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The Danube Commission (DC), under the presidency of H.E. Mrs. Biserka Benisheva, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria to Hungary, held its Eightieth session on 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2013 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest.

The delegations of all Member States of the Danube Commission (the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Bulgaria, Hungary, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Romania, the Republic of Serbia, the Slovak Republic, Ukraine and the Republic of Croatia), representatives of the Observer States (the Kingdom of Belgium, Greece, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Czech Republic) and representatives of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine and the International Sava River Basin Commission participated in the work of the session. Mr. Csaba Pákozdi, the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee on the Revision of the Belgrade Convention, also attended the session as an invitee.

The session considered issues, arising from the reports on the outcomes of the Technical group and Legal and Financial group meetings, and adopted a number of Decisions proposed by these working groups. *Inter alia*, the session adopted a draft of the interactive General map of the Danube River presented by the firm "Geomapping" (Germany) and entrusted the Secretariat with a task of upgrading the Interactive general map of the Danube River based on the information and data received from the Member States of the DC.

The session appointed the Director-General of the Secretariat of the Danube Commission as the DC's representative to the Committee for monitoring and coordination of implementation of the project "Rehabilitation and Development of Transport and Navigation on the Sava River Waterway".

The session approved the Report on the execution of the regular budget of the Danube Commission and its balance as of 31 December 2012 as well as the Report on the use of the funds of the Reserve fund of the DC.

The session took note of the Report by the Director-General of the Secretariat on the accomplishment of the Working plan of the Danube Commission for the period of 7 June 2012 to the Eightieth session and adopted the Working plan of the Danube Commission for the period of 7 June 2013 to the Eighty-second session and the Schedule of the accomplishment of the Working plan of the Danube Commission for the period of 7 June 2013 to the Eighty-second session.

The session appointed Mr. Petar Margić, national of the Republic of Croatia, as the Director-General of the Secretariat of the DC, Mr. Pjotr Semyonovich Suvorov, national of Ukraine, as the Deputy Director-General for the Development of the Danube Navigation of the Secretariat of the DC, Mr. Alexander F. Stemmer, national of the Federal Republic of

Germany, as the Deputy Director-General for Administrative and Financial Issues of the Secretariat of the DC, Mr. Horst Schindler, national of the Republic of Austria, as the Chief Engineer of the Secretariat of the DC, beginning 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2013. Partial rotation of other professional positions also took place.

In commemoration of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signature of the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube the Secretariat of the Danube Commission in cooperation with the Danube museum (Esztergom, Hungary) prepared and exhibited during the session an exposition "The Danube: on the waves of history".

The session approved the tentative agenda for the next 81<sup>st</sup> session of the Danube Commission and defined the date for the meeting (17 December 2013).

