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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON MAIN INLAND WATERWAYS OF  
INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE (AGN)

GENEVA, 19 JANUARY 1996

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX III OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its forty-ninth session held in Geneva from 18 to 20 October 2005, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) adopted certain amendments to Annex III of the AGN Agreement in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 14 of the above Agreement.

In accordance with paragraph 3 of article 14 of the Agreement, the proposed amendments to Annex III of the Agreement were adopted unanimously by the Contracting Parties present and voting (TRANS/SC.3/168, paragraph 21).

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 1 to 6 of article 14 of the Agreement, which read as follows:

- A1. Annex III to this Agreement may be amended in accordance with the procedure specified in this article.
2. At the request of a Contracting Party, any amendment proposed by it to annex III to this Agreement shall be considered by the Principal Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.
3. If the proposed amendment is adopted by the majority of the Contracting Parties present and voting, it shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Contracting Parties for acceptance.
4. Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article shall be deemed accepted unless, within a period of six months following the date of its communication, one fifth or more of the Contracting Parties have notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their objection to the proposed amendment.
5. Any amendment accepted in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article shall be communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Contracting Parties and

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shall enter into force three months after the date of its communication with regard to all Contracting Parties except those which have already notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations of their objection to the proposed amendment within a period of six months following the date of its communication according to paragraph 4 of this article.

6. If one fifth or more of the Contracting Parties have notified an objection to the proposed amendment in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall have no effect whatsoever.

The document containing the text in the English, French and Russian languages of the proposed amendments concerned, TRANS/SC.3/168/Add.1, can be accessed on the website of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3/sc3rep.html> at:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2005/sc3/TRANS-SC3-168a1e.pdf> (English);

<http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2005/sc3/TRANS-SC3-168a1f.pdf> (French);

<http://www.unece.org/trans/doc/2005/sc3/TRANS-SC3-168a1r.pdf> (Russian).

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