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**Press release of the Danube Commission: 97<sup>th</sup> session of the Danube Commission  
(15<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**

The 97<sup>th</sup> session of the Danube Commission (DC) was held under the presidency of the Representative of Ukraine to the Danube Commission, H.E. Mrs. Ambassador Liubov Nepop on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the premises of the Danube Commission in Budapest.

The session was held in hybrid mode, allowing delegations to attend both in the conference room and remotely online.

The delegations of ten Member States of the Danube Commission (Republic of Austria, Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Croatia, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Republic of Serbia, Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and (during the open part of the session) observers from the European Commission (DG MOVE), the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine, the International Sava River Basin Commission, the Mosel Commission, as well as the Republic of Türkiye participated in the session.

The President of the DC outlined the main tasks of the Commission for the current year.

Mrs. Rita Silek, Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee for the Revision of the Belgrade Convention, provided information on the status of the revision of the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube.

The 97<sup>th</sup> session addressed issues included in the open and closed parts of the agenda relating to the various fields of the DC's activities in respect of which the Plenipotentiary Representatives of the Member States adopted a number of Decisions:

- on enhancing cooperation with the Transport Community (DK/TAG 97/4);
- on conducting examinations for section knowledge (DK/TAG 97/6);
- on the adoption and application of the "Recommendations for Ensuring the Security of Navigation on the Danube" (DK/TAG 97/9);
- on updating "Manual on radio communication service for inland navigation – Regional part – Danube" (DK/TAG 97/11);
- on updating "Recommendations for organizing the collection of ship-generated waste in Danube navigation (DK/TAG 97/16);
- on technical matters (DK/TAG 97/17);
- on the application of article 9 of the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube (DK/TAG 97/23);
- on some posts in the internal structure of the Secretariat (DK/TAG 97/24, DK/TAG 97/25 and DK/TAG 97/38);
- on the mandate of the Secretariat's functionaries (DK/TAG 97/26 - DK/TAG 97/30);
- on the Report by the Director-General of the Secretariat on the execution of the Danube Commission's budget in 2021 (DK/TAG 97/32);

- on amending the provisions of the "Regulation on financial activities of the Danube Commission" in regard to upgrading the receipt of proceeds from projects financed by third parties (DK/TAG 97/35);
- on legal matters (concerning the approval of the Report on the results of the working group on legal and financial matters from 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021) (DK/TAG 97/37);
- on the adoption of the "Regulation on the organisation and use of the library fund of the Danube Commission" (DK/TAG 97/39);
- on the approval of the Report of the XII extraordinary session (DK/TAG 97/41);
- on the dissolution of the Preparatory Committee for the Diplomatic Conference on reviewing the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube of 1948 (DK/TAG 97/43) and on the establishment of a Committee for the preparation of the Diplomatic Conference regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube (DK/TAG 97/44).

The session also awarded a commemorative medal for merits in the development of Danube navigation to Mr. Viktor Andruşca (Decision DK/TAG 97/18), Mr. Sergey Bogdan (Decision DK/TAG 97/19) and Mr. Igor Gladkikh (Decision DK/TAG 97/20) (postmortem).

At the conclusion of its work, the 97<sup>th</sup> session set an indicative agenda for the 98<sup>th</sup> session of the DC to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

