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CONVENTION ON THE MEASUREMENT
OF INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

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PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION BY BELGIUM

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

On 27 April 2026, at the request of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) at its sixty-seventh session, held in Geneva from 18 to 20 June 2025, the Kingdom of Belgium transmitted to the Secretary-General proposal of amendments to the Annex of the Convention, in accordance with its article 17.

The procedure for the amendment of the Annex to the Convention is set forth in its article 17 which reads as follows:

Official translation (Original: French and Russian)

- “1. Any Contracting Party may propose one or more amendments to the annex to this Convention or to its appendices. The text of any proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall circulate it to all the Contracting Parties and transmit it to the other countries referred to in article 10, paragraph 1 of this Convention.
2. Any Contracting Party may within six months from the date of circulation by the Secretary-General of the proposed amendment inform the Secretary-General that:
 - (a) it has an objection to the proposed amendment, or
 - (b) although it intends to accept the proposed amendment, the conditions necessary for such acceptance are not yet fulfilled in its country.
3. So long as a Contracting Party which has addressed to the Secretary-General the notice provided for in paragraph 2 (b) of this article has not notified him of its acceptance, that Party may, for a period of nine months from the expiry of the six-month period prescribed for such notice, submit an objection to the proposed amendment.
4. If an objection to the proposed amendment is expressed in the manner described in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall not take effect.

5. If no objection to the proposed amendment is expressed in the manner prescribed in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed to be accepted and shall take effect on the following date:

- (a) if no Contracting Party has given notice under paragraph 2(b) of this article, on the expiry of the six-month period provided for in the said paragraph 2;
- (b) if at least one Contracting Party has given notice under paragraph 2(b) of this article, on the nearer of the following two dates:
 - the earliest date on which all Contracting Parties which have given such notice have notified the Secretary-General of their acceptance of the proposed amendment, provided however that this date shall be replaced by the date of expiry of the six-month period referred to in paragraph 2 of this article if all the acceptances were notified before the expiry of that period;
 - the date of expiry of the nine-month period referred to in paragraph 3 of this article.

6. The Secretary-General shall as soon as possible inform all the Contracting Parties whether an objection has been expressed to the proposed amendment under paragraph 2(a) of this article and whether one or more Contracting Parties have given notice under paragraph 2(b). If one or more Contracting Parties have given such notice, he shall subsequently inform all the Contracting Parties whether the Contracting Party or Parties in question express an objection to the proposed amendment or accept it.

7. Apart from the amendment procedure described in paragraphs 1 to 6 of this article, the annex to this Convention, and its appendices, may be amended by agreement between the competent authorities of all Contracting Parties, provided however that if such an agreement amends appendix 1 it must contain a provision to the effect that measurement certificates issued before the date of the entry into force of the amendment and conforming to the earlier text of appendix 1 shall remain in force during a transitional period. The Secretary-General shall determine the date of entry into force of the amendment.”

The texts of the proposed amendments in the authentic French and Russian languages, as well as an official translation into English, (document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2025/12/Rev.1) can be accessed on the website of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following address: <https://unece.org/transport/documents/2025/04/working-documents/amendment-proposal-convention-measurement-inland>.

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