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### **Participation of the representative of the Secretariat of the Danube Commission in the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the International Sava River Basin Commission**

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At the invitation of the President of the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) Mr. Mitja Bricelj, Deputy Director-General of the Secretariat of the Danube Commission (DC) Mr. P.S. Suvorov participated in the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the ISRBC and briefly reported on the interaction of the ISRBC and the DC.

As a result of the session, it is worth noting the following positions related to the interaction of the two Commissions and their Secretariats in 2015:

1. The ISRBC's Commission appreciates and confirms its further participation as an observer to the Danube Commission, particularly, in the activity of the DC's Technical Working Group, principally, on RIS (AIS) topics, boatmasters' certificates, collection of vessel-generated waste (*inter alia*, on CO-WANDA project), parameters of navigable waterway.
2. Elaboration of common approaches for the activity on projects of the Priority Area 1a) of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) is a permanent factor for the interaction of both Commissions.
3. Both Commissions intend to develop cooperation and coordination of actions on monitoring the implementation of the Luxembourg Declaration of 2012 (Luxembourg Declaration on Effective Waterway Infrastructure Maintenance on the Danube and its Navigable Tributaries), as well as on the implementation of the infrastructure projects pursuant to the Master Plan "Fairway Rehabilitation and Maintenance Master Plan: Danube and its navigable tributaries" in conformity to the Conclusions of the Ministerial meeting of 3 December 2014 in Brussels – "Conclusions on effective waterway infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance on the Danube and its navigable tributaries".
4. In light of exchanging professional information, the DC is interested in studying experience of the ISRBC in drafting documents regarding Shipping Policy, in particular, the project "Flood Risk Management, Sediment Management Plan" that could be useful when considering certain problems of the Danube navigation.

The Master Plan, Luxembourg Declaration of 2012 and Conclusions are available on the DC's website.