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The Danube Commission (DC), under the presidency of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Serbia to Hungary, His Excellency Mr. Rade DROBAC, (President of the Danube Commission), held its Eighty-fifth session on 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest.



The delegations of all eleven 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) as well as representatives of the Observer States (France, Greece, the Republic of Cyprus and the Kingdom of Belgium) participated in the session. The session was also attended by the representatives of the international

organizations: International Sava River Basin Commission, European Commission and International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River.

The session considered issues arising from the reports on the results of the Technical group and Legal and Financial group meetings and adopted a number of Decisions proposed by these working groups.

At the 85<sup>th</sup> session, the Grant Agreement between the Danube Commission and the European Commission (Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport) - Programme Support with regard to technical requirements in the field of maintenance of inland waterway infrastructure was signed by the DC. This Agreement is a direct result of the signature of the Administrative Arrangement concerning a framework for cooperation between the Secretariat of the Danube Commission and the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission (DG MOVE) of 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2015.



In the field of international cooperation the Eighty-fifth session, by its Decision, mandated the Secretariat of the Danube Commission to negotiate with the Moselle Commission on the basis of the draft text of the Memorandum of understanding on cooperation between the Danube Commission and the Moselle Commission with a view to establish partnerships.

The ordinary Eighty-sixth session of the DC will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2016.