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Commission

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Hybrid meeting: Premises of the ISRBC and video conference

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I. ATTENDANCE

The International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC, Sava Commission) held the 55th Session on 29 -30 September 2020.

The following representatives of the Parties participated at the Session:

Ms. Duška Kunštek – member (Croatia) *in person* and Mr. Igor Pejić – member (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Ms. Elizabeta Kos – deputy member (Croatia); Mr. Mitja Bricelj – member (Slovenia) and Ms. Nataša Milić - member (Serbia) *via video link*.

Mr. Mirza Hujčić and Mr. Enes Šeperović (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Ms. Sanja Genzić Jurišević (Croatia) and Ms. Olivera Janković (Serbia) attended the Session as experts.

The part of the session open for guests and observers was, *via video link*, attended by Mr. Manfred Seitz, Danube Commission.

The officials of the Secretariat – Mr. Dragan Zeljko, Mr. Samo Grošelj, Mr. Željko Milković, Ms. Majda Despotović, Mr. Nikola Cvjetković, Mr. Mirza Sarač and Ms. Melita Žižanović Dakić attended the Session.

II. CHAIRMANSHIP

Ms. Duška Kunštek, the Chair of the Sava Commission, chaired the Session.

III. ADOPTED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Secretariat's related issues
3. Legal and financial issues
4. Overview of tasks and duties regarding decisions and conclusions from previous sessions of the Sava Commission
5. Realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2020
 - 5.1. Water Management
 - 5.2. Navigation
 - 5.3. Cross-cutting and development issues
 - 5.4. Cooperation, stakeholder involvement and promotion activities
6. Projects
7. Other business
8. Date and preliminary agenda of the next Session of the Sava Commission
9. Adoption of the Report from the Session

IV. CONCLUSIONS

AD. 1 – Adoption of the agenda

The Sava Commission adopted the agenda of the 55th session (Doc. No. 1R-55-O-20-1/2-2), with the agenda items presented in Part III of this Report.

AD. 2 – Secretariat’s related issues

AD. 3 – Legal and financial issues

AD.4 – Overview of tasks and duties regarding decisions and conclusions from previous sessions of the Sava Commission

AD. 5 – Realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2020

5.1. Water Management

Conclusions:

1. *The Sava Commission took note of the Status report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2020 with regard to Water Management issues (Doc. No. 1R-55-O-20-5/ 1-2), including the Reports from the 42nd PEG RBM and 24th PEG APC meetings annexed to this Status report.*
2. *The Sava Commission took note on nominations of the members of the bodies stipulated in the Memorandum on Sava FFWS delivered by Croatia and urged the responsible institutions (signatories of the Memorandum) from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia and Montenegro to deliver their nominations by October 16 from each country, as follows:*
 - i. *one member of the Steering Group;*
 - ii. *one member of the International Forecasting Team;*
 - iii. *one member of the International Support Team;*
 - iv. *one member of the International Development Team.*
3. *The Sava Commission took note on the status of delivery for information on executed dredging in 2019 as well as on planned dredging for 2020 and urged the relevant institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina to deliver missing information by the end of October 2020.*
4. *The Sava Commission accepted the Program for development of the Sediment Management Plan in the Sava River Basin as a "living" document, without Annex II, which refers to the competent authorities and focal points for the implementation of the Protocol, considering that those nominations are the obligation under the Protocol itself.*

5.2. Navigation

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note of the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2020 with regard to Navigation (as described in Doc. No. 1R-55-O-20-5/2-2).
2. The Sava Commission considered and adopted Decision 20/20 on Amendments to the Decision 4/16 on adoption of the Navigation Rules on the Sava River Basin (Doc. No: 1R-55-D-20-3/1-2)

5.3. Cross-cutting and development issues

Conclusion:

1. The Sava Commission took note of the Status Report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2020 with regard to Cross-cutting issues (as described in Doc. No. 1R-55-O-20-5/4-2).
2. The Sava Commission took note of the information on the completion of work on the improvement of the Sava hydrological HEC-HMS model and corresponding enhancements of the Sava FFWS and acknowledged the efforts of the experts from the responsible institutions (Sava FFWS users) and the Secretariat in this endeavor.

5.4. Cooperation, stakeholder involvement and promotion activities

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note of the Status report on realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2020 with regard to cooperation and stakeholder involvement (as described in Doc. No. 1R-55-O-20-5/4-2).
2. The 9th Sava Youth Parliament, originally planned to be held in Banja Luka (B&H), with the main topic "Let's protect our cultural heritage", is cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

AD. 6 – Projects

Conclusions:

1. The Sava Commission took note of the Status Report on the realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2020 with regard to the realization of projects (as described in Doc. No. 1R-55-O-20-6/1-2), including the lists of external projects supported by the Sava Commission, annexed to this Status report.
2. The Sava Commission took note of information on the SHELTER project (Sustainable Historic Environments holistic reconstruction through Technological Enhancement and community based Resilience), financed by EC HORIZONT 2020 Programme (as described in Doc. No. 1R-55-O-20-6/2-2).
3. The Sava Commission took note of information on the Water Contingency Management in the Sava River Basin – WACOM project, co-funded by the European Union funds (ERDF, IPA) (as described Doc. No. 1R-55-O-20-6/3-2).

AD. 7 – Other business

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission took note of the information given by Mr. Mitja Bricelj on the European Green Deal Call (ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_1669) and tasked the Secretariat to investigate conditions of the Call and prepare the information on possibilities of application to the Call, taking into account the existing initiatives related to the priority projects of the Sava Commission. This information will be discussed at the Strategic Meeting of the Sava Commission tentatively scheduled for December 2020.

AD. 8 – Date and preliminary agenda of the next Session of the Sava Commission

Conclusion:

The 56th Session of the Sava Commission will be held on 16 -17 February 2021, with the following provisional agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Appointment of the Special Advisor for economic and financial affairs
3. Overview of tasks and duties from previous sessions
4. Legal and financial issues
5. Other internal issues
6. Realization of Work Plan of the Sava Commission for FY 2020
 - 2.1. Water Management issues
 - 2.2. Navigation issues
 - 2.3. Cross-cutting and development issues
 - 2.4. Meetings, cooperation and stakeholder involvement
 - 2.5. Promotion activities
7. Projects
8. Work Plan of the Sava Commission for Financial Year 2021
9. Other business
10. Date and preliminary agenda of the next Session of the Sava Commission
11. Adoption of the Report from the Session.

AD. 9 – Adoption of the Report from the Session

Conclusion:

The Sava Commission adopted the Report from the 55th Session.



Dragan Zeljko, Secretary



Duška Kunštek, Chair

ANNEXES:***Annex 1 – List of the meeting documents***

Agenda Item	Document number	Document title
Open session		
<i>AD.5.1</i>	<i>1R-55-O-20-5/1-2</i>	<i>WM Issues_ Status Report</i> - <i>Annex 1: Report from the 24th PEG APC Meeting</i> - <i>Annex 2: Report from the 42nd PEG RBM Meeting</i>
<i>AD 5.2</i>	<i>1R-55-O-20-5/2-2</i>	<i>Navigation issues_ Status Report</i>
<i>AD.5.3</i>	<i>1R-55-O-20-5/3-2</i>	<i>Cross-cutting and development Issues_ Status Report</i>
<i>AD.5.4</i>	<i>1R-55-O-20-5/4-2</i>	<i>Cooperation, stakeholder involvement and promotion activities_ Status Report</i>
<i>AD.6</i>	<i>1R-55-O-20-6/1-2</i>	<i>Projects_ Status Report</i> - <i>Annex 1: Status of the FASRB related ongoing projects</i> - <i>Annex 2: Status of external projects supported by ISRBC</i>
<i>AD.6</i>	<i>1R-55-O-20-6/2-2</i>	<i>SHELTER projects summary</i> - <i>Annex 1: Minutes from the 2nd Sava Open Lab Stakeholder Workshop</i>
<i>Ad 6</i>	<i>1R-55-O-20-6/3-2</i>	<i>WACOM project summary</i>

Annex 2 – List of decisions

DECISION 20/20 on Amendments to the Decision 4/16 on adoption of the Navigation Rules on the Sava River