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Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

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Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation

## Comments on the Proposal on Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation

## Proposal submitted by the Russian Federation

Note by the secretariat

Presented in this document is the position of the Russian Federation on the proposal by the republic of Serbia on Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2011/7).

- 1. With respect to the draft Resolution on Comments on the Proposal on Pan-European Rules on General Average in Inland Navigation, submitted by Serbia, the Russian Federation would like to communicate the following.
- 2. Most of the provisions contained in the draft are already applied in the Russian Federation, they are regulated by the federal legislation and, therefore, no objections are raised to the draft. At the same time, the legislation of the Russian Federation also regulates other issues related to general average. The Russian Federation would consider it useful to further discuss within the Working Party a possibility to include in the draft additional articles, based on the provisions of the legislation of the Russian Federation.
- 3. With this in mind, the Russian Federation transmitted to the secretariat the text of Chapter on General Average from the federal law on "Codex of inland water transport of the Russian Federation" (in Russian). The Russian Federation would consider it useful to propose to the authors of the original draft resolution to consider this text and to prepare an updated proposal, which would include the provisions applicable in the legislation of the Russian Federation, for one of the next sessions of the Working Party.