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## REPUBLIC OF SERBIA RATIFIES CLNI 2012

**Strasbourg, 18.06.2013** – In Strasbourg today, Tuesday 18 June 2013, the Republic of Serbia deposited its instrument ratifying the Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability in Inland Navigation (CLNI 2012) with the Secretary General of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR). The instrument was deposited by Mr Božidar Jovanović, Consul of the Republic of Serbia in Strasbourg.

The Republic of Serbia signed the CLNI 2012 on 18 January 2013, and is the first State to ratify the Convention, which was adopted at the end of the Diplomatic Conference held on 27 September 2012.

The purpose of the CLNI 2012 is to improve the legal security of international river transport and to ensure adequate compensation for parties suffering any prejudice, as it extends to river transport on other major waterways, including the Danube, the Elbe, the Oder and the Sava, the scope of application of the limitations on liability, generally limited at present to river transport on the Rhine and its tributaries. The revised 2012 Convention also increases the limits of liability, thereby increasing the protection afforded to passengers carried by river navigation.

This ratification is a first major step towards application of the CLNI 2012, which now depends on ratification by at least three other States and the extinction of the 1988 Strasbourg Convention.

### **About the CCNR ([www.ccr-zkr.org](http://www.ccr-zkr.org))**

The Central Commission is an international organisation that exercises an essential regulatory role in the navigation of the Rhine. It is active in the technical, legal, economic and environmental fields. In all its areas of action, its work is guided by the efficiency of transport on the Rhine, safety, social considerations, and respect for the environment. Many of the Central Commission's activities now reach beyond the Rhine and are directly concerned with European navigable waterways more generally. The Central Commission is working closely with the European Commission as well as with the other river commissions and international organisations.

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