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The Danube Commission (DC), under the presidency of the Representative of the Republic of Croatia in the Danube Commission, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Gordan Grlić Radman, held its 94<sup>th</sup> session on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest.

The 94<sup>th</sup> session, previously scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020, was postponed due to restrictions on entry and movement of foreign nationals in Hungary due to the spread of the coronavirus pandemic COVID-19. Taking into account the evolving pandemic situation as well as the needs related to the DC's activities, the session was held in a hybrid format, allowing the presence of delegations both in the meeting room and remotely online.

The delegations of all eleven Member States of the Danube Commission (Republic of Austria, Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Croatia, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of Serbia, Slovak Republic, Ukraine) participated in the session.

A significant development of the 94<sup>th</sup> session of the DC was the election of a new Presidency of the organization. As a result of the vote, the Presidency of the DC was elected as follows: President – Ambassador of Ukraine in Hungary, Her Excellency Mrs. Liubov NEPOP, Vice-President – Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia in Hungary, His Excellency Mr. Ivan TODOROV, and Secretary – Representative of Hungary, Her Excellency Mrs. Zsuzsanna REPAS.



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The session addressed issues pertaining to various fields of the DC's activities and adopted a number of Decisions recommended by the legal and financial working group and the technical working group, as well as required by the Rules of Procedure.

Thus, during the 94<sup>th</sup> session, the Representatives of the Member States adopted the Decision on the establishment of a position of IT Expert in inland navigation (DK/TAG 94/5), the Decision on the DC's participation in the PLATINA 3 project (DK/TAG 94/9), the Decision on the draft budget for 2021 (DK/TAG 94/11), the Decision on the amendment of the "Regulation concerning the Financial Activities of the Danube Commission" (DK/TAG 94/18), the Decision on the "Job descriptions for functionaries and employees of the DC Secretariat and their qualification requirements" regarding the following positions: 2.5 Interpreter and translator – archivist and 2.9, 2.10, 2.11 Typist of German / French / Russian language (DK/TAG 94/19), as well as the Decision on technical matters (DK/TAG 94/26).

The session approved the DC Work Plan for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (DK/TAG 94/7) and the DC budget for 2021 (DK/TAG 94/10).

The meeting heard and took note of the Report by the Director-General of the Secretariat on the implementation of the DC Work Plan for the period from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to the 94<sup>th</sup> session (DK/TAG 94/12), Report by the Director-General of the Secretariat on the execution of the budget for 2019 (DK/TAG 94/17), as well as approved the Report on the results of the working group on legal and financial matters, held on 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (DK/TAG 94/20), and adopted the Report on the work of the 93<sup>rd</sup> session (DK/TAG 94/28).

At the conclusion of the panel, the 94<sup>th</sup> session adopted the Decision DK/TAG 94/30 on the awarding a commemorative medal for merits in the development of Danube navigation to Mr. Ionița Profir, national of Romania.

The 95<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the DC will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021.