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REPORT
from the 30th Session
of the International Sava River Basin Commission

November 7-8, 2012
Zagreb

I Attendance

The International Sava River Basin Commission held the 30th Session (as a special session) in Zagreb, on November 7-8, 2012. The following representatives of the Parties to the FASRB – members and deputy members of the ISRBC, attended the Session: Mr. Savo Gluvić (B&H) – Deputy Member, Mr. Nikola Mendrila (Croatia) – Member, Mr. Dražen Kurečić (Croatia) – Deputy Member, Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Serbia) – Member, Mr. Mitja Bricelj (Slovenia) – Member, and Mr Aleksander Čičerov (Slovenia) – Deputy Member.

Ms. Enisa Babić (B&H), Mr. Janko Brnardić (Croatia) and Ms. Marija Pinter (Croatia) attended the Session as experts, and Ms. Martina Zupan (GWP CEE), Mr. Gabriel Schwaderer (Euronatur) and Mr. Enes Čerimagić (Zelena akcija), as the observers.

II Chairmanship

Ms. Dragana Milovanović (Serbia) chaired the Session.

III Adoption of the agenda

At the beginning of the Session, the ISRBC took note on the information received from the Parties regarding the nomination of new representatives in the ISRBC:

- Ms. Dragana Milovanović as the Member from the Republic of Serbia, and Mr. Vladan Zdravković as the Deputy Member from the Republic of Serbia;
- Mr. Dražen Kurečić as the Deputy Member from the Republic of Croatia.

Besides, the ISRBC took note on the information from Bosnia and Herzegovina on the retirement of Mr. Kemal Karkin, member of the ISRBC, and the ongoing procedures for nomination of the new member.

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

Conclusion:

The agenda is adopted (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-1/3-3) 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. Adoption of the Proposal of the Sava River Basin Management Plan**
- 4. Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 5. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012**
 - 5.1. Water management issues**
 - 5.1.1. Work of the PEG for River Basin Management
 - 5.1.2. Work of the PEG for Flood Prevention
 - 5.2. Navigation issues**
 - 5.2.1. Decisions related to navigation
 - 5.2.2. Work of the PEG for Navigation
 - 5.3. Cross-cutting issues**
 - 5.3.1. Information management issues
 - 5.3.1.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for GIS
 - 5.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues
 - 5.3.2.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues
 - 5.3.3. Statistical issues
 - 5.3.4. Tourism development issues
 - 5.4. Projects**
 - 5.5. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
 - 5.6. Promotion activities**
 - 5.7. Protocols to the FASRB**
- 6. Declaration from the Youth Parliament “Youth Today for the Sava Tomorrow”**
- 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-30-O-12-2/1-3).***
- 2. The following information on the representatives of the countries in the Steering Groups of the Priority Areas of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region should be submitted by November 30, 2012:***
 - a) Bosnia and Herzegovina: PA 1a, 5, 6;***
 - b) Croatia: PA 6;***
 - c) Serbia: PA 1a.***

The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat on all changes regarding the representation in the Steering Groups, as well.

AD. 3 – Adoption of the Proposal of the Sava River Basin Management Plan

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the position of the Republic of Croatia that the content of the Draft Proposal of the Sava RBM Plan is not fully acceptable in its present form, so that certain modifications of the Draft Proposal should be made, and that it is necessary to carry out the strategic impact assessment of the Draft Proposal of the Sava RBM Plan, pursuant to the national legislation.***
- 2. Given the above mentioned position of the Republic of Croatia, the Proposal of the Sava RBM Plan cannot be accepted at the 30th Session of the ISRBC, as it was scheduled under conclusion 3.1 from the 29th Session. The ISRBC representatives from the Republic of Croatia shall deliver to the Secretariat, by November 30, 2012, a proposal on modifications of the Draft Proposal of the Sava RBM Plan for consideration by the PEG RBM. After confirmation of the Draft Proposal of the Sava RBM Plan by PEG RBM, the Secretariat shall deliver it to the ISRBC for approval.***
- 3. Due to a prolongation of the adoption of the Sava RBM Plan, the Strategy on Implementation of the FASRB and the accompanying Action Plan for the period 2011-2015 need to be revised accordingly, in the part referring to the river basin management. This revision will take place, once a tentative timing of adoption of the Plan is determined.***

AD. 4 – Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB

Conclusions:

- 1. Taking into account the period of time required for the completion of the above mentioned national procedures of the Republic of Croatia, it is evident that the adoption of the Sava RBM Plan, as initially***

planned, at the 4th Meeting of the Parties on December 3, 2012, is not possible. Since the adoption of the Sava RBM Plan was the main reason for organization of this extraordinary Meeting in 2012, the 4th Meeting of the Parties is postponed to the regular term and will be held on May 31, 2013.

- 2. The Secretariat shall modify the already prepared plan of activities on the preparation and organization of the 4th Meeting of the Parties and the accompanying Draft Agenda and Draft Program of Work, and deliver it to the ISRBC representatives for approval, within 15 days.*
- 3. The ISRBC representatives shall inform the Secretariat of the nominated members of the Organizational Board of the 4th Meeting of the Parties by December 31, 2012.*
- 4. The Secretariat shall deliver the templates for preparation of the third country reports on implementation of the FASRB within 15 days. The country reports shall be submitted to the Secretariat by February 1, 2013.*

AD. 5 – Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012

5.1 Water Management issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-5/1-2) for the water management issues and the Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-5/2-2) for the water management issues.

5.1.1 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for River Basin Management (PEG RBM)

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG RBM performed since the 28th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-28-O-12-6/1-2).*
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 24th Meeting of the PEG RBM (Doc. No. 3-12-2/3-2).*

5.1.2 Work of the Permanent Expert Group for Flood Prevention (PEG FP)

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG FP performed since the 28th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-7/1-2).*
- 2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 20th Meeting of the PEG FP (Doc. No. 3-12-8/3-2).*
- 3. The ISRBC passed Decision 13/12 on amendment of the Decision 17/06 related to establishment of the Permanent Expert Group for Flood Prevention in the part referring to nomination of the members of the Expert Group from Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION 13/12

- ❖ **On amendment of the Decision 17/06 related to establishment of the Permanent Expert Group for Flood Prevention in the part referring to nomination of the members of the Expert Group from Bosnia and Herzegovina.**
- ❖ **The paragraph 2 point 1 is changed and reads:
“1. Mr David Latinović from Bosnia and Herzegovina”.**

5.2 Navigation issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-8/1-2) for the navigation issues and the Summary of activities of the expert groups in FY 2012 for the navigation issues (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-8/2-2).

5.2.1. Decisions related to navigation

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 14/12 on Amendments to the Decision 19/08 on adoption of the Classification of the Sava River Waterway.***
- 2. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 15/12 on adoption of the Rules on Harmonized River Information Services (RIS) in the Sava River Basin.***
- 3. The ISRBC considered and adopted Decision 16/12 on production and update of the Inland Electronic Navigational Charts (IENC) for the Sava River Basin.***

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 14/12

- ❖ **On adoption of the Amendments to the Decision 19/08 on adoption of the Classification of the Sava River Waterway.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 15/12

- ❖ **On adoption of the Rules on Harmonized River Information Services (RIS) in the Sava River Basin.**

The International Sava River Basin Commission has adopted the following

DECISION – 16/12

- ❖ On production and update of the Inland Electronic Navigational Charts (IENC) for the Sava River Basin.

5.2.2. Work of the Permanent Expert Group for Navigation (PEG NAV)

Conclusions:

1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the PEG NAV performed since the 28th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-9/1-2).
2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 15th Meeting of the PEG NAV (Doc. No. 2-12-2/10-2-PEG NAV).

5.3. Cross-cutting issues

5.3.1. Information management issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-10/1-2) with regard to Information Management and the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc GIS EG in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-10/2-2).

5.3.1.1. Work of the Ad-hoc EG for GIS

Conclusions:

1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc GIS EG performed since the 28th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-12/1-2).
2. The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 7th Meeting of the Ad-hoc GIS (Doc. No. 3-12-4/3-2).

5.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-12/3-2) with regard to Hydrological and meteorological issues and the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc HM EG in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-12/4-2).

5.3.2.1. Work of the Ad-hoc EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues

Conclusions:

1. The ISRBC took note on the Summary of activities of the Ad-hoc HM EG performed since the 28th Session of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-21/1-2).

2. ***The ISRBC took note on the Report from the 7th Meeting of the Ad-hoc HM EG (Doc. No. 3-12-9/2-2).***

5.3.3. Statistical issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-13/1-2) with regard to Statistical issues.

5.3.4. Tourism development issues

Conclusion:

The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-14/1-2) with regard to Tourism development issues.

5.4. Projects

Conclusions:

1. ***The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of projects (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-15/1-2), and its accompanying annexes:***
 - a) ***Overview of the implemented, ongoing and planned projects of the ISRBC (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-15/2-2);***
 - b) ***Information on status of the project „Preparation and implementation of the Sava River Basin Management Plan” (grant line) (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-15/3-2);***
 - c) ***Information on status of the project „Building the link between flood risk management planning and climate change assessment in the Sava river basin“ (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-15/4-2).***
2. ***The Secretariat shall prepare a summary on added value of the projects implemented in the framework of the ISRBC and their contribution to sustainable solutions for development of the region, for the purpose of informing all relevant national institutions of the Parties.***

5.5. 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 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-16/1-2) with regard to meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement, and its accompanying annexes:

- a. ***Report from the study visit of the Skadar Lake Commission to the ISRBC (Zagreb, April 23-24, 2012);***
- b. ***Report from the Regional workshop within the Project “Promoting eco-tourism development in the Sava River Basin” (Slavonski Brod, June 20-21, 2012);***

- c. *Report from the first part of the Course on sustainable sediment management with the Sava river basin as a showcase (Zagreb, October 15-18, 2012);*
- d. *List of the ISRBC meetings in FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-16/4-2).*

5.6 Promotion activities

Conclusions:

1. *The ISRBC took note on the Status Report on realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-17/1-2) with regard to promotion activities.*
2. *With regard to the Conclusion 4.7.2 from the 28th Session and 2.2 from the 29th Session, the ISRBC took note on the Information on the outcomes of the PR agencies' market investigation.*
3. *As a first step, the Secretariat shall ensure the preparation of a communication strategy of the ISRBC taking into account the existing documents such as the General Public Relation Plan of the ISRBC, accepted at the 21st Session, for consideration at the next Session.*
4. *Engagement of a PR agency to support the selected promotion activities of the ISRBC in FY 2013 will be conducted depending on financial possibilities of the ISRBC.*
5. *The ISRBC representatives shall revise the nominated PR contacts from their respective countries and inform the Secretariat accordingly, by November 23, 2012.*
6. *The Secretariat shall ensure dissemination of information on the 10th anniversary of the signing of the FASRB through media in the Parties, in cooperation with the nominated PR contacts of the Parties.*
7. *In order to improve visibility of the ISRBC in the Parties, the sessions of the ISRBC and the meetings of expert groups (especially permanent groups) can be organized in all Parties, in accordance with financial possibilities of the ISRBC.*

5.7 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 2012 (Doc. No. 1S-30-O-12-18/1-2) with regard to the protocols to the FASRB.*
2. *The ISRBC took note on the information of ratification of the Protocol on Flood Protection in the Republic of Croatia.*
3. *The ISRBC agreed to organize negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Sediment Management, tentatively in the 1st quarter of 2013. In order to agree upon the draft Protocol on Sediment Management to be considered at the negotiations:*
 - a) *The ISRBC representatives from the Republic of Croatia shall inform the Secretariat on their position regarding the draft Protocol (version of October 25, 2010) by November 30, 2012.*
 - b) *Following the delivery of the position of the Republic of Croatia to the ISRBC representatives of the other countries by the Secretariat, the ISRBC representatives of the other countries shall deliver, by*

December 31, 2012, a written confirmation of the readiness of their respective countries to participate in the negotiations.

- 2. The ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina are encouraged to ensure reconsideration of the readiness of Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in negotiations on final harmonization of the Protocol on Emergency Situations to the FASRB.*
- 3. With regard to Conclusion 4.8.4 from the 28th Session, related to establishment of a task group for considering the open issues and the measures aimed at securing integrity of the water regime and the elimination or reduction of transboundary impact, that are necessary to be regulated by a protocol, the ISRBC representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia shall inform the Secretariat of the representatives of their respective countries in the task group by the end of 2012.*

AD. 6 – Declaration from the Youth Parliament “Youth Today for the Sava Tomorrow”

Conclusion:

The ISRBC expressed gratitude to the representatives of the Sava River Basin Youth Parliament “Youth Today for the Sava Tomorrow” who presented the „Declaration of a Better Tomorrow in the Sava River Basin“ as an outcome of the Youth Parliament (Lonjsko polje, June 1-2, 2012), and fully agreed with the statements and views expressed in the Declaration. The Sava Youth Parliament participants showed a high level of awareness of the need for sustainable development in the Sava River Basin, the importance of strengthening the regional cooperation, and recognized the opportunity to contribute in achieving the common goals, as well. The ISRBC strongly supported the implementation of the Declaration’s conclusions and encouraged relevant ministries and other respective bodies to support further engagement of young population in the activities contributing to the implementation of the FASRB.

AD. 7 – Internal issues (closed session)

AD. 8 – Other Business

Conclusions:

- 1. The ISRBC considered the Sava River Position Paper delivered by “Euronatur” and expressed its gratitude for active engagement in the work of the ISRBC as an observer.*
- 2. Following the presentation of the standpoints of Euronatur and the ISRBC representatives, and the discussion thereafter, it was agreed that the ISRBC shall send a response to “Euronatur” within 30 days.*
- 3. The establishment of the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the Project “Rehabilitation and development of transport and navigation on the Sava River Waterway” provides an opportunity for regional/national NGO community to be represented in*

the Committee. “Euronatur” is encouraged by the ISRBC to contribute to the work of the Committee.

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

Conclusion:

The 31st Session of the ISRBC will be held on February 19-20, 2013, 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. Fourth Meeting of the Parties to the FASRB**
- 4. Realization of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2012**
 - 4.1. Water Management issues**
 - 4.1.1. Elements for revision of the Strategy on Implementation of the FASRB and the accompanying Action Plan for the period 2011-2015
 - 4.1.2. Work of the PEG for River Basin Management
 - 4.1.3. Work of the PEG for Accident Prevention and Control
 - 4.1.4. Work of the PEG for Flood Prevention
 - 4.2. Navigation issues**
 - 4.2.1. Work of the PEG for Navigation
 - 4.2.2. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for RIS
 - 4.3. Cross-cutting issues**
 - 4.3.1. Information management issues
 - 4.3.1.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for GIS
 - 4.3.2. Hydrological and meteorological issues
 - 4.3.2.1. Work of the *Ad-hoc* EG for Hydrological and Meteorological Issues
 - 4.3.3. Statistical issues
 - 4.3.4. Tourism development issues
 - 4.4. Projects**
 - 4.5. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement**
 - 4.6. Promotion activities**
 - 4.7. Protocols to the FASRB**
- 5. Adoption of the Work Plan of the ISRBC for FY 2013**
- 6. Internal issues (closed session)**
- 7. Other business**
- 8. Date and preliminary agenda for the next Session of the ISRBC**
- 9. Adoption of the Report from the Session**

AD. 10 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

The ISRBC adopted the Report from the 30th Session.