb/addresses\\_of\\_the\\_isrbc\\_chairman.pdf](http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci_strana/8_sastanak_strana_fasrb/addresses_of_the_isrbc_chairman.pdf)

#### C. CONSTITUTION OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES

The Meeting of the Parties took note of the **Report on Credentials** prepared by the Secretariat of the ISRBC stating that the *credentials* submitted by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia and Republic of Slovenia were in good order while Republic of Serbia would communicate the formal credentials to the ISRBC Secretariat by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, upon completion of the respective internal procedure, being delayed due to technical reasons. With this remark, the Meeting of the Parties was constituted and proceeded with its work accordingly.

### AD. 2 – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Meeting of the Parties adopted the agenda as proposed. The document is available here: [http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci\\_strana/8\\_sastanak\\_strana\\_fasrb/mop8\\_adopded\\_agenda-final.pdf](http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci_strana/8_sastanak_strana_fasrb/mop8_adopded_agenda-final.pdf)

### AD. 3 – STATEMENTS OF THE PARTIES TO THE FASRB

The Meeting of the Parties took note of the statements of the representatives of the Parties to the FASRB, made in the following order:

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina - Mr. Mirko Šarović** – Head of Delegation, Minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Šarović highlighted the successes and challenges in cross-border cooperation in water resources management and navigation in the Sava River Basin. He emphasized the value of the Sava FRMP planned to be approved at the Meeting, as well as the importance of ensuring the long term maintenance of the Sava FFWS and the signing of the respective Memorandum of understanding as soon as possible. He recalled the effects of the catastrophic floods in 2014 that left a deep mark on overall economic growth and noted achievements that had been made so far. Mr. Šarović indicated the significant transport value of the Sava River and emphasised the importance of the rehabilitation of its waterway, pointing out the ongoing efforts for removing the bottlenecks on the critical sectors of the Sava River waterway and the need to solve the most urgent problem - demining of the Sava River banks. He thanked all institutions in the Sava countries that contributed to joint activities and expressed his satisfaction with the work of the Sava Commission and its Secretariat.

- **Republic of Croatia - Ms. Elizabeta Kos** – Head of Delegation, Assistant Minister of Environment and Energy, Ministry of Environment and Energy of the Republic of Croatia.

Ms. Kos stated that organizing this 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties after slightly more than one year from the previous 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting, had a very good reasons – the approval of the Sava FRMP and finalizing the Memorandum on the agreement to cooperate on the regular functioning and maintenance of the Sava FFWS that was expected to be signed very soon, in order to ensure continued operational use of system. She emphasized the great importance of both documents developed in line with the Protocol on Flood Protection to the FASRB, for the effective flood risks management in the basin. Furthermore, Ms. Kos pointed out that international water management cooperation, among other topics, would be emphasized within Croatian EU Presidency in the first half of 2020 and that would be a good opportunity to present and to promote activities of the ISRBC and the Sava Youth Parliament. She also highlighted the importance of rehabilitation of navigation on the Sava waterway as a part of the TEN-T transport network of great importance of the transport system in the region and Europe. Ms. Kos stated that the Republic of Croatia would continue to support activities of the Sava Commission and joint projects in the field of navigation and water management.

- **Republic of Serbia - Mr. Željko Radošević** – Head of Delegation, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia.

Mr. Radošević highlighted completion of the first joint Sava FRMP, that would be approved at the Meeting of Parties, and the establishment and commencement of the operational use of the Sava FFWS, as the most important results in the joint efforts of cooperating countries. He mentioned that the Sava Commission had become a stable mechanism, recognized in both the Sava states and the wider region as an effective organization, a reliable partner and a successful coordinator of an increasing number of activities. Mr. Radošević further remarked

that navigation on the Sava River was of great importance for the future economic and social development of the region and expressed his satisfaction with development of sustainable tourism in the basin and also with the involvement of young generations through the activities of the Sava Youth Parliament. He recalled the importance of FASRB and the Sava Commission for efficient water cooperation in the region.

- **Republic of Slovenia - Ms. Vesna Ugrinovski** – Head of Delegation, Acting Director General, Directorate for Water and Investments, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia.

Ms. Ugrinovski expressed the satisfaction with the setup and functioning of the Sava FFWS and noted that efficiency of the System was tested earlier that year, during the period of high waters with the significant improvement of the information's quality noted in comparison with the previous period. She appreciated that Slovenian Environment Agency, acting as the Primary System server for the Sava FFWS, had successfully completed all tasks and duties entrusted by the Parties and so would continue in the future. Timely signing of the respective Memorandum is very important for the long term maintenance of the System and she invited signatories to sign a memorandum on occasion that would be organized in Slovenia. Ms. Ugrinovski expressed her appreciation for well-organized 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sava Youth Parliament in the border region between Slovenia and Croatia and encouraged further involvement of young generations through the partnership with schools on the national and transboundary level, as proposed by the International conference of teachers "Living with water", that was held back to back with the 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament.

Full statements of the Parties are available at:

[http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci\\_strana/8\\_sastanak\\_strana\\_fasrb/statements\\_of\\_the\\_parties.rar](http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci_strana/8_sastanak_strana_fasrb/statements_of_the_parties.rar)

#### AD. 4 – PARTNERS IN COOPERATION - ADDRESSES OF THE PARTNERS OF THE ISRBC

The Meeting of the Parties took note of the speeches of international partners and supporters of the ISRBC, delivered in the following order:

- **Ms. Dragana Đukić**, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Montenegro;
- **Ms. Karla Peijs**, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Rhine-Danube Corridor;
- **Mr. Manfred Seitz**, Director-General, Danube Commission;
- **Ms. Edith Höedl**, Technical Expert for River Basin Management, ICPDR;
- **Ms. Josiane Mongellaz**, Head of International Affairs, INBO – International Network of Basin Organizations;
- **Mr. Marco Keiner**, Director, Environment Division, UNECE (video statement);
- **Mr. Yuwei Li**, Director, Sustainable Transport Division UNECE, (written statement).

All submitted written statements of the partners of the ISRBC and the message of the youth from the Sava River Basin are available here:

[http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci\\_strana/8\\_sastanak\\_strana\\_fasrb/addressesoftheisrbcpartnersandyouth.rar](http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci_strana/8_sastanak_strana_fasrb/addressesoftheisrbcpartnersandyouth.rar).



Video address of Mr. Keiner, UNECE, can be seen here: [https://youtu.be/IJ\\_k-eBME34](https://youtu.be/IJ_k-eBME34).

#### AD. 5 – YOUTH PARLIAMENT – MESSAGE OF THE YOUTH FROM THE SAVA RIVER BASIN

**Ms. Tana Bertić**, President of the Youth Parliament of the Sava River Basin, provided the overview of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Youth Parliament that took place on May 31 and June 01, 2019 in the border region between Slovenia and Croatia (Kumrovec, Vonarje, and Kozjansko Regional Park). The topic of this year's Youth Parliament was "Let's cooperate for waters". She transferred the message of the youth:

*"We need to live with waters again, so we invite you to support our awareness-raising needs and to support a clean-up action that we would like to organize at the local level, through a visit to a school focused on youth education and awareness, first and foremost through the Sava Youth Parliament, not just during the Parliament meeting and on Sava River Day, but all year long!*

*We all have to be aware that you have borrowed nature from us, and we will borrow it from our children and grandchildren in the near future. Therefore, "Let's cooperate for waters"!*

#### AD. 6 – CURRENT ISSUES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FASRB AND KEY CHALLENGES AHEAD

##### A. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FASRB

**Mr. Dragan Zeljko**, Secretary of the ISRBC, briefly presented the Report on implementation of the FASRB for the period April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Major accomplishments in the field of *integrated water management* include the development of the first joint Sava FRMP and the establishment of the Sava FFWS. Further progress was made in the activities related to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sava RBM planning cycle, as well as in other fields of cooperation related to water management. In *navigation*, the main achievements include the completion of the works on some of the critical sectors on the Sava River waterway, as well as further improvement of the navigation safety through unification of rules and development of the navigation manuals. In *data and information exchange* further, a progress has been achieved by incorporating the module for flood risk management and the successful integration of the existing navigation management applications into the Sava GIS, as well as by improvement of hydro-meteorological data exchange through the Sava HIS. Due attention was also paid to the *cross-cutting and development issues*.

Thereupon, the floor was opened for comments and/or suggestions. Since no one of the participants had comments and/or suggestions it was announced that:

***Taking into account Article 14 paragraph 2 of the FASRB, the Meeting of the Parties adopted the Report on implementation of the FASRB for the period April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.***

The Report, in all official languages and in English, is available at:

[http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci\\_strana/8\\_sastanak\\_strana\\_fasrb/8th\\_mop\\_report\\_fasrb\\_implementation.rar](http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci_strana/8_sastanak_strana_fasrb/8th_mop_report_fasrb_implementation.rar)

## B. LOOKING AT THE KEY CHALLENGES AHEAD

**Mr. Zeljko** provided an overview of the priorities in further implementation of the FASRB in all fields of cooperation, emphasizing that the best efforts should be invested in: (1) implementation of measures of the Sava FRMP; (2) securing sustainable functioning of the Sava FFWS and its further development; (3) preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sava RBMP; 4) strengthening the efforts to rehabilitate and develop navigation on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries, with a special emphasis given to complete demining of the Sava River banks; (5) securing the proper functioning and maintenance of the Sava GIS and Sava HIS and their further upgrades, (6) continuing efforts related to the sustainable development issues and (7) further strengthening of the stakeholder involvement in all processes in the basin.

## C. FEEDBACK FROM THE AUDIENCE AND DISCUSSION

Within this agenda item **Mr. Igor Palandžić**, Water Resources Specialist, World Bank, delivered the statement with regard to the engagement of the World Bank in the Sava River Basin, emphasizing ongoing preparation of the Sava and Drina river corridors integrated development program.

## AD. 7 – DECLARATION OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES

**Mr. Kenjić** introduced the content of the draft Declaration of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties, prepared by the ISRBC in cooperation with experts from the Parties. He emphasized the significance of the proposed approval of the *Flood Risk Management Plan in the Sava River Basin* as an important milestone in the cooperation of the Parties. A proposal of slight modification of the text of Declaration was explained in the part related to the *Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation concerning regular functioning and maintenance of the Sava Flood Forecasting and Warning System*, to reflect the fact that the signing of the Memorandum was postponed.

Thereupon, **Mr. Pejić** passed the floor for comments and/or suggestions.

After having discussed comments and suggestions from the audience,

**Meeting of the Parties adopted the Declaration of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties, as the final act of the Meeting (Doc. No. 5-19-3/16-2).**

The Declaration is enclosed to this Report as Annex 1.

The approved Sava FRMP, available in all official languages of the Parties to the FASRB, Montenegrin and English, is available here:

[http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci\\_strana/8\\_sastanak\\_strana\\_fasrb/savafrmp.rar](http://www.savacommission.org/dms/docs/dokumenti/sastanci_strana/8_sastanak_strana_fasrb/savafrmp.rar).

## AD. 8 – REPORT FROM THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES

The Secretariat of the ISRBC shall prepare the Report from the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties, and submit it to the Parties to the FASRB and make it available through the website of the ISRBC.

## AD. 9 – ADDRESS OF THE HOST OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Following the invitation of **Ms. Kos**, Head of delegation of the Republic of Croatia, the Meeting of the Parties welcomed with appreciation the readiness of the Republic of Croatia to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties in 2021.

AD. 10 – CLOSING OF THE MEETING

**Mr. Pejić**, the Chairman of the ISRBC, thanked all participants for their attendance and active involvement and, thereof, closed the Meeting.

**ANNEXES:**

**ANNEX 1 – DECLARATION OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES**

**EIGHT MEETING OF THE PARTIES  
TO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT  
ON THE SAVA RIVER BASIN**

**Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), October 24, 2019**

**DECLARATION**

Doc. No. 5-19-3/16-2

**8<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE PARTIES**  
**TO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE SAVA RIVER BASIN**  
**Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), October 24, 2019**

**DECLARATION**

**WE, THE PARTIES TO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON THE SAVA RIVER BASIN**, gathered in Sarajevo on October 24, 2019, for our 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting, *recall* the vital importance of regional cooperation and coordination of the Parties,

*Conscious* of the great importance of the Sava River Basin, its environment and natural resources for the economic and social prosperity, as well as the crucial importance of regional cooperation and coordination in line with the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin (hereinafter: FASRB), aiming at sustainable development of the Sava River Basin,

*Recognizing* the benefits that the Parties can gain from, and harms that can be avoided or mitigated as a result of the cooperation of the Parties through and within the International Sava River Basin Commission (hereinafter: Sava Commission),

*Reaffirming* our political commitment to cooperate on the basis of, and in accordance with, the EU legislation in the field of water and inland waterway transport relevant for achieving the objectives of the FASRB and its protocols,

*Bearing in mind* the commitment of the Parties expressed in the “Declaration from the Seventh Meeting of the Parties”, held in Bled (Slovenia) on June 7, 2018, declare the following:

***Considering the cooperation in the Sava River Basin, We***

- *Appreciate* the efforts of the Parties, the Sava Commission and its Secretariat and expert bodies in the implementation of the FASRB and *acknowledge* the significant overall progress towards the achievement of the jointly agreed objectives set by the FASRB and its protocols that has been made in the reporting period,
- *Having considered* the Seventh Country Reports on implementation of the FASRB and work of the Sava Commission, *accept* the “Report on implementation of the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin for the period from April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019”,

***Considering the significant progress made in integrated water management, We***

- *Approve* the “Flood Risk Management Plan in the Sava River Basin” (Sava FRM Plan) enclosed in Annex 1 of this “Declaration”, as a milestone in the cooperation of the Parties leading towards fulfilment of one of the main objectives of the FASRB – *to prevent or limit hazards and reduce and eliminate adverse consequences from floods*,

- *Acknowledging* active participation and contribution to its development, *welcome* approval of the Sava FRM Plan by Montenegro,
- *Commit ourselves* to making our best efforts to implement the Summary of Measures that is an integral part of the Sava FRM Plan, in order to contribute to meeting the common objectives – avoidance of new flood risks, reduction of existing flood risks during and after the floods, strengthening resilience, raising awareness about flood risks and implementing solidarity principle, while being aware of the existing differences between the Parties – EU member states and non-EU member states,
- Although the measures are the responsibility of the Parties, we *request* the Sava Commission to provide all necessary assistance to the Parties in communication with relevant international institutions, in order to find out more opportunities and mechanisms for funding implementation of the measures on the basin-wide level,
- *Having in mind* data gaps and uncertainties in the Sava FRM Plan, we *commit ourselves* to making additional efforts to ensure adequate resources for continuation of the activities coordinated by the Sava Commission in the next cycle of the flood risk management planning, starting with the update of the joint Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment in the Sava River Basin,
- *Encourage* the Sava Commission to continue and further enhance the dialogue with relevant stakeholders from the emergency management sector established within the development of the Sava FRM Plan,
- *Welcome* the establishment of the “Flood Forecasting and Warning System in the Sava River Basin” (Sava FFWS) as a mature and reliable platform for operational hydrological forecasting at both national and international level in the Sava River Basin and *acknowledge* a great work of the Sava Commission and all institutions and individuals who took part in the process of its establishment,
- *Welcome* successful development of the “Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation on regular functioning and maintenance of the Sava Flood Forecasting and Warning System” and *commit ourselves* to signing it as soon as possible, aware of its importance for the sustainable functioning of the Sava FFWS,
- *Commit ourselves* to making our best efforts to ensure adequate human and financial resources for further developments of the Sava FFWS,
- *Recognizing* significant progress made towards the preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sava River Basin Management Plan, *reconfirm* our strong commitment to ensure adequate human and financial resources for the further development of the Plan and *request* the Sava Commission to continue related fund-raising efforts,
- *Emphasizing* the importance of sustainable development in the basin, *encourage* the Sava Commission to continue already established dialogue with relevant stakeholders from the navigation, hydropower, agriculture, nature conservation and other relevant sectors,

for further integration of the economic, social and environmental aspects into the river basin management planning,

- *Reconfirm our commitment* to undertake *final harmonization* of the Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB, taking into account its significance for the implementation of the FASRB.

***Considering rehabilitation and development of navigation, We***

- *Reconfirm* our commitment to rehabilitate and develop navigation on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries being aware of its importance for further economic and social development of the region while *respecting* applicable environmental legislation as well as the Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin (Joint Statement),
- *Underline* the need for an urgent complete demining of the Sava River banks, with special emphasis on the planned worksites for the waterway rehabilitation and maintenance, bearing in mind that demining of those locations is a prerequisite for carrying out the necessary examinations for the preparation of the project documentation and that possible delays in demining activities can have a very negative impact on already started activities on the waterway rehabilitation,
- *Welcome* the progress in the fairway rehabilitation on critical sectors in Republic of Serbia including the preparatory activities for the rehabilitation of the sector Drina Confluence,
- *Welcome* the beginning of the development of necessary documentation for the rehabilitation of the fairway sector Novi Grad, and accordingly *express satisfaction* with the establishment of the Stakeholders Forum in the framework of this activity as the significant step forward in the implementation of the Joint Statement,
- Although the planned measures on the rehabilitation and development of navigation on the Sava River are the responsibility of the Parties, *request* the Sava Commission to continue providing assistance to the Parties in communication with relevant international institutions, in order to find out more opportunities and mechanisms for supporting and funding of activities related to the rehabilitation and development of navigation on the Sava River and in monitoring and coordination of their implementation,
- *Support* the use of harmonized border control forms for the vessels in the Sava River Basin, which is aimed at simplification, harmonisation and digitalisation of administrative processes in Sava navigation through the application of harmonised arrival and departure reports, crew lists as well as passenger lists,

***Being aware of importance of the cross-cutting issues in the Sava River Basin, We***

- *Encourage* the Sava Commission and the Parties to undertake further activities related to the climate change adaptation in the basin, recognizing the likely consequences of climate



change on the water regime in the Sava River Basin and the need for effective adaptation measures,

- *Welcome* development and delivery to the Parties of the hydrologic model for the Sava River Basin and the hydraulic model for the Sava River, and *commit ourselves* to take necessary activities for further enhancement of the models to increase their utility for the various purposes of the joint activities,
- *Express satisfaction* with the extraordinary progress made in regard to data and information exchange in the basin, *commit ourselves* to undertake all activities necessary to secure the proper functioning and maintenance of the Sava GIS and Sava HIS and *strongly support* their further upgrades, including the integration of the navigation-related applications,
- *Acknowledge* the work of the Sava Commission undertaken following the adoption of “Joint Plan of Actions for the Sava River Basin” as a coordinated program of multipurpose and integrated interventions to strengthen overall river basin management planning, improve navigability, enhance flood risk management, develop sustainable tourism, protect the environment and adapt to climate change, and support further activities to this regard,
- *Welcome* efforts of the Sava Commission in development of sustainable tourism in the Sava River Basin as a significant tool in the promotion of economic benefits, and strongly support further activities to this regard,
- *Welcome* messages from the 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament of the Sava River Basin delivered at this Meeting. In this regard, we *express* satisfaction with further involvement of young generation through the partnership with schools on the national and transboundary level as proposed by the International conference of teachers “Living with water”, held back to back to the 8<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament,

***In closing remarks, We***

- *Express* appreciation to donors, relevant partner organizations and all other contributors for supporting the work of the Sava Commission and *hope* for their support and cooperation in the future activities of the Sava Commission,
- *Express* gratitude to stakeholders for their participation in the activities on the basin wide level and *welcome* their further involvement in the future relevant processes,
- *Express* gratitude to the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina for having hosted the Eight Meeting of the Parties and *announce* the next meeting of the Parties to be held in Croatia in 2021.

**ANNEX 2 – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**LIST of PARTICIPANTS**  
**Eight Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**  
**October 24, 2019, Sarajevo**

No.	Name and Surname	Title/Position	Institution	E-mail
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