

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
AND
THE DANUBE COMMISSION**

The International Sava River Basin Commission and the Danube Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Whereas the Parties wish to establish a mutually beneficial relationship,

Whereas the Parties in accordance with the present Memorandum of Understanding will encourage joint and co-operative initiatives,

The Parties hereby agree on the following:

ARTICLE 1

SUBJECT AND SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION

- 1.1 The subject of the present Memorandum of Understanding is the future cooperation between the Parties in the field of the navigation on the Danube and Sava River for the purpose of a better coordination of their activity.
- 1.2 The Parties recognize that herewith they agreed to mutually granted observer status.

ARTICLE 2

MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

- 2.1 The Parties have expressed their intention to hold a meeting once per year to discuss the perspectives and the concrete methods of their cooperation. The date and place will be decided by mutual agreement.
- 2.2 The Parties have agreed that they will be invited and participate in their regular meetings organized by each of the Parties. The participation of one Party to the regular meetings of the other Party will take place in accordance with the internal rules of procedure of the host Party.
- 2.3 Through established channels, the Parties will exchange information on their activities on a regular basis.
- 2.4 The Parties will identify specific fields of common interest and establish and stimulate a platform to promote, discuss and co-ordinate activities related to the identified field of cooperation and the results thereof.

- 2.5** The Parties will examine the possibility to organize common symposia and workshops on specific technical issues related to navigation.
- 2.6** The Parties will undertake joint projects of mutual interest.
- 2.7** The Parties will have the opportunity to work smoothly together, whereas both of them aim to unify the regime of navigation on the Sava River and the Danube River.

ARTICLE 3

AMENDMENTS

- 5.1** The present Memorandum of Understanding may at any time be amended in written form by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 4

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION

- 4.1** The present Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force from the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of each Party.
- 4.2** The present Memorandum of Understanding is concluded for a period of 3 (three) years and it will be automatically extended for new subsequent periods of 3 (three) years until one of the Parties will give to the other Party a written notification about the intention to terminate this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 5

TERMINATION

- 5.1** Any of the two Parties may terminate at any time the cooperation under the present Memorandum providing the other Party with a written notice to that effect at least 4 (four) months before the intended date of termination.

Done at Budapest on the date of 29 January 2009 in two originals in English language.

On behalf of the
International Sava River Basin Commission

On behalf of the
Danube Commission